

Kincardine United Church
4th Sunday after Epiphany
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Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

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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

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Fughetta in G Minor J. E. Rembt

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come each and all of you.

**We come in different shapes, with various voices,
out of diverse experiences and within myriad faith journeys.**

Come together in all our glorious variety as one,
seeking meaning and purpose in community.

**We come to celebrate, to listen and to ponder,
exploring the practice of faith alive in harmony with one another.**

Let us weave our voices together as we pray:

Conduct us, loving God, singing the melody of faith alive in the risen Christ.

**Rehearse us, challenging Spirit,
to discover the complexity of point and counterpoint,
a musical score of faith that marks us as yours.**

**May your leading embody the breath of life and of living for one another,
powerfully sustained in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*VOICES UNITED #820 Make a Joyful Noise

SHARING TIME – MORE VOICES #92

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.

A TRIBUTE FROM A LIFE-LONG FRIEND *Dent Davidson*

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

*VOICES UNITED #325 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

TRIBUTE FROM AN ORGAN STUDENT *Azreal Hackshaw*

BIBLE READING Micah 6:6-8 in the Old Testament

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?

REFLECTION ON WALKING HUMBLY

ANTHEM A Covenant Prayer Allen Pote

TRIBUTE FROM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND *Julia Metzger*

SCRIPTURE Acts 29 from Garrison Keillor "The Stoning of the Organist"

Read by Rad Michielson

¹ And it came to pass, when Paul was at Corinth, he and certain disciples came upon a mob that was stoning an organist. ² And Paul said unto them, "What then hath he done unto thee that his head should be bruised?" ³ And the people cried with one voice, "He hath played too loud. ⁴ Yea, in the singing of psalms, he maketh our heads to ring as if they were beaten with hammers. ⁵ Behold, he sitteth up high in the loft, and mighty are the pipes and mighty is the noise thereof, and tho' there be few of us below, he nonetheless playeth with all the stops, the Assyrian trumpet stop and the stop of the ram's horn and the stop that soundeth like the sawing of stone, and we cannot hear the words that cometh out of our own mouths. ⁶ He always tosseth in the variations that confuse us mightily and playeth loud and discordant and always in a militant tempo, so that we have not time to breathe as we sing. ⁷ Lo, he is a plague upon the faith and should be chastised. ⁸ Paul, hearing this, had himself picked up a small stone, and was about to cast it, but he set it down and bade the organist come forward. ¹⁰ And Paul said unto him, "Why hath thou so abused thy brethren?" ¹¹ And the organist replied, "I could not hear them singing from where I sat, and therefore played the louder so as to encourage them." ¹² And Paul turned round to the mob and said loudly, "Let him who has never played an organ cast the first stone." ¹³ And they cast stones for awhile until their arms were tired and Paul bade the organist repent and he did. ¹⁴ And Paul said unto him, "Thou shalt take up the flute and play it for thirty days, to cleanse thy spirit." ¹⁵ And afterward, they returned to Corinth and sang psalms unaccompanied and then had coffee and were refreshed in the faith.

TRIBUTE FROM THE CHOIR PRESIDENT *Rod Coates*

BIBLE READING Psalm 98:4-6 in the Old Testament

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

REFLECTION ON A JOYFUL “NOISE”

TRIBUTE *Elaine Holmes*

BIBLE READING Colossians 3:16-17 in the New Testament

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

DOXOLOGY #321 Voices United (verse 4 only)

**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 you love have made sing everlasting praise.**

REFLECTION ON THE IN-DWELLING GOD

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

***VOICES UNITED #236** Now Thank We All Our God

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Each gift we give of our time, our talent and our treasure is but one voice.

Yet by your blessing, O God,

**you weave these gifts of generosity into a whole fabric –
a tapestry of cheerful stewardship which transforms.**

Thank you for your inspiration within your bounty. Amen.

A WORD FROM DAVID

***VOICES UNITED 506** Take My Life and Let It Be

BENEDICTION

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Performed by Liz Coates and Rod Coates

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach