

# Kincardine United Church

## Trinity Sunday & Communion

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**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**

Communion

Healey Willan

**WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

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**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**

Trio

Healey Willan

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come into this sacred space in all our messy diversity.

**Messy? We aren't "messy." We dressed up this morning, you know.**

True and you all look great, but I meant "messy" because we are all different.

**Oh, so you're welcoming us *because of our differences not despite them?***

That's right. God's own self is One-ness in difference, and we are created in God's image.

Let us, then, come in prayer to celebrate how we, too, can be one through variety.

**Teach us, O God who is three in One, the dance of mystery which is Love.**

**Model for us the fruit of the Spirit that binds us together.**

**Show us how our diversity opens space for us to be transformed.**

**Make us more aware of how to live in your image. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 315** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

**SHARING TIME** "In God's Name"

by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated by Phoebe Stone

**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 AND IN SACRAMENT**

### **INVITATION**

Come as people invited into the story of self-giving.

Come as people led by the Suffering Servant into the embrace of God who is One.

Come as people who gather at Christ's table, for all are welcome and none are excluded.

**HYMN** Here In this Place (*verses 1 & 2 only*)

- 1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human  
race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.**

## **CALL TO GIVE THANKS**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.**

**VOICES UNITED 732**      Psalm 8 (*without refrain*)

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes, to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their places,

**that we are mortals that you should be mindful of us,**

**mere human beings that you should care for us?**

You have made us little less than divine, crowning us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation, putting all things under our feet,**

all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**the birds of the air and the fish in the sea, and all that make their way through the waters.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

In our story, though, we discover that we are neither rulers nor sovereigns.

Instead, we are one with all of Creation – as God is One in creating.

**We remember that our story is carried within God's good Creation.**

The infant universe was our cradle and our nursery.

The baby Moses – protected by his teenaged sister –

became a leader who freed an enslaved people.

The boy Samuel listened to God and shared tough wisdom.

Whenever we needed God's presence,

**God was there in the gift of love which unites us, speaking through the voices of stories alive.**

When there were times of homelessness and wandering,

when there were times of violence and rejection,

when there were times of homecoming and welcome,

**God was there in the gift of love, in the giving away of what was most precious – ourselves.**

When people sought ever more land, ever more power, and ever more prestige;

When people of faith looked more to legalisms and laws, ignoring the aching needs of others;

When people yearned to listen to the story of faith, pushing aside the criticisms of others;

**God was there in the gift of love,**

**in the assurance that we are *all* special in God's eyes,**

**that God's narrative lives within hearts transformed for one another.**

When new influences and difficult circumstances challenged,

when uncertainty and doubt moved in,

when security and certainty seemed the only shelter,

**God was there in the gift of love, teaching us deep connection in God with each other,**

showing us how we are rooted in God's heart.

## COMMUNITY PRAYERS

In our worrying about how to make ends meet, we couldn't hear your belief in us, God.

In our desire to continue to do things as we have always done,  
we couldn't hear your call to transformation.

In our need to build ourselves up in order to tear others down,  
we couldn't hear the Spirit's truth within us.

**We forgot our story.**

**We forgot that you, God, are with us in your gifts of love.**

So we open our hearts to you in prayer – both for our selves and for one another:

*(Silent prayer)*

Yet fire and division still rend us asunder when we turn away from you.

In Love, you gave your own self – unconditionally –  
that we might once again remember our story and our identity.

**In response to our fear and our divisions, Love Incarnate modelled a different Way.**

## ANTHEM

This Do in Remembrance of Me

Judy Hunnicutt

## PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Let us pray together:

**Help us, Loving Spirit, to remember our story – which is your story of Love.**

**As we share these elements at Christ's table this morning,  
may you bless us with your constant companionship,  
with your guiding light,  
with your embrace of grace,  
with your inspiration into transformation. Amen.**

## HYMN

Here In this Place *(verse 3 only)*

**3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the  
earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and heart that are true.**

## FRACTURING AND PARTAKING

*If you are worshipping at home, please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.*

*If you are worshipping here in person, please take the elements you have been given and partake.*

*If you are worshipping here in person and wish to come forward to the communion table, come.*

*As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our path of loving.*

## HYMN

Here In this Place *(verse 4 only)*

**4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away:**

**here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**BIBLE READING** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:11-13 in the New Testament

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**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.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION** "Becoming – Or Being – One"

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**LEGACY GIVING AND OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

**With thanks, we dedicate our offerings to you, O God, who is Creator, Christ and Spirit.  
Bless all that we give to you,  
strengthening us to fashion bridges of understanding across divides.  
May we be transformed in our giving in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 30** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** #150 (*Verse 4 only*) *More Voices*

**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**

Finale

Healey Willan