

Kincardine United Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023 11:00 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

Sonata for Organ

Giovanni Battista Bassani

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Dietrich Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to all! Here we are, in person, online, watching the recording or watching TV.

We are all together for one singular purpose: to worship God.

We come as a family of faith, gathered as one in the name of the risen Christ.

As we look around at one another, holding those unable to be here in person in our hearts,
we are awed by the wondrous diversity of perspective, of background and of experience.

We come as those who rely on one another,

**who need to affirm in public our commitment to the Way of Jesus –
the Way of self-giving love.**

Come as we join in prayer:

**Teach us to pray as your Spirit weaves us into whole cloth –
creating a design with no beginning and no end –**

a pattern celebrating the uniqueness of each thread while creating cohesive beauty.

Teach us to pray as we gather so that blessings and concerns are aired as they are shared.

**Teach us to pray in our collective conversation with you, loving God,
that we may know the intimacy of your presence within each of us.**

Teach us so that we are one as we come. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 402** We Are One

SHARING TIME Writing our Prayer

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

BIBLE READING Psalm 133 from the paraphrase *The Message*

¹⁻³ How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!

It's like costly anointing oil
flowing down head and beard,
Flowing down Aaron's beard,
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.

It's like the dew on Mount Hermon
flowing down the slopes of Zion.

Yes, that's where GOD commands the blessing,
ordains eternal life.

***VOICES UNITED 579** The Church Is Wherever God's People

BIBLE READING Luke 11:1-13 in the New Testament

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for^[e] a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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.**

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION “Aaron’s Beard”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM

Aria

Michel Corrette

Performed by Lynn Broughton on piano and Tim Broughton on Bassoon

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

We come before you in prayer, O God, asking for your blessing upon what we offer.

We come as a community of faith, a family gathered as one –

unified by your calling into collective action –

that we may seed a loving difference in the world.

The blessing we ask is for the Spirit’s continuing movement within us,

pushing us to share with our neighbours the bounty of your gifts to us all.

May how we choose to give of our lives

become testimony to the Way of Jesus alive among us. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 602**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT #150 *(Verse 4 only) More Voices*

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

POSTLUDE

Prelude from the 'Te Deum Laudamus'

Dietrich Buxtehude