

**Kincardine United Church**  
**Indigenous Day of Prayer, Father's Day**  
**& 2nd Sunday of Pentecost**  
**June 19, 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**      Trio      *Andreas Armsdorff*

## **WELCOME**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

On this Indigenous Day of Prayer, let us acknowledge the traditional land inhabited for thousands of years and cherished by the Indigenous peoples who have lived in this place. We acknowledge that the Saugeen Nation's land is unceded and was to be shared according to Treaty 45 ½.

**Let us be mindful of how colonization by European settlers, our ancestors, altered their way of life and scorned their spirituality.**

Settlers did not share the land as they were welcomed to do, but encroached upon it, destroying the flora and fauna, polluting the water, and relegating the indigenous people to limited plots of land.

**We took their children away and forbade the use of their languages and spiritual practices, separated from the loving family customs they followed at home. The damage caused intergenerational pain and suffering, the effects of which continue to this day.**

Help us, we pray oh God, to learn from our mistakes, to commit ourselves to truth and reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, valuing them for themselves as we strive for equal justice in our country.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

For thousands of years, Christians have greeted one another by saying: may the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**     Pastorella     *Marpurg*

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

We light this candle to remind us that Christ is always with us, showing us the way to peace and justice, through God's love.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF APPROACH (traditional Indigenous prayer)**

Great Spirit who comes out of the East,  
 come to us with the power of the East.  
 We are thankful for the light of the rising sun.  
 Let there be light on the path we walk.  
 Let us remember always to be thankful that You give the gift of a new day.  
 Spirit of Creation, we turn to the south,  
 We are thankful for sending us warm and soothing winds from the South  
 to comfort us and caress us when we are tired and cold.  
 Unfold us as your gentle breezes unfold the leaves on the trees.  
 And as You give to all the earth your warm moving wind,  
 give to us warmth and remember to be grateful,  
 so that we may grow close to you.

Great Life-giving Spirit, we face the West,  
 The direction of sundown.  
 Let us remember every day that the moment will come  
 when our sun will go down.  
 Never let us forget that we must fade into you.  
 Give us beautiful colour;  
 Give us a great sky for setting,  
 so that when it is time to meet you  
 we come with glory.

Great Spirit of Love,  
 come to us with the power if the North;  
 make us courageous when the cold winds of life fall upon us.  
 Give us strength and endurance  
 for everything that is harsh,  
 everything that hurts,  
 everything that makes us squint.  
 Let us move through life ready to take what comes from the North.

**Great Spirit of the Sky,  
 Lift us up to you that our hearts may worship You  
 and come to you in glory.  
 Hold in our memory that You are the Creator,  
 Greater than we, eager for our good life.  
 Let everything that is in the world  
 lift our minds and our hearts and our lives to You,  
 so that we may come to You always in truth and in heart.**

**Giver of all Life,  
 We pray to you from the Earth.  
 Help us to remember as we touch the Earth  
 that we are little and need your pity.  
 Help us to be thankful for the gift of the Earth  
 and never to walk hurtfully on the world.  
 Bless us with eyes to love what comes from Mother Earth  
 And teach us how to use well your gifts.**

**Amen**

**\*VOICES UNITED 376** “Spirit of the Living God”

**PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE** *(by Diane Clime, Mennonite Central  
 Committee Atlantic Canada)*

Creator God, we look at your world and praise you for the diversity all around us  
**Thank you for the gift of relationships, our connection with people, animals  
 and the land.**

Help us, God, to see differences and diversity as strengths.

**Help us to listen and understand; to meet one another with wonder and  
 anticipation.**

Help us to love as you love, without expectation.

**Reveal to us your way of reconciliation and guide us into right relationships with all living things.**

Lead us to understand how Indigenous peoples have been and continue to be profoundly harmed by settler people and institutions.

**Lead us to repent when we as settlers deny Indigenous peoples respect, dignity and fullness of life.**

Help us to listen compassionately, to speak humbly and to act justly.

**Help us to seek the peace, justice and reconciliation you desire among all your children.**

Thank you for your mercy and grace. **Amen**

**SHARING TIME** (video)

**LORD'S PRAYER** A Paraphrase (*Voices United* #916)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and what shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 42-43 *Voices United* p. 768

**\*VOICES UNITED 679** "Let There Be Light"

**BIBLE READING** Galatians 3: 23 – 29 from the New Testament page 189

**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**

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Steal Away *Spiritual, Arr. David Hamilton*

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS** Community Prayers

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

**Gracious and Generous God, you have blessed us with many gifts. Out  
of your bounty, we now present our gifts in the humble hope that they  
will be used to further peace, justice and personal dignity in all your  
creation. Amen**

**\*VOICES UNITED 606** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

**BENEDICTION**

**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** Praeludium *John Krieger*