



**Kincardine United Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Paperless music

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

**In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,
we were closed to the value of their spirituality.**

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,
and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,
that we gather for worship on the traditional territories
of the Saugeen Ojibway, and more recently the Saugeen Metis,
as well as the other indigenous peoples who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT TBA

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH *(based on Psalm 19)*

In this geography of glorious sunsets, we come filled with the glory of God.

**We come in response to the whispers of God within Creation,
affirmations that God's creative delight shouts forth within all our relations.**

In the complexities of interwoven life, in the intricacies of quarks and of black holes,
in the unknown of dark matter and of quantum theories,
we come in awe and in adoration.

We come in longing to embrace and to be embraced by the Source of life.

In this gathering and within our hearts,
we join as one to commune in prayer with God:

**We come seeking you, O God, hoping to follow where the risen Christ leads,
longing to understand our place within your heart,
reaching out to be inspired by your Spirit's surprising power.**

May your law of love be carved upon our hearts.

May your way of truth sweeten our living even more than honey.

May we trust in your right relation as our guide and our measure. Amen.

***MORE VOICES 30** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) *(based on Proverbs 1:20-33)*

**God who shouts to us through the ordinary and the extraordinary,
open us to Wisdom's invitation – the cries for justice in the public square.**

Open us to grasp your outstretched hand as you reach out to us.

**Open us to your calming presence in the midst of crisis,
that we may grow our trust in your Word among and within us.**

**Open us to your counsel and healing as we listen in the silence of our hearts.
(Silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Appreciation Through Covenant

Let us make a covenant together with God and with each other
as we begin this journey of learning together.

Into this circle we welcome Kerry Stover,

who will be sharing leadership among us until April 30th, 2019.

A covenant is a promise we make with God and with one another,
a promise to live the Way of Jesus.

May we be blessed in the making of this covenant one with each other.

We pay attention, giving reverence to God among and within us.

**We give thanks for the example and lasting love of Jesus the Christ,
who shows us how to live in Spirited self-giving.**

The church recognizes the different paths that lead to ministry,
celebrating the particular ministry of each person.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

All of us are Christ's body and each one is a part of it.

God has called Kerry Stover to learn and to serve at Kincardine United Church.

Having accepted the call as our Intern and as part of the ministry team,

Kerry, are you willing to share your God-given gifts for ministry

as you work and worship within this community of faith,

and are you willing to serve as the Spirit enables you?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

God has called you to be Kerry's Educational Supervisor.

Will you share with him your knowledge and passion for ministry,

supporting him within your shared love of God while serving this faith community?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

Members of the Lay Supervision Team – Angela, Liz, Wally and Bernd –

you have accepted God's call to fulfill the role of lay supervision.

Are you willing to share your faith, offer wise counsel, laugh and weep together,

supporting Kerry along his path of learning and, thus,

by sowing seeds of the Spirit, participate in his growth in ministry?

WE WILL, GOD BEING OUR HELPER.

People of Kincardine United Church,

you have heard the promises of Kerry, Gord and the Lay Supervision Team,

who have answered God's call to service.

Let us pledge to them our love and support as we rise in body or in spirit:

We promise to support you with love as we all try to live the Way of Jesus.

Unified by the Spirit, led by the risen Christ, blessed by God's grace,

let us join together in A New Creed:

***A NEW CREED**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

As a disciple of Jesus, the Christ,

will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving?

Will you live your ministry of teaching and of mentoring,

or your ministry of technical leadership, or your library stewardship,

or your ministry of House Group leadership within this congregation

as you lean on and trust in God's guidance with integrity and in joy?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

Will you, the people of Kincardine United Church

honour the ministry and the mission of these people?

Will you assist them through supportive prayer and gracious hospitality

so that, together, we may grow spiritually as a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

WE WILL, GOD BEING OUR HELPER.

Let us join together in prayer:

Loving God, you call us all to serve you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all of us

that we may keep the promises we have made today.

May our ministries serve your mission, O Christ,

helping us all to reflect your love and grace each day. Amen.

DECLARATION

In the name of God: Creator, Christ and Spirit,

we recognize and affirm our covenant together. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us,

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING James 3:1-12 taken from the paraphrase *The Message*

DOXOLOGY 217 VU All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 5 only)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness:

sing praises, hallelujah!

Praise God eternal, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one:

sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

MEDITATION “Listening While Tongue-Tied”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM TBA

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Take these signs of our covenant with you, O God,

our time, our talent and our treasure –

the way we use everything you have gifted to us in abundance –

blessing it all to become blessings for the world. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 289** It Only Takes a Spark

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God’s call.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE Duet

Mozart



AV MINISTRY TEAM 📺 Thank you

COUNTERS 💰 Donna & Stu Mowry

SEPTEMBER HOUSE LEADERS 🏠 Joan & Wayne Hartwick

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir,
Dent Davidson

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Cindy Crowley

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Mary Wilkinson

SLIDE PRESENTATION ♦ Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ♦ Jackie Clements

WORSHIP ✝️ Gord Dunbar, Kerry Stover