

Kincardine United Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021 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 Prelude *Gustav Merkel*

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.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Fughetta in g minor *J. E. Rembt*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

May grace wash over you as we gather to worship God.

We come to experience peace in our singing, our praying and our reflecting.

May joy fill you so that we are enlightened by God's delight in each of us.

We come so that God's love may fill our every cell,

inspiring us with the amazing reality of our welcome in you.

In hope and in gratitude, let us join together in prayer:

Walk with us, living Christ, so we rediscover grace as our healing.

Keep us humble so that your gift of grace to each and to all of us

becomes the same grace we share with an aching world.
 May your truth and grace dissolve our entitlement,
 allowing us to breathe deeply of your compassion and insight. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

SHARING TIME Autumn Peltier – I am Indigenous

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
 may your name 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.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE THROUGH ANTHEM

Amazing Grace Arranged by Richard Proulx
*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!
 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING James 2:1-8, 14-17 in the New Testament page 229.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

***VOICES UNITED 570** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands**BIBLE READING** Mark 7:24-30 from the New Testament page 42.

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #89 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
 love is the kingdom their will has begun;
 love is the path which the saints all have trod;
 God is where love is, for love is of God.**

MEDITATION Connecting the Dots**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****COMMUNITY PRAYERS****MINUTE FOR MISSION****OFFERING INVITATION****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

You love us each day and in every moment, God.

Take these offerings as sign and commitment by sharing your love.

As we have been fed, we act to feed others.

As we have received from you, we share with our neighbours.

Bless our giving by your abundant grace, we pray. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 606** In Christ There Is No East or West**BENEDICTION*SONG OF COMMITMENT 150 MV** (verse 4 only) Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

POSTLUDE Concerto on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Paul Fey*