



**Kincardine United Church**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost & Communion**  
**June 6th, 2021 10:30 a.m.**

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

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**PRELUDE** Communion

*Charles Gounod Ed. By C. H. Trevor*

**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.

**We, thus, 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****MUSICAL INTROIT** Miniature Suite for Organ Communion*Healey Willan***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come all you who are hungry for meaning, for connection and for life itself.

**We come to be fed by the bread of life.**

Come all you who are drawn by a yearning for understanding and for love.

**We come to have our thirst satisfied by living water.**

Come all you who wish to be transformed in relationship with the risen Christ.

**We come as a family of faith, empowered by God's grace and Spirit guide.**

Come and join in communion with each other and with God in prayer:

**God who is Love, open our ears to listen to each other,  
 open our eyes to perceive the inner people we meet,  
 open our lips to speak with grace,  
 open our arms to embrace even the stranger,  
 open our hearts to give extravagantly in love,  
 open our ears to listen that we may act for healing. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 218** We Praise You, O God**SHARING TIME** "Stolen Words"**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** 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 8:4-18 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

<sup>4-5</sup> Fed up, all the elders of Israel got together and confronted Samuel at Ramah. They presented their case: "Look, you're an old man, and your sons aren't following in your footsteps. Here's what we want you to do: Appoint a king to rule us, just like everybody else." <sup>6</sup>When Samuel heard their demand—"Give us a king to rule us!"—he was crushed. How awful! Samuel prayed to GOD. <sup>7-</sup>

<sup>9</sup> GOD answered Samuel, "Go ahead and do what they're asking. They are not rejecting you. They've rejected me as their King. From the day I brought them out of Egypt until this very day they've been behaving like this, leaving me for other gods. And now they're doing it to you. So let them have their own way. But warn them of what they're in for. Tell them the way kings operate, just what they're likely to get from a king." <sup>10-18</sup> So Samuel told them, delivered GOD's warning to

the people who were asking him to give them a king. He said, "This is the way the kind of king you're talking about operates. He'll take your sons and make soldiers of them—chariotry, cavalry, infantry, regimented in battalions and squadrons. He'll put some to forced labor on his farms, plowing and harvesting, and others to making either weapons of war or chariots in which he can ride in luxury. He'll put your daughters to work as beauticians and waitresses and cooks. He'll conscript your best fields, vineyards, and orchards and hand them over to his special friends. He'll tax your harvests and vintage to support his extensive bureaucracy. Your prize workers and best animals he'll take for his own use. He'll lay a tax on your flocks and you'll end up no better than slaves. The day will come when you will cry in desperation because of this king you so much want for yourselves. But don't expect GOD to answer."

**\*MORE VOICES 81** Love Us into Fullness

**BIBLE READING** 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:13-5:1 in the New Testament page 181.

<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. **5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**DOXOLOGY** Love Is the Touch #89 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;  
love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
love is the path which the saints all have trod;  
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**MEDITATION** Soldering On

## **GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE**

### **INVITATION**

Come as people invited to feast – feasting on relationship for each and with all.

**We come at Christ's invitation to be nurtured and to be fed.**

Come in all our diversity and with all our differences to this one table.

**We come as one,**

**accepting Christ's invitation to his table of equity and of grace.**

### **CALL TO GIVE THANKS**

The Lord 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 thanks and praise to God.**

### **THANKSGIVING**

We come before God at Christ's invitation to this table of Spirited welcome.

We come remembering the stories of our faith.

**We remember God's covenant of love with so many –  
mutual love rooted in relationship, in listening and in action:  
with Adam and Eve, with Noah and his family,  
with Abraham and Sarah, with Moses and Miriam,  
with prophets ancient and with prophets modern,  
with Mary and Joseph, with the disciples following the Way of Jesus.**

We remember in those stories how often people of faith stumbled along the Way.

**In their frequent turning away from God, we feel kinship and sorrow.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(based on Colossians 1:21 from the paraphrase The Message)*

From where does our kinship and sorrow come?

**We, ourselves, "are a case study of what Jesus does with us.**

**At many times we have all had our backs turned to God,  
thinking rebellious thoughts, giving trouble every chance we got."**

So, we open our minds, our hearts, our souls to Jesus' embrace,  
trusting in silent prayer the One who shows us the Way.

*(Silent Prayer)*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Despite our brokenness, in Christ's life, death and resurrection,  
we are made whole.

In God's assurance of new life and of transformation,  
we proclaim our hope:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

By your grace, O God,

we continue to work toward healing with all our relations:

**For the 215 children who died at Kamloops Residential School –  
for ALL those who were stolen and never returned –  
move within us that we will act even as we remember.**

*(Silent prayer)*

By your grace, O God,

we open our perception to injustice and to oppression:

**For those around the world seeking equity and a voice which is heard –  
whether in Israel, or in China, or in Myanmar, or right here in Canada –  
open our listening that we may act humbly for justice.**

*(Silent prayer)*

By your grace, O God,

we open our hearts to love our neighbours as ourselves:

**For those of us struggling with illness, with disease or with dying,  
for those of us feeling alone, isolated or lonely,**

**may we understand your everlasting, never-ending, reckless love –  
love that died and rose that each of us may become whole.**

*(Silent prayer)*

As we commune with you, living Christ,  
you welcome us to your table where each person is celebrated and revered.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION**

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

Let us join together in prayer as we ask for the Spirit's blessing:

**In the power of love, O Spirit, may you bless what we partake this day.**

**May the bread by which we are fed, feed our passion for loving kindness.**

**May the beverage from which we drink**

**empower us to drink deeply of your love for each and for all.**

**May the act of coming together as one at this table of diversity,**

**motivate us to come together with all our relations.**

**Bless us with grace and with faith as followers of Jesus' Way. Amen.**

### **PARTAKING**

*Please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.*

*If you have others with you, serve one another in love.*

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we go into the world, we carry within us your passionate love:

**We have been nourished with your bread and beverage, O Christ.**

**We have been strengthened at communion**

**while enriched by the rainbow variety of each unique person.**

**We have been brought together as one within the bonds of Love.**

**May you enflame our hearts for action, O Spirit,**

**that we may be part of reconciliation between all peoples,**

**in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **ANTHEM**

The Life of Praise

*Words: Phil Speary, Music: John Leavitt*

*When the storm clouds gather, darkness hides the day.*

*I'll not be discouraged. You light my way.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, word of faith shall mark the day,*

*hymns of joy shall lift my heart; this, the life of praise.*

*When your world is troubled, pain and sorrow weigh,*

*Jesus still is faithful, so give him praise.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall mark the day,*

*hymns of joy shall lift my heart; this the life of praise.*

*Our Lord is one who shares in all our deepest woes.*

*God's spirit holds us close each time we cry.*

*His loving kindness meets us in our ev'ry weakness.*

*Thus, our soul can fly.*

*Songs of hope will fill our nights, words of faith shall mark our days,*

*hymns of joy will lift our hearts; this our life of praise.*

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

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

It would be so much easier, self-giving Christ,  
to keep it all for ourselves.

Yet your Way is one which gives one to each other as each has need.

Bless, then, these gifts of time, of talent and of treasure,  
bless our very selves in our giving and in our sharing,  
that we might be evermore followers of your Way  
in faith and through dedication. Amen.

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

### **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT 150 MV (verse 4 only)** Spirit God, Be Our Breath

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** Christ Lag In Todesbanden BWV 625

*J. S. Bach*