



Kincardine United Church

Easter Sunday

April 4, 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

Trumpet Tune, Bonduca

Henry Purcell

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,
that we gather for worship**

**on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST****GOD GATHERS US****MUSICAL INTROIT** Jesus Christ is Risen Today*Paul Fey***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

This Easter morning, we light a new Christ candle as beacon of our joy.

By lighting this candle, may we continue knowing new life and profound hope.**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come to settle into this now familiar digital space through the rituals of worship,
 gathering as those united by the Spirit,
 challenged by Christ's own Way to turn the world upside down.

**We come, even though our lives are pandemic disrupted,
 eager to embrace the resurrection promise,
 hopeful that by the empty tomb God continues to make all things new.**

We come afraid for our future in the midst of a third wave,
 yet daring to grasp the challenge of trusting in God.

**We come to rejoice and to celebrate that grace abounds,
 that transformation is ours when we trust and believe.**

Come, then, opening our hearts to God's loving transformation in prayer:

God who is love, like Jesus' tomb, empty our hearts of all that imprisons us.

Like Mary's tears, flush away our worries in a cascade of relieved joy.

**Like the women fearfully mute while fleeing the tomb,
 strengthen us to proclaim your good news despite our fright.**

Like the doubting men, challenge us to accept what seems impossible.

**In times like these which seem burdensome and wearying,
 teach us to dance, to rejoice and to sing your praise. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 161** Welcome, Happy Morning

ASSURANCE OF GRACE**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent Prayer*)**SHARING TIME** Overcoming Fear**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *We Sing*

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

BIBLE READING Mark 16:1-8 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

16 ¹⁻³When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, “Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?” ⁴⁻⁵Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished. ⁶⁻⁷He said, “Don’t be afraid. I know you’re looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He’s been raised up; he’s here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You’ll see him there, exactly as he said.” ⁸They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

***VOICES UNITED 164** The Day of Resurrection

BIBLE READING Acts 10:34-43 in the New Testament page 129.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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 ...And They Lived In Fear Ever After

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)**

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Risen Christ, you startled us when you came into our world.

You startled us when your love touched our hearts.

You startled us with your kindness and open heart.

You startled us when you rose from the dead.

Receive these, our gifts and our selves, we pray.

Startle us again by the good work these gifts make possible,

startling ourselves with this generosity made possible by your love.

Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 155** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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 Festive Postlude

Paul Fey