

Kincardine United Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude Prelude G. Merkel

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,

**as well as 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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit Interlude J.C. Kittel

Call to Worship

Follow God's signs to the place of worship and open your hearts with praise and thanksgiving. The beauty of flowers, the chorus of birdsong, the glimmer of sunrise,
invite us to worship God, creator and sustainer of life.

The smiles and laughter of children at play (running through the sprinkler),
invite us to worship God, who wishes us to enjoy life to the full.

The struggle of persons who are sick or enduring life's trials,
invite us to worship God, whose way is compassion and wholeness.

The crying needs of our well-populated planet,
invite us to worship God, the source of justice and mercy for all people.

Opening Prayer

You have walked with us, O God, in the joys and challenges of daily life.
You will walk with us now.

You have been our companion in the families and the faith communities of which we are a part.

You will accompany us in the coming days.

You have gone with us into the heartache of this small corner of the world.
You will never leave us.

You have been an instrument for peace and compassion in the past and you will renew your dedication as we worship this morning.

In all the changes of life, you were there, you are there, and you will be there. Thanks be to you, O God! Amen.

Voices United 262 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sharing Time

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.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 84 VU800

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20

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.

Prayer of Confidence/Confession (*based on Ephesians 6:10–17*)

Equip us, O God, to be your people. We need the whole range of Christian values and talents, if we are to withstand the dark forces and the self-serving choices of this world.

Enable us to speak the truth, even when this costs us dearly.

The truth will make you free!

Give us the strength to follow the right way, the path of clear conscience.

The righteous path is not an easy one!

The life, death, and rising of Jesus is still the best of all good news!

Strengthen our faith so that it will hold us strong when temptation comes.

May your faith be a rock in your hour of need!

Although we do not have all the spiritual equipment we need, with God’s

Spirit and God’s Word, we will know and share God’s saving grace.

God will be your companion and guide!

Time of reflection...

Words of Assurance

When it seems that being a contemporary follower of Jesus Christ is beyond us, God breaks through and gives us a sign of hope.

A child is noticed for giving an honest response, a friend hears an encouraging word from the scriptures, a sufferer takes heart in the midst of crisis. We know we are not alone!

God will never give up on you or desert you; God is with you for the long haul!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Meditation Bread for the Journey

More Voices 79 Spirit Open My Heart

Community Prayers

Offering Invitation & Prayer of Dedication

May your blessing, O God, bring these gifts to life:

**fresh ways of coping,
a chance to work, a chance to rest,
a way to live gracefully, a way to die peacefully.**

May these gifts be used as Jesus Christ would use them. Amen.

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Take My Life

Benediction

We dedicate ourselves to you, O God.

**We will be faithful in following Jesus;
we will be joyful as we go about our week;
we will be ready to help the disadvantaged;
we will play an active part in the faith community;
we will be conscious of the terrorized and changing world;
we will never rest until all have been challenged by the teaching,
death, and rising of Jesus Christ.**

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

Fugue in minor

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