

# Kincardine United Church

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

March 5, 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** I Call to Thee BWV 634 J.S. Bach

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation;

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

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. We regret the loss of those who served.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation - a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

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

**We thus 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**

As we gather in this special season of Lent, sharing the journey of the Apostles, as they travelled the road to Calvary with the Christ, trusting in God's purpose, let us share the peace of Christ which accompanies each one of us on the journeys we undertake in His name -

May The Peace of Christ be with you....  
**And also with you.**

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** I Call to Thee Marcel Dupré

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

For it is God who has said, "Let the light which has shone in our hearts, shine out of the darkness to give the Light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Cor. 4: 6)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into our sanctuary, the safe place, where we renew our sense of belonging in this faithful community. Share in our Worship, nourish your heart and soul, spread joy in following our Lord.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**We come here today to share in this long journey which Christ Jesus must make towards Calvary. We do not always understand Your words, because our eyes and ears are so wrapped up in today we close off what lies ahead. Help us to walk with You on this lonely road. We know that Your words of love and forgiveness are ever before us, even as we seek your strength in the gentleness and acceptance of Your unconditional love, and so turn to trust the knowledge of Your blessings in the light of this darkened world. Amen.**

**VOICES UNITED #371** Open My Eyes That I May See

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

My friends, let us remind each other that there is no remorse unnoticed, no deed or act that cannot be forgiven. No making of amends, sacrificial giving, or kindness

escapes God's awareness. Accept the mercy of Christ Jesus and know that nothing can separate us from the love of our Creator. (Jani Francis, St. Andrew's U.C., Indian Head, Sask.)

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In these dark days of anxiety and worry, we often wake up and ignore the sunshine – our daily gift from you, O Loving Creator, through clouds, rain, fog - it shines for us and we know that it is there; a Light for us to see each day, a Light for us to share with all whom we meet, - all because of Your loving heart. We are given the opportunity to share this special Light with all the people we meet - and this sharing continues to spread your Love and acceptance and forgiveness throughout our days, to all our neighbours, for all future time.

### **SHARING TIME – When We Are Kind**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sing together*):**

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**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Let us open our hearts to the Word of God, our ears to the call of God,  
and our hearts to the love of God, Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE READING** Gen. 12: 1-4a in the Old Testament (NRSV)

**12** Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

**VOICES UNITED #679** Let There Be Light

#### **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 121 (*read responsively*)

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills, From whence does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, Who made Heaven and Earth.

**R: He will not let your foot be moved, He who keeps will not slumber**

**Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade on

Your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day,

Nor the moon by night.

**R: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in,**

**From this day forth and forevermore.**

**DOXOLOGY Love is the Touch VU #89 Tune: SLANE VU #642**

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and son;**

**love is the kingdom**

**their will has begun;**

**love is the path which the saints all have trod;**

**God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**PRAYER BEFORE MEDITATION**

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of all our hearts be acceptable in  
Your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

**MEDITATION EXPECTATIONS!!!!**

**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM** We Are Not Alone

*Peter Choplin (ASCAP)*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**As we give, so are we given; where our time and talents are useful and used,  
so may we see the values of others' offerings; where we hold out the hand of  
family, may we welcome with joy all of those who are seeking a home. We are  
ALL God's children.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**VOICES UNITED #376 Spirit of the Living God**

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #662 Lead Me God**

**Lead me, God,  
lead me in your righteousness;  
make your way plain before my face.  
For it is you, and you, God only,  
who makes me to dwell in safety.**

**POSTLUDE** Festival Postlude Paul Fey