



Kincardine United Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020 10:30 a.m.

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

Four Preludes: Number 3

J. C. Kittel

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

European colonisation came about in large part

because of the Doctrine of Discovery,

a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,

we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging

the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –
with First Nations peoples.

May we grow into living with respect on this land,

walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,

while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST****GOD GATHERS US****MUSICAL INTROIT** Four Preludes: Number 2*J. C. Kittel***LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE****CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Good morning! I notice all of you gathered out there in the digital realm.

There are a lot of you still in your pyjamas, I see,

and many of you sipping a warm beverage along with your late breakfast.

I'm glad you are feeling so relaxed at home for our worship together.

Of course, we're relaxed! We have come "just as we are without one plea."

Isn't that how God always invites us – just as we are?

Wonderful! I must admit there are a pair of comfortably broken in slippers

I'd love to be wearing right now – but I digress.

However you have come, no matter what you're wearing, are you ready to worship?

Yes! Although we miss seeing everyone in person,

although we miss the before and after service conversation,

we long to nurture the beating of God's heart within our hearts.

Then let us join as one in prayer with God:

Loving God who unites us and who inspires us,

tease out the self-giving within that we may preach your good news

in action while only sometimes using words.

Teach us how to grow more fully into your Way of compassionate care.

Strengthen us when daunted by risks we think are too great for our faith.

Reshape us into the people you know we are created to become.

We ask these things in trust, knowing you love us as we are. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 341** Fairest Lord Jesus

WORDS OF ASSURANCE**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(Silent Prayer)

SHARING TIME "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may you be made holy, may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Matthew 21:23-27 in the New Testament on page 23

***VOICES UNITED 325** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

BIBLE READING Philippians 2:1-13 in the New Testament on page 197

DOXOLOGY ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

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 Inside Out

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

APPRECIATION OVER THE DISTANCE

***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.

COVENANTING TOGETHER

As a disciples of the risen, living Christ, as those who follow the Way of Jesus,
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 ministry of library stewardship,

or your ministry of House Group leadership, or your ministry of pastoral care,

or your ministry of financial stewardship, or your ministry of administration,

or your ministry of repair and maintenance,

or your ministry of hospitality,

or your ministry of song and of worship leadership,

or any other ministry you share within this congregation –

all while you joyfully lean on, and trust in, God's guidance of integrity?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

Will you, the people of Kincardine United Church
honour one another in the ministry and the mission we share as one body?

WE WILL, GOD BEING OUR HELPER.

Will you assist each other through supportive prayer and radical welcome –
even in the midst of safety restrictions because of this pandemic –
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 diversity of ministries serve your mission, O Christ,

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

DECLARATION

Then let us declare – as one – the covenant we cherish as a family of faith:

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

we recognize and affirm our covenant together,

giving jubilant thanks to God who equips and inspires us. Amen.

ANTHEM I Will Give Jubilant Thanks

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will be glad in the things he has done.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord, to God the ever glorious One.

All glory and honour belong to him, I will rejoice and rejoice again.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant thanks.

For the beauty of the earth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.

For the glory of the skies, I will bring him all my praise.

For the joy which from our birth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.

Over and around us lies.

Christ our God to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful, jubilant, jubilant praise.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. I will give thanks to the Lord most high.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. Rejoice and lift my voice to the sky.

For God is giver of all good things. I will rejoice, let his praises ring.

I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant praise.

I will give honour and glory and blessings and jubilant thanks to the Lord.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS**OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

In every way, O God, you paint us all with the rainbow colours of giving.

Take these gifts of relationship, of money, of time and space,

of truth, of wellness and of gracious leadership as the collection

of diverse paint brushes with which we transform the world.

Bless our artistry of generosity for your purpose in Jesus' name. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 684** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

BENEDICTION**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 Fughetta in G Minor

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