



Kincardine United Church

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 7, 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 I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to the First nation 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

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Dearest Jesus, We are Here, to Hear Thy Word *Marcel Dupré*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

The Church is not....

A place.

The church is not

A building.

The church is.....

Christ's people.

Christ's body.

Christ's love alive in the world.

As disciples of Christ,

We live in the world;

We love in the world;

And as we serve all children's,

We live God's love.

Serving with our hands.

Serving with our hearts.

Serving with our lives.

Richard Bott, Vancouver, BC

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(in unison)*

Giver of life, we arrive electronically this morning,

Seeking sanctuary.

Are you here in our homes, across the internet?

**Are you here, in the voices of our leaders, our family, and in the
 communion of saints who have gone before?**

Are you here in our singing, in our praying, in our silence?

(pause, breathe)

You are here with each of us,

As you are everywhere,

And we are here....

And so let us find you here

As we breathe in your presence...

(pause, breathe)

Let us settle ourselves in our places,

But let us not become too settled.

May we be open to the movement of the Spirit.

May we hear the words you have for us today.

May we know the direction you are nudging us toward as we walk this Lenten path.

Sheryl Spencer, Mount Forest P.C., Mount Forest, Ont.

HYMN VU #142 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Forgive us, Holy One, when:

**we envy other people's success,
we allow jealousy to enter our hearts and
we make assumptions about others.**

We let ourselves believe that our burdens are greater than anyone else's.

Be patient and merciful, O God, in the moments when we feel we are wasting our time by doing what is good and right – when no one else seems to care.

It's so easy to feel naive, left out, silly and unrewarded.

Help us accept those moments when we are tempted to think that our faith doesn't help us, that bullies will always get first place, and that injustice is just part of life.

Help us and stir us up, O God, with your compassionate love.

Amen

Christine LeBlanc, East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont.

SHARING TIME You Are Mine Max Lucado

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

**Our Father who are 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

RESPONSIVE PSALM #19 – Page 740 of Voices United
Singing refrain 2 at the beginning and end.

HYMN VU #686 God of Grace and God of Glory

BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 1 18-25

**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 The Foolishness of the Cross

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM O Lord, Increase My Faith

Orlando Gibbons

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Teach us God, to offer
The very best of who we are
In the service of your will
Through the mission of this church:
May we offer hope,
May we offer joy,
May we offer reconciliation,
In a world so much in need
Receive what we give
For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen

Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, Ont.

HYMN MV # 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT

When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's
humble care.

POSTLUDE In Thee is Gladness

Marcel Dupré