

Kincardine United Church
Worship in the Park Service
Father's Day, 4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 16th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may rise in body or spirit.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The Lost Chord	Arthur Sullivan, arranged by John Kinyon
Kum-Ba-Yah	Traditional, arr. Dale Lauder and Don Eyre
Chorale Prelude:	
All Things Bright & Beautiful	James Bain, arr. by Douglas Wagner

PRELUDE	Cambridge Overture	Anne McGinty
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WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge and give thanks for the land on which we live and work –
especially to the people who have long cared for it.

This land is in the traditional territory of First Nations:

the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash –
now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

**Being able to give thanks to the stewards of the land
who came before us –**

**and being able to reflect on the meaning
of Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836 – is a privilege.**

Honouring that privilege, we commit to take only what we need,
leaving enough for the people who come after us,
just as those who came before us did for us,
all so that we may live faithfully on this land.

**With our intentional spirit of reconciliation,
we commit to building relations with Indigenous communities,
sharing our learnings with our children
and with all people in our lives.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Hymn Tune Rest Arranged by Don Eyre

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to worship the God of hope,
the Christ of new life, the Spirit of possibility –
God who is loving relationship, creative and free.

**We come not to win, but to love;
not to section with walls, but to raise up bridges;
not to ignore or exclude, but to welcome and embrace.**

In a world that seems ever more cruel and polarized,
let us plant our very selves deeply within Christ's good news.

**We come to practice deep spirituality,
to step into daring justice
and to embrace bold discipleship in Jesus' name.**

In response to our commitment, let us pray:

**May you, O Spirit,
deeply soak into our souls that we root deeply within your Love.**

**In living life, O Christ,
may you resurrect our missteps into strides of understanding.**

**In our doubts and our fears, O God,
may you lead us to embrace mystery and wonder. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 220** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**
- 2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?**
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.**
- 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.**

SHARING TIME What Shall We Plant?

LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

**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 Mark 4:26-34 from the New Testament

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

MORE VOICES 172 God Says

- 1. God says, “Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I’m with you always where you go.”**
- 2. God says, “Look up and see the prize
I’ve placed here right before your eyes.
Find beauty in the things of earth,
a cause for wonder and rebirth.”**
- 3. God says, “Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do,
your life will show my love for you.”**

4. God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need and wants a word, a song, a deed. I send you forth to speak, to sing, to act for Christ in everything.”

BIBLE READING 2nd Corinthians 5:6-10, 16-20 from *The Message*

⁶⁻⁸ That’s why we live with such good cheer. You won’t see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don’t get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. It’s what we trust in but don’t yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we’ll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming.

⁹⁻¹⁰ But neither exile nor homecoming is the main thing. Cheerfully pleasing God is the main thing, and that’s what we aim to do, regardless of our conditions. Sooner or later we’ll all have to face God, regardless of our conditions. We will appear before Christ and take what’s coming to us as a result of our actions, either good or bad.

¹⁶⁻²⁰ Because of this decision we don’t evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don’t look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We’re Christ’s representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God’s work of making things right between them. We’re speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he’s already a friend with you.

DOXOLOGY 236 VU (verse 3) “Now Thank We All Our God”
All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION “Going to Seed”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We offer to you, O God, in Jesus’ name, these gifts,
these seeds rooted in our time, our talent and our treasure.**

Bless us, we pray,

**as we plant ourselves in the nourishment of the Way of Jesus,
that what we give of ourselves**

may bear your promised harvest of self-giving love.

**Bless all that we offer to help create your Kin-dom here and now.
Amen.**

VOICES UNITED 703 In the Bulb here Is a Flower

- 1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 2. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 161 MV (verse 4)

“I Have Called You by Your Name”

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

**With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

POSTLUDE Assurance March James Mountain and Wendell Loveless,
arranged by Wesley Hanson