

Kincardine United Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 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

Trio

A. Armsdorff

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

Pastorella

F. W. Marpurg

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Are you looking to find meaning and purpose in community? Is that why you are here?

Well, we've never really thought too much about it. We just come.

Have you come because it is our 172nd anniversary as a community of faith in Kincardine?

I guess we heard something about that, but we just want to worship all together.

Are there questions swirling within your heart, questions of how to live the Way of Jesus?

Stop asking such probing questions, please.

We come to pray, to sing, to listen, to learn and to be with one another.

Okay, then, let's pray as we begin worship:

Loving God, sometimes all we want is a peace-filled space just to be.

Sometimes we just need to pause, to breathe and to commune with you in silence.

(silent prayer)

Thank you for that time alone as we continue our communal prayer.

Lead us, living Spirit, to question our assumptions.

Model for us, risen Christ, how to grow in your Way through our faithful living. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 327 All Praise to Thee

SHARING TIME "I'm New Here" by Anne Sibley O'Brien

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,

may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need;

and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;

and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Matthew 9:9-13 in the New Testament

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no

need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

***VOICES UNITED 271** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

BIBLE READING Matthew 9:18-26 in the New Testament

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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 "Play Nice"

HYMN If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

- 1. If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
and don't live out a faith that dares,
and don't take on the ways of death,
our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**
- 2. If we just dream of what could be
and do not build community,
and do not seek to change our ways,
our dreams of change are false displays.**
- 3. If we just sing of doing good
and don't walk through our neighbourhood
to learn its hope, to ease its pain,
our talk of good is simply vain.**
- 4. God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
lead to a faith that takes on wrongs –**

that works for peace and justice, too,
then will our prayers bring joy to you.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus Dereck Hakes

MINUTE FOR MISSION Katrena Johnston

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

For generation upon generation, we have gathered in Jesus' name.

Every time we gather for worship,

every time we give our talents for the ministry of this community of faith,

every time we spend time strengthening your mission in this community,

we endeavour to follow the Way of Jesus.

Bless our discipleship, bless our giving, bless our becoming, we pray,

that your love may continue to foster all our relations. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 567** Will You Come and Follow Me

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 Fughetta in c minor Johann Krieger