



**Kincardine United Church
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 9th, 2020 10:30 a.m.**

**“The Legacy of Slavery”
Service composed by Rev. Paul Douglas Walfall,
First United Church,
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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 I Call to Thee

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,

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CANDLE OF LOVE

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT I Call to Thee

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

With what shall we come before our God?

God has already told us what is good.

Shall we come with gifts and offerings?

God wants us to do justice.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to love kindness.

What does the Lord require of us?

God wants us to walk humbly with God.

Come then, let us worship God.

***VOICES UNITED 677** O God of Every Nation

OPENING PRAYER**CANDLE OF REMEMBERING**

***VOICES UNITED** 617 I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry

LITANY OF REMEMBERING AND CONFESSION

Let us pause to remember those who have been enslaved. We recall that for over 400 years, more than 15 million people were the victims of the tragic transatlantic slave trade. During this time human beings made in the image of God were bought and sold, treated as property, and considered to be less than human.

Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to regard all persons as made in your image. Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us.

***VOICES UNITED** 617 I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry

Let us pause to remember the families that were broken by enslavement. We recall the parents who never saw their children. We recall the family ties that were broken because of forced separation, the tears that were shed, the bitterness caused, and the hurts that continue.

Help us O God, to regard others with love and kindness. Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us.

***VOICES UNITED** 617 I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry

Let us pause to remember the ways we continue in our world to treat others based on the financial profit we can derive from them: the persons who work in poor conditions and who are underpaid, the children who are forced to work and receive less than minimum wage, the migrant workers who are exploited.

Help us, O God, to live in right relations with others. Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us.

***VOICES UNITED** 617 I Love You, God, Who Heard My Cry

Slavery still exists today. We remember the women who have been sold into slavery for prostitution. We remember the children who are sold into slavery left vulnerable by poverty. We remember persons who are enslaved because of their addictions.

Forgive us, O God, when we forget that we are each other's neighbours. Create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Amen.

SHARING TIME You are Special

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, they 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

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 146 found on page 868 in Voices United

***MORE VOICES** 154 Deep in Our Hearts

BIBLE READING Mark 12:28-34 page 49 in the New Testament

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names Voices United #268 verse 6 only

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing,
everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!

MEDITATION

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Anxious for Nothing

Joe. E. Parks

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Your gifts to us are diverse and many. In gratitude for all you have given us we offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Use these gifts to make your love known throughout the world. We dedicate ourselves and all that we are to your work. This we pray in your name. Amen.

CANDLE OF HOPE

CALL TO COMMITMENT

VOICES UNITED 686 God of Grace and God of Glory

BENEDICTION

In a world where we have, in the past, enslaved and dehumanized others,
we go to treat each person with dignity and respect.
In a world where profit is valued more than human life,
we go to proclaim the priceless worth of each person.
In a world where the ugliness of racism and White supremacy is found,

we go to show that love conquers all social ills.

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted;

honour everyone;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria #37 Voices United

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Prelude in C

J.S. Bach