

Kincardine United Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Prelude G. Merkel

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (responsive)

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 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 Ojibwe, 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

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
and also with you.

GOD GATHERS US

INROIT Interlude J.C. Kittle

HYMN Be Still and Know That I Am God (3x)

Be still, be still

Be still and know that I am God

I am exalted in the nations of the earth

Be still and know that I am God

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

As we gather here today, may the peace of Christ be upon this community of faith.

As we come together may God's peace rest on us as we listen to the message, sing songs of praise and give thanks.

May our time together, whether here in the sanctuary or online, ignite in us a desire to go out and share the peace and love of Christ with others.

Let us worship God, singing and praising God's wonderful love for all.

Stephanie Richmond, Greenbank-Seagrave P.C., Greenbush, Ont.

OPENING PRAYER (responsive)

Bill Steadman, Goulais River U.C., Goulais River, Ont.

HYMN VU # 660 How Firm a Foundation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, we turn our spirits to you with an apology on our lips: We admit that we are caught up in the shiny and new, the next great thing,

the miracle drug, and we forget the real miracle of life in you. We seek the bargain, the limited-time offer, the savings in our pocket and we forget your saving grace.

We admit to feeling short on time, short of the mark, short in temper and we forget your enduring love. We ask for forgiveness for our forgetfulness. Receive our silent confession.

(a time of silent prayer)

Karen Coogan, Oasis U.C., Penticton, B.C.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Karen Coogan, Oasis U.C., Penticton, B.C.

SHARING TIME **The Secret of Saying Thanks by Douglas Wood**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sing together)

**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,
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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 46 VU Pg 770 no refrain**

HYMN **VU #560 O Master Let Me Walk With Thee**

EPISTLE READING **James 1:17-27**

DOXOLOGY VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God
(verse 3 only)

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given, The Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one eternal God, who heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

REFLECTION Walking With God

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

Bill Steadman & Catherine Somerville, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont.

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)

We bring before you, God, our gifts – gifts of our labours, gifts from our hearts, gifts that remind us that life is to be shared with others as we face our hopes and our challenges. Bless our offerings and the spirit in which they have been given, in Christ's name we pray.

Amen

Bill Steadman & Catherine Somerville, St. Andrew's U.C., Sudbury, Ont.

HYMN MV #209 Go Make a Difference

BENEDICTION

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont.

SONG OF COMMITMENT MV #161

I Have Called You By Your Name (verse 4)

I have given you a name, you are mine.

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole,

Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

POSTLUDE Prelude in C BWV 553 J.S. Bach