



**Kincardine United Church**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 5, 2020 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 / Wings

*-Nathan Smith on Pipes and Andy Smith on Drums*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)*

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;  
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith  
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,  
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT**     Amazing Grace

*-Nathan Smith on Pipes and Andy Smith on Drums*

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH** (*Scottish Blessing – public domain*)

May the blessing of light be on you – light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

**And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.**

And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.

**And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.**

May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly;  
up and off and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 232**     Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We mean well, O God, but often we do the wrong thing.

**We are quick to give advice, but are slow to stop and listen.**

We mean well, O God, but often we do the wrong thing.

**We give a promise to another person, but then do not follow through.**

We mean well, O God, but often we do the wrong thing.

**We affirm our willingness to grow in the faith,  
but when the opportunity comes, we cannot find the time.**

We mean well, O God, but often we do the wrong thing.

**We pledge support to the faith community, but go it on our own.**

We mean well, O God, but often we do the wrong thing.

**We say we are “members of the family of all humankind,”**

**but fail to support those who are oppressed at home and abroad.**

*(a time of reflection)*

## SHARING TIME

### THE LORD’S PRAYER (we sing)

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 866 Psalm 145

ANTHEM Highland Cathedral

*-Nathan Smith on Pipes and Andy Smith on Drums*

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 from the paraphrase *The Message*

<sup>16-19</sup> “How can I account for this generation? The people have been like spoiled children whining to their parents, ‘We wanted to skip rope, and you were always too tired; we wanted to talk, but you were always too busy.’ John came fasting and they called him crazy. I came feasting and they called me a lush, a friend of the riffraff. Opinion polls don’t count for much, do they? The proof of the pudding is in the eating.”

<sup>25-26</sup> Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You’ve concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that’s the way you like to work.” <sup>27</sup> Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

<sup>28-30</sup> “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

**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** “Kindom” Connections

## GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

**\*VOICES UNITED 626** I Heard the Voice of Jesus

### COMMUNITY PRAYERS

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)** *from Voices United #311*

**O God, the only source of life and energy and wealth, defend our planet earth.**

**Teach us to conserve and not to squander the riches of nature,**

**to use aright the heritage of former generations,**

**and to plan for the welfare of our children's children.**

**Renew our wonder, awaken our concern,**

**and make us better stewards and more careful tenants**

**of the world you lend us as our home.**

**Hear us, O God, our creator and redeemer, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 509** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

**\*BENEDICTION** *(from The Iona Abbey Worship Book page 186)*

The blessing of the God of life be ours,

the blessing of the loving Christ be ours,

the blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,

to cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT** "Ameni" (sung twice) from #219 *More Voices*

**Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.**

**Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.**

**POSTLUDE** The Green Hills / When the Battle is O'er

*-Nathan Smith on Pipes and Andy Smith on Drums*