

Kincardine United Church

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

June 22, 2025 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 *played by Eden Folk*

These Hands by Dave Gunning

Kindness be Steve Bell

Golden Rule by Nick and Becky Drake

PRELUDE My Lighthouse by Rend Collective *played by Eden Folk*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,

especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and 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 read by Marion Brown

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

INTROIT Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by Glen Soderholm

played by Eden Folk

GOD GATHERS US

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN MV#79 Spirit Open My Heart

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We arise today through God's strength to uphold us,

People: **and God's wisdom to guide us.**

Leader: God's eye to look before us,

People: **God's ear to hear us.**

Leader: God's word to speak for us,

People: **God's hand to guard and protect us**

All: **Transform us, through your Spirit and empower us to serve you .**

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;

People: **encircle us with your love.**

Leader: Bless us with your sustaining presence;

People: **surround us with your grace.**

Leader: Draw us 'round your living Word,

People: **and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ.**

Leader: In joy and in trouble, help us, gracious God,

People: to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name.

Leader: Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and justice.

People: **We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ.**

All: **May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. Amen.**

WORDS OF HOPE AND HEALING

Lord God, we thank you that you created us in your image, a creation based on love. You know us and you love us. We are fully known and completely loved by you. Though we sometimes fail you, you have never turned your back on us. You remain faithful forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for your sacrificial love.

A VERY SPECIAL SHARING TIME Anika Gunaratne on piano
Followed by a few words from Ridley

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE PSALM 63 VU pg 781 (regular text read by Marion Brown)

You are my God, I long for you from early morning.

My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless land.

My soul thirsts for you.

In the sanctuary let me see

how mighty are your works;

your constant love is better than life itself,

and so I will praise you.

I will give thanks as long as I live;

I raise my hands in prayer.

My soul will feast and be filled,

and I will sing and praise you.

As I lie in bed, I remember you, O God;

I think of you all night long,
for you are my constant help.

**In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
I cling to you; your hand keeps me safe.**

Matthew 21: 18-22 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
Read by Marion Brown

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree

¹⁸ In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. ²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done. ²² Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

Galatians 3:23-29 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition
Read by Marion Brown

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

DOXOLOGY VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 3)
**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.**

THE 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, and the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN MV #183 I'm Gonna Shout (all verses)

MEDITATION "The Significance of Faith in Our Daily Lives"

ANTHEM Wherever Life Leads by Kim Alderman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you,

O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart trusting in your love for all of us as your faithful servants.

Amen.

HYMN MV #191 What Can I Do?

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT MV #161 I Have Called You By Your Name
(Verse 4)

**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.**

HYMN MV # 209 Go Make a Difference

POSTLUDE House United by the Emerging Sound *played by Eden Folk*