

Kincardine United Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost & Communion

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PRELUDE Three liturgical preludes, No. 1 George Oldroyd

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen,
and the Chippewas of Nawash –

now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

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

**Therefore, we commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

Three liturgical preludes, No. 2

George Oldroyd

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this sacred space,

free to be who you are and loved into faithful becoming.

**We come to embrace the freedom we find in the living Christ,
a freedom which grows as we serve in love.**

Come and openly embrace the Spirit's animated movement,
loving one another as we have learned to love ourselves.

**We come to nurture the fruits of the Spirit within us,
discovering meaning and purpose as we share.**

Let us join as one, encountering God in the intimacy of prayer:

**We seek our wholeness in you, O Christ,
yearning to be woven together as your living body,
a community of faith that shares your gifts
of humility, of bravery, of honesty, of wisdom,
of truth, of respect and, most of all, of self-giving love.**

**Be the ground of our being, we pray,
that we may root ourselves in your heart,
that we may support one another through fruitful living,
that we may reach out into your light along the Way. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 299** Teach Me, God to Wonder

SHARING TIME Drawing Home

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

BIBLE READING Mark 2:23-28 from the New Testament

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have

you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

***MORE VOICES 161** I Have Called You by Your Name

BIBLE READING Mark 3:1-6 from the New Testament

3 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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 "Healing Is Change"

JESUS INVITES US TO TABLE

INVITATION

This table is for everyone who wishes to become.

This table is for all who seek meaning and purpose in community.

This table is not my table, nor Kincardine United Church's table.

It is Christ's table – the table to which ALL are invited *without* restriction.

We come to be served and to serve one another.

We come to evolve in our relationship with God and with each other.

We come.

CALL TO GIVE THANKS

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God!

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the glory of Creation, God wove everything together as a whole,
breathing life into all things including us.

**In our woundedness and through our mistakes,
we seek wholeness breathed through a life lived through loving.**

In the liberation of the Israelites from slavery,
God revealed that liberation only lasts with self-giving at the centre.

**In the reign of ancient kings and of modern leaders,
we are enticed by easy answers with promises of security.**

In the proclamations of prophets both ancient and modern,
we are constantly reminded of God's call to give of ourselves in sacrifice.

In the Gospels we discover – anew with each reading – the good news.

In the letters of evangelists like Paul, John and Peter,
the struggles early communities of faith experienced are revealed
as they tried to live the good news of the risen Christ.

**In similarly trying to live the Way of Jesus, we, too, struggle –
yet we cannot hide from the clarity of the Light of the World.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

By coming to this table, we once more recognize that brokenness is not a failing,
but provides the cracks through which empathy flows for our neighbours as we
pray:

**Loving God, self-giving Christ, empowering Spirit,
we open our hearts in communal sharing.**

**Here are the people we lift into your care – including our own selves –
longing for guidance that leads to healing.**

Hear our silent petitions we pray:

(Silent prayer)

Our thoughts and prayers are relatively easy to offer.

To act in Jesus' strong name, however,

means we take up the challenge to make a difference in love.

Let us, therefore, commit to that kind of active prayer as we sing.

SINGING OUR COMMITMENT “If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers”
(to the tune #372 Voices United)

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.**

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Let us continue in spoken prayer:

God who transforms us,

**may you transform these common elements of bread and of grape juice,
nourishing us with your Spirit of connection and of love,
enabling us to live as Jesus lived. Amen.**

PARTAKING

*If you are worshipping at home,
please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake,
sharing with anyone who is with you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION IN ANTHEM

Glory be to The Father
Jay Althouse

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take all that we offer, O God, blessing our time, our talent and our treasure.
Through the power of your blessing,
 may what we have given act through others to make a difference.
In our giving, may we be filled with joy that we may be known by our love.
Amen.

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

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

Three liturgical preludes, No. 3

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