

Kincardine United Church
Celebration of Life Hymn Sing
September 12, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ *J. S. Bach BWV639*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and 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.

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ *Marcel Dupré*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***VOICES UNITED 395** Come In, Come In and Sit Down (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: GLEN HOLMES

Sponsored By: ELAINE HOLMES

LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE

READING A Life Well Lived *Author Unknown*

***VOICES UNITED 575** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: HAROLD & MILDRED FENTON

Sponsored By: GREGG & DOTTY McCLELLAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

the life we have been given by God,

the life we share with one another in community,

the life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

and let us worship God.

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

So, friends, let us worship God.

Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 574** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: RON ELLIOTT

Sponsored By: SHEILA ELLIOTT

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Almighty God, we remember those who in times past,

lived in our midst and walked in your way;

Those who were responsible for directing our steps into your way

and opening our eyes to your truth;

Those who inspired our hearts by their daily witness

and strengthened our wills by their faith and courage.

We give thanks for their lives dedicated to your service.

We honour them both in their living and in their dying.

Keep us in faith and fellowship with them as they follow Christ

and finally unite us with them in the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Amen

***VOICES UNITED 266** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: HELEN & RAY BUTCHER, JOAN & WILF BROWN,

and BETTY & BILL MOULTON

Sponsored By: HOWARD AND MARION BROWN

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***HYMN** In the Garden

In Memory of: PARENTS: BOB & BARB FORREST

Sponsored By: SARAH MACKENZIE

1. I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses,

and the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

Refrain:

3. I'd stay in the garden with him,
though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.

Refrain:

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

SCRIPTURE John 3:12-17 in the New Testament page 94.

***VOICES UNITED 238** How Great Thou Art (verses 1-3)

**In Memory of: OUR SON: PAUL COX
OUR BROTHER-IN-LAW: CLIFF GUSSIE**

Sponsored By: LEE AND SHARON COX

SHARING TIME Praying ...Donna Mowry

***VOICES UNITED 577** I've Got Peace Like a River (verses 1-3)

**In Memory of: HUSBAND: JOHN BUFFO
PARENTS: BERT & HAZEL BELL
SISTERS: AUDREY WEISS & BETTY MOULTON
BROTHER: CLAYTON BELL**

Sponsored By: MARILYN BUFFO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Forgive me for the things I have done and not done.

Forgive me for the things I have said and not said.

Forgive me for the life I have lived and not lived,

**that I might reflect the image of the one I profess to follow,
in thought, word and deed**

and in discovering my true self draw others into that light. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God forgives and heals us.

God's desire is to restore us in grace and love.

May we trust this and live as forgiven people,

so we might offer that forgiveness to others. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 375** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: **MARIE WILSON**

& MARJORIE BATTLER

Sponsored By: **KEITH & LINDA BATTER**

SCRIPTURE John 6:35-40 from the New Testament page 98.

DOXOLOGY Praise with Joy the World's Creator #312 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)

Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,

source and end of human knowledge, God whose grace shall never cease.

Celebrate the Marker's glory, power to rescue and release.

***VOICES UNITED 675** Will Your Anchor Hold (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: **HUSBAND: WIB BURNSIDE**

Sponsored By: **HELEN BURNSIDE**

READING

That Is Dying

Henry Van Dyke

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

***VOICES UNITED 291** All Things Bright and Beautiful (verses 1-3)

In Memory of: **KAREN NANCEKIVELL**

Sponsored By: **JACK NANCEKIVELL**

A CELEBRATION OF LIVES

Each child is precious.

As they grow, their parents and their community teach them the ways of life.

As they blossom, they share with us their boundless energy and enthusiasm.

We will always remember the young, whom we have loved so dearly.

Each adult is precious.

**As they grow, they assume greater and greater responsibility for the systems
which make our life together possible.**

As they blossom, they share with us their amazing strengths and smarts.

We will always remember the adults whom we have trusted so completely.

Each senior is precious.

As they grow, they see what is true and what is beautiful.

As they blossom, they share with us this priceless witness.

We will always remember the seniors whom we have needed so obviously.

In this, God is please.

In this, God is worshipped,

for God loves all these people very, very much,

and would have them remembered and honoured.

***VOICES UNITED 365** Jesus Loves Me
**In Memory of: GLEN HOLMES, KAREN NANCEKIVELL
 LOU & PAUL CORE
 CONRAD & HELEN MICHIELSON**
Sponsored By: RAD & DEBBIE MICHIELSON

READING Life is too Short *Catherine Pulsifer*

***VOICES UNITED 289** It Only Takes a Spark (verses 1-3)
In Memory of: OUR PARENTS
Sponsored By: MARY & JOHN PHILLIPS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we are thankful for your faithfulness.
 Thank you that we can always trust in you.
 You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy,
 you have given us so much.
 We offer our gifts and ourselves to continue to share your love
 in our church, our community and the world.
 Please now take our gifts and use them for your kingdom and your glory.
 We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***MORE VOICES 154** Deep in our Hearts (verses 1-3)

PRAYER

***VOICES UNITED 639** One More Step Along the World I Go (verses 1-3)
In Memory of: RON ELLIOTT
Sponsored By: DONNA & STU MOWRY

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

SONG OF COMMITMENT 431 "Sing Amen"

Sing Amen. **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**
 Sing Amen. **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**
 Sing Amen. **Amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen we praise your name, O God.**

POSTLUDE The Prince of Denmark's March *Jeremiah Clarke*