

Kincardine United Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE Air from "Rinoldo"

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WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Before we arrived as settlers,
there were First Nations here already for thousands of years –
peoples with a tradition of stewardship with the land.

They welcomed, sustained and taught us.

Our prayer is that, in love, we find ways to share the land,
celebrating all cultures with those who call this land home.

**In our reconciliation journey, we acknowledge that this community –
where we work and worship –**

is situated on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We humbly respect their culture, traditions and stewardship of the land.

**May we live in friendship, peace, and a spirit of reconciliation
with all our First Nations neighbours.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Fairest Lord Jesus

German Air, Arr Frank W. Asper

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Laura J. Turnbull, Gathering L/E 2025 pg 43

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Ivany, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 39

Who knows what you might hear in worship today?

God knows.

It could be the beauty of a favourite or unknown hymn, or a passage of scripture.

It could be the sound of friends gathering for worship.

Or even the silence between all the sounds. As we worship, let's listen for the movement of the Spirit inviting us to hear, and see, and feel God's presence in our midst.

Let's worship!

OPENING PRAYER Susan Ivany, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 40

***HYMN** VU #822 All People That on the Earth Do Dwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 42

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Frances Flook, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 42

SHARING TIME Unity

THE LORD'S PRAYER VU #960 (sung)

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Beth W. Johnston, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 42

EPISTLE READING: Acts 16:16–34 (The Message)

Beaten Up and Thrown in Jail

16-18 One day, on our way to the place of prayer, a slave girl ran into us. She was a psychic and, with her fortune telling, made a lot of money for the people who owned her. She started following Paul around, calling everyone's attention to us by yelling out, "These men are working for the Most High God. They're laying out the road of salvation for you!" She did this for a number of days until Paul, finally fed up with her, turned and commanded the spirit that possessed her, "Out! In the name of Jesus Christ, get out of her!" And it was gone, just like that.

19-22 When her owners saw that their lucrative little business was suddenly bankrupt, they went after Paul and Silas, roughed them up and dragged them into the market square. Then the police arrested them and pulled them into a court with the accusation, "These men are disturbing the peace—dangerous Jewish agitators subverting our Roman law and order." By this time the crowd had turned into a restless mob out for blood.

22-24 The judges went along with the mob, had Paul and Silas's clothes ripped off and ordered a public beating. After beating them black-and-blue, they threw them into jail, telling the jailkeeper to put them under heavy guard so there would be no chance of escape. He did just that—threw them into the maximum security cell in the jail and clamped leg irons on them.

25-26 Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn't believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose.

27-28 Startled from sleep, the jailer saw all the doors swinging loose on their hinges. Assuming that all the prisoners had escaped, he pulled out his sword and was about to do himself in, figuring he was as good as dead anyway, when Paul stopped him: "Don't do that! We're all still here! Nobody's run away!"

29-31 The jailer got a torch and ran inside. Badly shaken, he collapsed in front of Paul and Silas. He led them out of the jail and asked, "Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?" They said, "Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus. Then you'll live as you were meant to live—and everyone in your house included!"

³²⁻³⁴ They went on to spell out in detail the story of the Master—the entire family got in on this part. They never did get to bed that night. The jailer made them feel at home, dressed their wounds, and then—he couldn’t wait till morning!—was baptized, he and everyone in his family. There in his home, he had food set out for a festive meal. It was a night to remember: He and his entire family had put their trust in God; everyone in the house was in on the celebration.

HYMN VU #402 We Are One

GOSPEL READING: John 17:20–26 (The Message)

Jesus praying for his followers.

²⁰⁻²³ I’m praying not only for them

But also for those who will believe in me

Because of them and their witness about me.

The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—

Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,

So they might be one heart and mind with us.

Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.

The same glory you gave me, I gave them,

So they’ll be as unified and together as we are—

I in them and you in me.

Then they’ll be mature in this oneness,

And give the godless world evidence

That you’ve sent me and loved them

In the same way you’ve loved me.

²⁴⁻²⁶ Father, I want those you gave me

To be with me, right where I am,

So they can see my glory, the splendor you gave me,

Having loved me

Long before there ever was a world.

Righteous Father, the world has never known you,

But I have known you, and these disciples know

That you sent me on this mission.

I have made your very being known to them—

Who you are and what you do—

And continue to make it known,

So that your love for me
Might be in them
Exactly as I am in them.

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.**

REFLECTION Freedom

COMMUNITY PRAYERS Perry Wilson, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 68 (adapted)
We want you to...."
"Wake us up, Lord!

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Andy Beck & David Hamilton

MEMORIAL LEGACY TREE

OFFERING INVITATION Frances Flook, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 43 (adapted)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Frances Flook, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 43 (adapted)
**Loving God, we present our gifts, pleased to be a part of your mission,
and excited to share with those around us. May these offerings speak
to the world of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN MV #135 Called by Earth and Sky

COMMISSIONING David Sparks, Gathering L/E 2016 pg 44
We cannot keep the hope of the Easter Season to ourselves.
In the challenges, we will proclaim Christ risen.
In the testing times, we will proclaim Christ risen.
This is not a message for the faint-hearted!
Among the poor and powerless, we will proclaim Christ risen.

Among the bullies and the powerful ones, we will proclaim Christ risen
This is an event to change each one of us.
Through acts of compassion, we will proclaim Christ risen.
Through a humble attitude to living, we will proclaim Christ risen.
For we cannot keep the hope of the Easter Season to ourselves.

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.**

POSTLUDE Holy, Holy, Holy

J.B. Dykes,
Arranged by Frank W. Asper
