

Kincardine United Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

June 30th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE In Thee Have I Hoped BWV 640 J. S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

We begin our worship this morning

by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

**Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –
with First Nations peoples.**

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Jesus, Our Redeemer BWV 626 J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to this space where God invites us to just be ourselves.

We come, but we would like to become more with God's help.

Welcome to this time of becoming where the Spirit inspires our faithing.

**We come, longing for meaning and purpose in community,
yearning for this time in which to grow actively by faith.**

Welcome into the risen Christ's embrace as we reach out in prayer:

Well, here we are, God, making ourselves vulnerable in communion with you.

**While we never know the details of your transformative work in our hearts,
we open ourselves to your work of evolution within.**

We ready ourselves for life's opportunities that we may bear your fruit of self-giving.

We trust in your equipping for each emerging moment while held within your heart.

May it ever be so, we pray. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 288** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SHARING TIME The Rainbow Fish written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Mark 5:21-34 from the New Testament

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat^[a] to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

***VOICES UNITED 570** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

BIBLE READING Mark 5:35-43 from the New Testament

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha kum," which

means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

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 "How Can I Not?"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (#8 with additions...)

O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!

**Soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us
where your presence can abide.**

(Silent prayer)

As people refilled with your presence, we continue aloud:

Fill us with your creativity,

so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.

(Silent prayer)

As people you equip to bear fruit, we further pray:

Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.

(Silent prayer)

As people readied to act in loving kindness, our prayers continue:

Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share

what each being needs to grow and flourish.

(Silent prayer)

As people who ourselves continue to grow in wisdom, we ask:

Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,

as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.

(Silent prayer)

As people woven through your love while untangled by your forgiveness, we pray in hope:

Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose,

but illuminate the opportunities for the present moment.

(Silent prayer)

As people ready for your insight in each moment, we affirm:

For you are the ground and fruitful vision –

the birth, power and fulfilment, as all is gathered and made whole again.

(Silent prayer)

As people who trust and depend on you, we conclude our prayer:

May the Lord bless, protect us and bring us to the fullness of life. Amen

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Healer God, who equips us for your mission in the world,
bless these gifts we offer that they become ambassadors worldwide,
making a difference for our unknown neighbours.
In your embrace, may we know your heartbeat of love and of hope,
your inspiration as we become evermore your daring disciples. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 635** **All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**

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 **Christ Lag In Todesbanden** **BWV 625** **J. S. Bach**