

Kincardine United Church  
7th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25th, 2021 10:30 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** Nun Lob', Mein Seel', Den Herren *Johann Pachelbel*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,  
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part**

**because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

**a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.**

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,  
we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging  
the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

**We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.**

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –  
with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,  
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,  
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben *Johann Pachelbel*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Welcome – everyone – to this safe space of worship!

Yes, I mean those still in their pyjamas and those just waking up,  
those nursing a coffee or those sipping a tea,

those who have been up for hours and those just returned from a morning walk.  
It's good to be together once again.

**Yes, it IS good to be together once again while digitally connected.**

**We come because we need to immerse ourselves in Mystery –  
the space within the heart of God that invites us to imagine.**

What do you think we can imagine, that God calls us to imagine?  
How might our imagination be triggered during this time together?

**We don't know, but we trust the movement of the Spirit  
as we endeavour to walk the Way of Jesus.**

Then let us converse with divine mystery through prayer:

**God who is Love, the power of Love and the relationship of Love,  
open our hearts to what might be possible if we dare;  
open our minds to explore the possibilities imagination provides;  
open our perception to your whispers of guidance and of hope;  
open our will to risking renewed ways of living and of loving.**

Through our journeying in faith,

may we find your mystery as the ground of our being, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 274** Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent prayer*)

**SHARING TIME**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God within us, God beyond us, God among us,  
may the Mystery always be named and known  
among all peoples and in all times.

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

the only home, the only honour we will ever need,  
in this life and the life to come. Amen.

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** John 6:1-15 in the New Testament page 97.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to

Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**\*MORE VOICES 144** Like a Healing Stream

**BIBLE READING** John 6:16-21 from the New Testament page 97-98.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**DOXOLOGY** Love Is the Touch #89 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the path which the saints all have trod;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**MEDITATION** Imagine

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** Prayer *Music: David W. Guion; Words: Hermon Hagedorn  
...Sung by Liz Coates and Christina Edwards*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

**We offer to you, O God, these, our gifts, for your mission in the world:**

**our e-transfers, our time serving on committees, our mailed in cheques,  
our talent serving on Ministry Teams, our pre-authorized remittances,  
our loving shared in relationship, our memorial legacy donations,  
our faith in following the risen Christ, our capital project donations**

and our reaching out into the community and the world.  
Bless what we give and who we are in our giving, we pray. Amen.

\***VOICES UNITED 586** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

### **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT 150 MV (verse 4 only)** Spirit God, Be Our Breath  
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** Herr Jesu Christ, Dich Zu Uns Wend *Johann Gottfried Walther*