

Kincardine United Church
7th Sunday after Epiphany
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PRELUDE I Need Thee Every Hour *Arr. David Hamilton*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Report,
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, 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 *read by Cat Laliberte*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT My Faith Looks Up to Thee *Arr. David Hamilton*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who desire to know God.

We come, for we want to see Jesus.

Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

We come, for God is in our midst this day.

So let us praise God's holy name.

We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

VOICES UNITED #371 Open My Eyes That I May See

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God,

as we draw closer to the Cross,

we recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us.

We get lost in our own concerns

and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us.

We find some people too difficult to care for.

**We think others unworthy of your love and ours.
Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us,
so that we find the courage to go on
and the compassion to reach out in your name. Amen.**

SHARING TIME The Paper Airplane

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 SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING (*readings read by Cat Laliberte*)

Micah 6:6-8 in the Old Testament

What God Requires

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,

and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm #8 VU#733 No refrain

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!
From the lips of infants and children your praises
reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,**
all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
**the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters.**

VOICES UNITED #356 Seek Ye First

BIBLE READING

Colossians 1:15-20 in the New Testament

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things

visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.
¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

DOXOLOGY VU#321 Verse 4 Maker in Whom We Live
**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon your love.
When heaven and earth have fled
before your glorious face,
may all the saints your love has made
sing everlasting praise.**

REFLECTION Super Glue

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Light of the World Price/Besig

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of generous love, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts,
for we have received so much through your kindness.
Bless our gifts, and use them to touch lives in situations we
cannot even imagine with your love. Make us a blessing in our
community for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Saviour.
Amen**

VOICES UNITED #602 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria VU#37 *Voices United*
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Festive Postlude *Paul Fey*

****Annual meeting will start shortly after the service.***