

# Kincardine United Church

## Celtic Service

### & 4th Sunday of Pentecost

July 3, 2022 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

Scotland the Brave

Rowan Tree and Wings

#### WELCOME

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

**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    Amazing Grace

#### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*(used with permission from "The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community" edited by Kathy Galloway, pp. 92-93)*

Come, God. Come and walk with your people, for you alone are our strength and glory,  
**and we put our trust in you.**

Come, God. Come and walk behind us, beside us, before us,  
 for you alone are our shelter and direction,  
**and we put our trust in you.**

Come God. Come, seek and find and put us right,  
 for you alone are the light for our travelling,  
**and we put our trust in you.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

*(from "Essential Celtic Prayers by Thomas McPherson, page 36  
 and from "A Contemporary Celtic Prayer Book by William John Fitzgerald pp. 16-17)*  
 There is no plant in the ground

**but is full of God's virtue,**  
 there is no form in the strand  
**but is full of God's blessing.**

**Right it is to praise God.**

There is no life in the sea, there is no creature in the river,  
 there is nothing in the firmament,  
**but proclaims God's goodness.**

**Right it is to praise God.**

There is no bird on the wing, there is no star in the sky,  
 there is nothing beneath the sun,  
**but proclaims God's goodness.**

**Right it is to praise God.**

Filled with praise for God's goodness in around us all, we pray:  
**We come to listen for your Word, O God, in us and around us.**  
**In our listening, in our understanding, in our becoming,**  
**let us soar like the crane beyond last week's din.**  
**Let us purr like the kitten, curled up in Sunday rest.**  
**Let us bond like the canines, finding kindship in our pack.**  
**Let us be graced like the deer, bounding over life's pursuits. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 156** Dance with the Spirit

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*(from "Essential Celtic Prayers by Thomas McPherson, page 16)*  
 In trusting faithfulness, we proclaim:  
**You are the peace of all things calm, you are the place to hide from harm,**  
**you are the light that shines in dark, you are the heart's eternal spark,**  
**you are the door that's open wide, you are the guest who waits inside,**  
**you are the stranger at the door, you are the calling of the poor,**  
**you are my Lord and with me still, you are my love, keep me from ill,**  
**you are the light, the truth, the way, you are my Saviour this very day.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(From "The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition  
 from the Iona Community, edited by Kathy Galloway, page 106)*  
 God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars,  
 in the kaleidoscope of colour and shade and shapeliness,  
 in the patterns of humour and tenderness and touch,  
 we celebrate your generosity.

**Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath,  
the care that sustains our every moment,  
the grace that can transform our every day.**

**Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, resentful spirits.**

**Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity,  
and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores.**

In trust, desiring new life and renewed purpose, we pray in the silence. (*Silent prayer*)

**SHARING TIME** The Charming Four-Leaf Clover

### **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**

**VOICES UNITED 757** Psalm 30 with refrain

**\*VOICES UNITED 710** Shall We Gather at the River

**BIBLE READING** 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 5:1-14 in the Old Testament page 336.

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup> He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." <sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?"

Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**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.**

**MEDITATION** Healed Soul Deep

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** Highland Cathedral

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(From the "Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 181)*

O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you as offering.

**Bless the giving of our lives to you, from whom nothing is hidden.**

**You are before us, God, you are behind;**

**you are around us, God, you are within.**

O God of life, O generous Spirit,

**renew us with your life, today, tonight, tomorrow and always. Amen.**

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

**TRADITIONAL CELTIC BLESSING**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** Spirit God, Be Our Breath

*#150 More Voices (verse 4 only)*

**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** The Green Hills of Tyrol, When the Battle's O'er