



Kincardine United Church

Lent 1

March 1, 2019 10:30 a.m.

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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 St. Peter

H. Willan

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously
the commitments made to First Nations communities
through the national Truth and Reconciliation
Commission Report,
especially through the Calls to Action
to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,
that we gather for worship
on the traditional territories**

of the Saugeen Ojibway,
and the other Indigenous peoples
who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality,
and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Jesus, Our Redeemer

Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come from within life's wilderness, starving for sustenance,
longing for meaning, seduced by power.

**We come to be fed by the Word of God,
to find meaning in our encounter with the risen Christ,
to be strengthened by the *Spirit's* power.**

Come even as we are tempted to follow the open road of ego and of hubris.

**We come to recognise in one another a community of faith,
a family which follows the path less travelled.**

Come as we commune with God in prayer:

**Every moment, O God,
we seek to root ourselves in your heart.**

**When the challenges of life drain us,
when we see little hope for the future,
when we just want to throw up our arms in despair,
we come to listen and to share stories of people of faith,
we come to be inspired by the Spirit's unpredictable movement,
we come to find the companion for which we long
in the living Christ walking every moment beside us.**

We come, as we pray, that you may fill us anew. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 112 O God, How We Have Wandered

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Voices United pg. 759 Psalm 32

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME GIVING During Lent

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 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 from the paraphrase *The Message*

***VOICES UNITED** 271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

BIBLE READING Matthew 4:1-11 from the New Testament page 3

DOXOLOGY Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United verse 5 only
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
in heaven above and earth below;
one God, three persons we adore –
be praises given forevermore.

MEDITATION Innocence, Naiveté or Wisdom?

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Down to the River to Pray

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)
We don't offer our power and our privilege;
we offer our humility at your call.
We don't offer the talents we hire;
we offer our talented selves.
We don't offer empty words;
we offer our hearts to Jesus' Way of loving justice.
Bless us and all we offer, O God,
that we may be transformed through our sharing. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 65 When We Are Tested (Tune: SLANE #642 VU)

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT**

I Have Called You by Your Name #161 More Voices
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

The Prince of Denmark's March

J. Clarke