



Kincardine United Church
7th Sunday after Easter, Mother's Day
May 16th, 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 in g minor BWV 558

J. S. Bach

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 Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer BWV 558

J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Easter promise is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
 from death to life.

**a promise that we celebrate during this Easter season,
 a promise graciously extended to each of us by Jesus.**

This is a grace that, through the Holy Spirit,
 empowers each of us in this community of faith to new and deeper living.

We light this Christ candle as we name that gracious gift and promise.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to settle into the comfortable rituals of worship,
 gathering from a physical distance or within a distance of time.

We come longing for the familiarity of life's rhythms when so little is familiar.

Come to celebrate our faith story of resurrection joy and of new life –
 of hope lived into a future

where the risen son blazes possibility into our languishing.

We come to breathe deeply the fresh air of renewed faith welling within us.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

With trust in the Spirit's leading and in the story we treasure, let us pray:

God who gathers us, who upholds us and who enlivens us,

we praise you for your joy that springs out of longing;

we honour you as we humbly receive your healing love;

we submit to your path of self-giving love modelled by the risen Christ.

In our separation, unite us.

In our isolation, connect us.

In our loneliness, embrace us.

Into the dance of possibility, propel us. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 232 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Jesse's Surprise Gift

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

VOICES UNITED 724 Psalm 1

***VOICES UNITED 217** All Creatures of Our God and King

BIBLE READING 1st John 5:9-13 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

⁹We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

DOXOLOGY Sing Your Praise to God Eternal #244 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)

**Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son,
 sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.
 God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.
 God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.**

MEDITATION LIVING Love, Not Waiting

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

ANTHEM I Will Give Jubilant Thanks Paul Williams and Michael Barrett
*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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us ask for God's blessing for what we share in Jesus' name.

Loving God, we offer to you our selves through our time and talent,

asking for your blessing to guide how we live for others.

Risen Christ, we offer to you our devotion and our reverence,

longing for your blessing as you teach us by modelling your Way.

Living Spirit, we offer to you our daring and our commitment,

yearning for your courage as you work in us and others for justice.

In our self-giving, may we make a difference in the world. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 436** Abide With Me

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 298 When You Walk from Here

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

POSTLUDE Fugue in g minor

BWV 558

J. S. Bach