

Kincardine United Church

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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 Miniature Suite for Organ – Prelude Healey Willan

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane Alberta

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As the church has greeted one another over the millennia,

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

(and also with you.)

I would invite you to share that peace with one another in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Miniature Suite for Organ – Trio Healey Willan

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Juanita Austin, Salmon Arm, B.C.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We pay attention to what is behind us...

and we notice God's presence.

We pay attention to what is beside us....

and we know that God is here.

We notice what is before us...

and realize that the path is unclear,

but we know Christ's promise.

No matter who we are,

no matter where we come from,

no matter where we are going...

the kingdom of God is near.

So we gather to worship,

taught by Christ,

moved the Spirit.

loved by God.

Richard Bott, Vancouver B.C.

OPENING PRAYER

God, as we are gathered here in this house of worship, this place of your Spirit and our spirits, may we be open to your holy presence.

May you find a path through all the baggage and clutter we have carried here so that you can come and sit with us –

To teach, to heal, to challenge,

to renew us for the journey.

May we go from this place with burdens lifted and faith strengthened.

We pray in Jesus name. Amen

John Moses, Aylesford U.C., Aylesford, N.S.

HYMN VU 651 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Saving God,

We are your people,

yet we do not show this to the world.

We are your children,

yet we turn our backs on you.

**We are your voice, yet we are silent.
We are your body,
yet we walk away from you.
Forgive us for not trusting you.
Forgive us for ignoring you.
Help us to praise you Help us to find peace.**
(silent prayer)
Amen

SHARING TIME What Is God Like by Rachel Held Evans and Matthew Paul Turer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

HYMN VU 600 When I Needed a Neighbour

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42

DOXOLOGY

MEDITATION: THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Lord, Can You Hear Us Prayin?
Words Don Besig & Nancy Price, Music by Don Besig

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (responsive)

Lord,
If we could share our plenty with those who have so little,

it would not be enough.

If we could share our gifts and talents with those who need them so badly,

it would not be enough.

If we could share our faith with those who a spiritual life and a spiritual home,

it would not be enough to thank you, O Most Loving God, for all you have given us.

Amen.

David Sparks, Penticton, B.C.

HYMN VU 424 May The God of Hope Go with us

BENEDICTION Bob Roote, Mark St. U.C. Peterborough, Ont.

SONG OF COMMITMENT

POSTLUDE Miniature Suite for Organ – Finale

Healey Willan