

# Kincardine United Church

## 10th Sunday after Pentecost

### August 6, 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**

Our Father

BWV 636

J. S. Bach

**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**

**GOD GATHERS US**

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**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come into this physical space of familiar surroundings for worship.

**We come on this long weekend in the middle of summer,  
seeking moments to spend time resting in the divine.**

Come for nurture, for wrestling, for listening, for confronting, for learning, for joy,  
for loving connection and for becoming.

**We come to encounter the Spirit within and without,  
yearning to find meaning and purpose in community.**

We come to pray:

**Loving God who meets us both in our suffering and in our loving,  
we make ourselves vulnerable in prayer for your transformation.**

**As we listen to the words of scripture,  
we open ourselves to discern the nuggets of your truths leading to self-giving.**

**Whether we are here with you in person or with you online,  
we free ourselves to sing your praises in trust and in confidence. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 377** Holy Spirit, Hear Us

**SHARING TIME** Weaving the Lord's Prayer

**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** Genesis 32:22-31 from the Old Testament

<sup>22</sup> The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**\*VOICES UNITED 608** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind

**BIBLE READING** Romans 9:1-5 from the paraphrase *The Message*

<sup>1-5</sup> At the same time, you need to know that I carry with me at all times a huge sorrow. It's an enormous pain deep within me, and I'm never free of it. I'm not exaggerating—Christ and the Holy Spirit are my witnesses. It's the Israelites . . . If there were any way I could be cursed by the Messiah so they could be blessed by him, I'd do it in a minute. They're my family. I grew up with them. They had everything going for them—family, glory, covenants, revelation, worship, promises, to say nothing of being the race that produced the Messiah, the Christ, who is God over everything, always. Oh, yes!

**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** "Naked"

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM**

Deep River with Shall We Gather at the River  
African-American Spiritual and Robery Lowry arranged By Lloyd Larson

Sung by Linda Johnson and Brigitte Rauket and Liz Coates

**OFFERING INVITATION**

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

Here, O God, are the fruits of our journey along the Way of Jesus.

Bless our journeying into ever deeper communion with you,

blessing what we give of our time, our talent and our treasure for your mission in the world.

May what we give become a living prayer nurturing wholeness. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 664**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**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**

Fugue in g minor

BWV 558

J. S. Bach