Kincardine United Church Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025 11:00 a.m.

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Prelude

<u>Welcome</u>

Acknowledgement of the Land

One: We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation.

All: The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

One: 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.

All: Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –

a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.

One: We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

All: Therefore, we 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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: and also with you.

GOD GATHERS US

<u>Introit</u>

Silent Meditation:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

<u>Call to Worship</u>: As part of our traditions on Sunday morning, we share in our responsive call to worship (based on Psalm 99)

L: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth quake!

L: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He.

L: The King in His might loves justice; You have established equity.

All: You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!

All: Holy is He!

L: Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon His name.

All: They called to the Lord, and He answered them.

L: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His testimonies and the statute He gave them.

All: O Lord our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

L: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; All: For the Lord our God is holy!

Prayer of Approach:

Hymn: VU 664 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Prayer of Confession: (~Rev. Mindi as posted on Rev-o-lution)

L: Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully.

All: We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,

and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

L: You have given us a love more fully

than anything we could experience in this world

All: but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,

and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Together: Forgive us. Call us back to You

that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

L: May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; All: may we rise up, and not be afraid.

Together: In the name of Jesus,

who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Grace: (~Rev. Mindi as posted on Rev-o-lution)

Sharing Time:

The Lord's Prayer VU 960

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture Readings (CEV): Exodus 34:29-35²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai, carrying the Ten Commandments. His face was shining brightly because the LORD had been speaking to him. But Moses did not know at first that his face was shining. ³⁰ When Aaron and the others looked at Moses, they saw this, and they were afraid to go near him. ³¹ Moses called out for Aaron and the leaders to come to him, and he spoke with them. ³² Then the rest of the people of Israel gathered around Moses, and he gave them the laws that the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ The face of Moses kept shining, and after he had spoken with the people, he covered his face with a veil. ³⁴ Moses would always remove the veil when he went into the sacred tent to speak with the LORD. And when he came out, he would tell the people everything the LORD had told him to say. ³⁵ They could see that his face was still shining. So after he had spoken with them, he would put the veil back on and leave it on until the next time he went to speak with the LORD.

Hymn: VU 312 Praise With Joy the World's Creator

Scripture Readings (CEV):

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2¹² This wonderful hope makes us feel like speaking freely. ¹³ We are not like Moses. His face was shining, but he covered it to keep the people of Israel from seeing the brightness fade away. ¹⁴ The people were stubborn, and something still keeps them from seeing the truth when the Law is read. Only Christ can take away the covering that keeps them from seeing.

¹⁵ When the Law of Moses is read, they have their minds covered over ¹⁶ with a covering that is removed only for those who turn to the Lord. ¹⁷ The Lord and the Spirit are one and the same, and the Lord's Spirit sets us free. ¹⁸ So our faces are not covered. They show the bright glory of the Lord, as the Lord's Spirit makes us more and more like our glorious Lord.

4 God has been kind enough to trust us with this work. This is why we never give up. ² We don't do shameful things that must be kept secret. And we don't try to fool anyone or twist God's message around. God is our witness that we speak only the truth, so others will be sure we can be trusted.

Doxology MV 104 (sung 2X) "Know That God Is Good"

Know that God is good, know that God is good,

know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

Meditation: The Servant Leader

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Community Prayers

<u>Anthem</u>

Offertory Invitation & Prayer of Dedication:

L: God of Transformation, we gather as those who have encountered You on the mountaintop. In those sacred moments, we have felt Your presence so deeply

that we long to remain in that place, set apart from the world. Yet we know that Your call is not to stay but to go. As we bring our gifts today, offered in gratitude for Your blessings, remind us that our true mission begins as we step beyond this place. May the memories of our mountaintop encounters sustain us, guiding our hearts and hands in service.

All: We pray boldly in the name of Jesus. Amen

Hymn: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)

Benediction:

Song of Commitment VU 964 Go Now in Peace (sung 2X)

Postlude