



**Kincardine United Church**  
**7th Sunday of Easter & Ascension Sunday**

**May 24, 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** In Thee Have I Hoped

*Marcel Dupré*

**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**

**INTROIT** In Thee Have I Hoped

*J.S. Bach*

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

From wherever you are watching this service, from whatever screen,  
rise up, rise up and dance for the Son as he shows divine power.

**Aren't you using some of the lyrics from the Parachute Club?**

**Aren't those lyrics from way back in the 1980s?**

Yes, you're right, but this is the Sunday we celebrate Jesus' ascension.  
It's time to embrace our own part in rising to the challenges of today.

**Well, it DOES have a great beat and it's a very danceable tune.**

**Are you inviting us to party with the Lord of the Dance?**

YES! That's what worship is all about – dancing, singing, praising, laughing.  
Come and do it all with abandon in front of your screens.

**Hey, nobody is watching except those who know us far too well, so why not?**

**There is always a time to bubble with joy as we gather.**

With joy and in celebration, then, let us open our hearts to God in prayer:

**Surprising Spirit, we just want to let loose with abandon.**

**We want to unburden ourselves of all our worries and anxieties.**

**Dance with us, teaching us the transformative steps of faithing.**

**Run with us as our hair streams behind us in the freedom of becoming.**

**Breathe into us the sweet, refreshing atmosphere of new life.**

**Sing with us as we lift our voices in praise and in awe. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 296 This Is God's Wondrous World**

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent Prayer*)

**SHARING TIME** "Is God Our Friend?"

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and what shall be.  
 Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
 the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
 The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!  
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.  
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Acts 1:6-14 in the New Testament page 118

**\*VOICES UNITED 427** To Show by Touch and Word

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:6-11 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**DOXOLOGY** Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United verse 5 only  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**in heaven above and earth below;**  
**one God, three persons we adore –**  
**be praises given forevermore.**

**MEDITATION** Construction Change Orders

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND****COMMUNITY PRAYERS****OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Take, O God, what we offer of ourselves and of our resources,  
 blessing who and what we give as the power of our witness.  
 In our giving, may we help to fashion your dream of justice and of peace.  
 In our loving, may we honour and please you. Amen.

**\*MORE VOICES** 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT** I Have Called You by Your Name #161 More Voices

**I have given you a name, it is 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 major BWV553

*J.S. Bach*