

Kincardine United Church
13th Sunday after Pentecost
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Prelude Beloved Jesus, We are Here J.S. Bach

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

One: We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation.

All: The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

One: 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.

All: Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –

a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.

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

All: Therefore, we 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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: and also with you.

GOD GATHERS US

Introit: When in the Hour of Utmost Need J.S. Bach

Silent Meditation

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: Blessed and blessing, loving and loved, God's people, Kincardine community of faith, come to this place!

All: We're ready!

One: From times of work, from times of play, from times of busy-ness, from times away, God's people of Kincardine community of faith, come!

All: We're set!

One: To speak and to receive, to sing and to pray.

God's people of Kincardine community of faith, come!

All: We're here! We're here! We're here to worship God! Amen.

Prayer of Approach:

One: God of the smooth road, God of the rough places,
God of the wilderness paths, thank you.

Thank you for calling us out when we want to wrap ourselves up and hide.
Thank you for giving us safe space when everything is just too much.
Thank you for blessing all creation with your presence, and with your love.
Open our hearts, we pray—open our minds—open our souls and, by your grace,

fill them with your abundant love; not only so that we would be changed,
not only so that we would be blessed, but so that we can be a blessing
and people of transformation, in your world.

In Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

Hymn: MVU 12 Come Touch Our Heart (Vs. 1 -3)

Prayer of Confession: (adapted from VU 462)

One: Dear God, The weight of expectations that we bear,
The feeling that we're never good enough,

All: The mountains that we make out of molehills—these we lay down.

One: The stones of sorrow, sadness and despair
The avalanche of suffocating grief

All: That covers us and keeps us from your love—these we lay down.

One: The worries that are burdens on our minds,
Anxiety for neighbours far and wide,

All: The helpless way we feel both day and night—these we lay down.

One: The guilt and shame we carry in our heart,
For all that we have done or haven't done,

All: That kept us from experiencing your love—these we lay down.

One: Lord Jesus Christ, companion of our days,
You take for us the burdens of our hearts

All: You free us to experience the love—which you lay down. Amen.

Assurance of Grace:

One: We can do nothing apart from God and He has the power to save. By the grace of God in Jesus Christ we shall be surrounded by shouts of deliverance and steadfast love.

All: With that assurance, we receive forgiveness, living in faith and hope. Amen.

Sharing Time: The Raven

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

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings (NIV):

John 8: 1-11 ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law

Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Hymn: VU 267 Like a Mighty River Flowing (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Scripture Readings (NIV):

Matthew 7: 1-5 ¹ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Romans 12:17-21 ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Doxology VU 236 (verse 3) "Now Thank We All Our God"
All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given, the Son and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Meditation: **Mirror, Mirror**

Piano Solo: Deep River Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Brad Nix

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Community Prayers:

Offertory Invitation & Prayer of Dedication:

Closing Prayer

Hymn VU 418 Go Forth for God (Vs 1,2 & 4)

Benediction:

One: Blessed and blessing, loving and loved, God's people, (B/K community of faith), go from this place!

All: We're ready!

One: To times of work, to times of play, to times of busy-ness, to times away,

God's people of (B/K community of faith), go to the world!

All: We're set!

One: To speak and to listen, to sing and to pray, to be a blessing, each and every day. God's people of (B/K community of faith), go and be stewards of the faith, Jesus' people on the Way.

**All: We go, knowing we are never alone! Carried by the wings of the Holy Spirit,
moving forward with Christ's peace, enfolded in the Creator's love, we go! Amen.**

Song of Commitment MV 161 (verse 4)

"I Have Called You by Your Name"

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: He Who will Suffer God to Guide Him J.S. Bach