

# Kincardine United Church

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 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

Dearest Jesus BWV 731

J. S. Bach

### WELCOME

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered  
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –

Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith**

**on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,**

**giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,  
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey toward reconciliation,  
toward healing of all our relations with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love**

**into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT

Dearest Jesus

Marcel Dupré

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Do you ever find that social media, TV, your phones, the radio and the newspapers  
keep shouting at you so that you just want to shut it all away,  
that the demands on your time and your attention keep increasing?

**Do we ever! It's just one thing after another.**

**It's like when kids keep repeating your name over and over and over again –  
until they get your attention.**

**It can be annoying.**

**That's why we come into this space to rest in God's comforting presence.**

Well, I don't want you to *ignore* those voices or to try to *escape* their demands.

Instead, I want to invite you to *listen* to those strident voices with God's compassionate, loving ears.

**Wait! That sounds like a lot of work.**

**Can't we just pause? Can't we just soak in God's restorative energy?**

I believe we can both pay attention *and* bathe in God's love.

In fact, let's do just that as we pray:

**You dwell among us, O God, and cause us to pray.**

**In our prayer we come to drink deeply of your living well –  
from your living waters that will never fail.**

**Within our worship this morning,**

**may we rediscover how to walk the Way of Jesus**

**amidst every demanding voice and each conflicting plea,**

**finding companionship for the work of making disciples**

**while revealing new relationships of self-giving love.**

**With your living water sloshing around inside us,**

**may your will be our guide when we re-enter the world. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 222

Come, Let Us Sing

SHARING TIME

My Father Is a Liar

#### THE 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.**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** Genesis 22:1-6 from the paraphrase *The Message*

After all this, God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham!"

"Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening."

<sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."

<sup>3-5</sup> Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place God had directed him. On the third day he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac his son to carry. He carried the flint and the knife. The two of them went off together.

**\*VOICES UNITED 361**

Small Things Count

Tune: MOZART (#506 VU)

**BIBLE READING** Genesis 22:7-14 from the paraphrase *The Message*

<sup>7</sup> Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father?"

"Yes, my son."

"We have flint and wood, but where's the sheep for the burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "Son, God will see to it that there's a sheep for the burnt offering." And they kept on walking together.

<sup>9-10</sup> They arrived at the place to which God had directed him. Abraham built an altar. He laid out the wood. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the wood. Abraham reached out and took the knife to kill his son.

<sup>11</sup> Just then an angel of GOD called to him out of Heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes, I'm listening."

<sup>12</sup> "Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him! Now I know how fearlessly you fear God; you didn't hesitate to place your son, your dear son, on the altar for me."

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up. He saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

<sup>14</sup> Abraham named that place GOD-Yireh (GOD-Sees-to-It). That's where we get the saying, "On the mountain of GOD, he sees to it."

**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** "Listening for Love"

## GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

### COMMUNITY PRAYERS

### OFFERING INVITATION

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

We offer you our sacrifice, O God, but not a human sacrifice like Abraham with Isaac. Instead, we offer you our gifts of energy, of skills, of money and of understanding. In short, you offer you all that we are and all that we are becoming. Bless what we cheerfully give, in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*VOICES UNITED 580                      Faith of Our Fathers

### 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

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell