



Kincardine United Church
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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 Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ I

George Oldroyd

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision.

In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,
we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,
and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**In our journey toward reconciliation, 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

INTROIT Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ II

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LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to worship all you who seek daring welcome and loving community.

**What about those of us who feel shame about our inner selves –
even about how our behaviour affects those around us?**

The risen Christ invites us all, regardless of our inner journey,
regardless of how we may have affected others,
regardless of our doubts, our fears or our failings.

EVERYONE is invited? NO restrictions? NO looking down noses?

Why is this different than so many other places?

We come to worship the One who embraces us all, no matter what.

We come to find meaning, to discover purpose and to be filled with mission.

Okay, we'll try, ...but we reserve the right to mute the service when we want.

Come, then, as we pray, communing with God who sings love into our hearts:

God who is Love, hold us in your arms that we might become ever more.

Teach us that all the love you have placed inside is all the love we need.

Open us to your dream of wholeness and of joy-filled connection.

Encourage us to love ourselves as you unconditionally love each one of us.

Enliven Love's bond of becoming as we risk vulnerability.

We ask all of this in the name of the risen, transformative Christ. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 238** O Lord My God

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*silent prayer*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Matthew 15:10-20 in the New Testament page 17

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.^[a] And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

***VOICES UNITED 374 (verses 2 & 3)** Come and Find the Quiet Centre

BIBLE READING Matthew 15:21-28 in the New Testament page 17

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

***VOICES UNITED 374 (verse 1 only)** Come and Find the Quiet Centre

BIBLE READING Matthew 22:34-40 in the New Testament page 25

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

DOXOLOGY Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

MEDITATION Learning Love Repeatedly

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM I Will Give Jubilant Thanks

Paul Williams & Joseph Martin

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 the 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

**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 INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Take these gifts, O God, as the yarn of our living and our loving.
 Weave these gifts into the tapestry of your mission of justice and wholeness.
 In your weaving, may we be blessed together with our gifts,
 enlivening your creation with rainbow hues of possibility. Amen.

* VOICES UNITED 697 O for a World

***BENEDICTION**

*SONG OF COMMITMENT "Ameni" (sung twice) from #219 *More Voices*

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.
 Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.

POSTLUDE Three Liturgical Preludes for Organ III

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