

# Kincardine United Church

## Eighteenth After Pentecost, 3rd Sunday of Creation

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#### PRELUDE

I Call to Thee BWV639

J.S. Bach

#### WELCOME

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

#### **The People of the Three Fires**

**known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.**

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash –  
now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –  
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –  
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all  
**And also with you**

#### GOD GATHERS US

#### INTROIT

I Call To Thee

Marcel Dupre

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle acknowledging the presence of Christ with us,  
**in our worship and in our daily living. Thanks be to God.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(written by Don Ubrymiw, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2018 pg 25)

This is a place of refuge,

**a place where we can be together within the Spirit.**

But this is not a place where we can hide,

**because we are called to faithful service.**

We pause briefly to refresh our souls

**so that we may refresh the soul of Creation.**

Let us worship God.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**VOICES UNITED #242 “Let All Things Now Living”**

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Elizabeth Stewart)

We confess that we sometimes forget to lean on you, Gracious God, when that would be the best thing to do.

**Help us to remember you are always there in the struggles and the shadows.**

You take pleasure in those who hope in your steadfast love.

**We confess that we sometimes lack patience with one another. Forgive us when our love for each other is less than abundant.**

**Forgive us when we forget that you heal those who are broken-hearted and bind up the wounds of those who are suffering.**

Great are you, our God, and abundant in power. Your understanding is beyond measure. Your Spirit instructs us in the way to go. We bring our confessions with gratitude in our hearts. How good it is to sing our praises to you. Amen.

## **SHARING TIME The Gardener**

## **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.**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God who leads us onward, we are at a crossroads in life, paralyzed by the uncertainty of what the future holds, clinging to our attachments that bring us comfort.

May we turn to the right and discover the sign Jesus reveals to us.

**Help us not to deliberately pivot away.**

May we turn to the left and let the Holy Spirit fill us.

**Help us not to deliberately hold our breath.**

May we attend to God's voice inviting us to go forward.

**Help us not to deliberately close our spirits.**

You are always near. We are never alone at the crossroads of life. For your guidance through scripture is always there for us.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 3:2-6 from The Message

<sup>2</sup>The angel of God appeared to (Moses) in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up.

<sup>3</sup> Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?"

<sup>4</sup> God saw that he had stopped to look. God called to him from out of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

He said, "Yes? I'm right here!"

<sup>5</sup> God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground."

<sup>6</sup> Then he said, "I am the God of your father: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, afraid to look at God.

### **HYMN #595** "We are Pilgrims on a Journey"

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 6:10-12, 15;

<sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup> And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, <sup>12</sup> so that you may not become sluggish but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

<sup>15</sup> And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise.

### **Hebrews 11:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

### **DOXOLOGY VU #315 (verse 4) *Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty***

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;**

**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

### **PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION** “Move Toward the Unexpected & Beyond Our Comfort Zone

**ANTHEM**

Steal Away

Arranged by David Hamilton

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Your many gifts surround us each day from each breath we take to the bounty of our lives. Receive these gifts, which we offer with faith, so that this community may continue to be strong and so that our faith may reach out from this place in acts of peace and justice. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen

**VOICES UNITED #672** “Take Time To Be Holy”

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #481 (Verse 2) Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

**POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Diane Bish