



Kincardine United Church

4th Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021 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** Prelude (Op. 156, No. 10)

*G. Merkel*

## **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 unceded 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** Leibster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier

*Paul Fey*

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Welcome to this live streamed worship which reflects Love's possibilities.

Come to discover the rainbow assurance in this PIE Day.

**We come to worship Love's promise:**

**the risen Christ's *public* declaration of inclusion for all;**

**the Spirit's push and encouragement to *intentionally* celebrate each one;**

**the bubbling of God's *explicit* grace of belonging and of becoming.**

Come as the rainbow people of God.

**We come as we learn how to shine our unique gifts, our diversity of being  
and our variety of faithfully following.**

We come as many and as one, gathered in prayer with God:

**Loving God, relax the tension at our differences through your touch.**

**May you embrace us with your healing power to make us whole.**

**May you whisper to us the breadth of our belonging within your heart.**

**May you challenge our exclusion of those we perceive as different,**

**that we may grow into the expansive landscape of your loving.**

**Walk with us this morning, we pray,**

**as walls crumble within and between us. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 559** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Silent Prayer*)

**SHARING TIME** "A Slice of the PIE?"

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,**

**may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,**

**may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;**

**and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**VOICES UNITED 831** Part One only Psalm 107:1-9

**\*MORE VOICES 89** Love Is the Touch Tune: SLANE (#642 VU)

**BIBLE READING** Ephesians 2:1-10 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

2<sup>1-6</sup> It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah. 7-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

**DOXOLOGY** Sing Your Praise to God Eternal #244 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)

**Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son,**

**sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.**

**God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.**

**God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.**

**MEDITATION** Journey Is Not Just a Band

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** Great, Great Morning *Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Joseph Martin*

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

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

**We bring these gifts representing our time, our talent and our treasure.**

**May you knit them – and us – together into a shawl of love and inclusion,**

**blessing the world for your mission one act of love at a time. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 365** Jesus Loves Me

### **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT 298** When You Walk from Here

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,**

**walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.**

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune in D Major

*Henry Purcell*