

# Kincardine United Church

## Creation Time 3

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### The Possibility of New Beginnings

*-by Debbie Hubbard*

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

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**PRELUDE** Siciliana

G. Golterman

## **WELCOME**

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (responsive)**

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.

**We are mindful of the rich culture, history, and spirituality of the Indigenous Peoples who inhabited and cared for this land for generations—long before the first settlers arrived here.**

We gather in deep gratitude for their past and ongoing hospitality as we continue to live together on their land.

**We also recognize the contributions Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous Peoples have made in shaping and strengthening this region, the provinces, and Canada as a whole. We commit as a community of faith to continue to work to build relationships that are just and equitable for us all.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As the Church has greeted one another over the millennia,

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**      Prelude                      G. Merkel

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsive)**

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

**Our hope in Christ shines on.**

We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

**The peace of Christ lights our way.**

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

**The joy of Christ brightens our lives.**

We give thanks for the light of love—hot and holy.

**The love of Christ comforts and challenges.**

Now let us light the Christ candle as we celebrate blessings of Christ.

**Thank you, God, for your light in this world through Jesus Christ.**

The light shines in the darkness.

***And the darkness has not overcome it.***

**MORE VOICES 154** Deep in Our Hearts

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH (responsive)**

Creator,

We give thanks for the knowledge you give to us through all the traditions of the world.

Help us to honour the gifts that each tradition offers.

**All: We seek to take the path of love.**

We give thanks for the east,

for the sun that rises to begin each new day.

We give thanks for new life, for youth.

We give thanks for new learning and new experiences.

**All: We seek to take the path of love.**

We give thanks for the south,

for the growth of the summertime in our lives,

for the teachings to be kind to ourselves and others.

Help us, who are elders, love and respect children and youth.

Help us to care for the elderly and those who cannot care for themselves.

**All: We seek to take the path of love.**

We give thanks for the west,

for the understanding of how to care for the earth.

Creator, help us to use this understanding to bring joy and new life to the world.

**All: We seek to take the path of love.**

We give thanks for the north.

Help us to receive gifts of wisdom and new perspectives from all peoples.

Help us to grow our roots of compassion deeper as we journey.

**All: Together we will take the path of love for ourselves and for each other. Amen.**

**MORE VOICES 135** Called by Earth and Sky

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Heavenly God, Loving God, Forgiving God, hear us as we open our prayers to you.

For the times we stop ourselves from helping another person because we were afraid – forgive us, we pray.

For the times we stop ourselves from entering into new possibilities, forgive us we pray.

For the times we stop loving ourselves because we were afraid – forgive us, we pray.

For the times we stop ourselves from reaching out to you because we are afraid – forgive us we pray.

Amen

*Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SHARING TIME** Be a Good Ancestor

*By Leona Price and Gabrielle Prince*

## **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**

### **WISDOM READINGS**

1 Kings 3:5–12 – King Solomon Seeking Wisdom

**VOICES UNITED 633**      Bless Now, O God the Journey

Matthew 19:16–22 – The Rich Young Man

A reading from the book, *Richard Wagamese Selected: What Comes from Spirit* (Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2022)

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **REFLECTION: THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW BEGINNINGS**

**ANTHEM We Are Marching**      *Words: South African trad.  
Song, 20th Century, trans. Anders Nyberg Music: South African  
trad. 20th Century, arr. Anders Nyberg et al 1984  
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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of abundance, you have called us to be the church, and so we share our abilities, resources and love.**

**Committed to the way of generosity, kindness and grace, we offer ourselves. Receive all that we offer today.**

**May each person who is touched by our offerings know your love for them. Amen**

*Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.*

**VOICES UNITED 679** Let there Be Light

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SONG OF COMMITMENT**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**POSTLUDE** Three Global Songs: Siahamba *John A. Berkeley*

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