



Kincardine United Church

2nd Sunday after Lent

March 8, 2020 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

Kyrie

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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

MUSICAL INTROIT Voluntary I

Stanley

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP

(from a service commemorating the 80th anniversary of Lydia Gruchy's ordination)

Darkness is a wonder to be explored,
 full of Holy Mystery.
 In the dark, we can find comfort and rest.
 In the night, we are reminded of how a candlelight
 is a small and mighty flicker of resilience and resistance.
(pause for lighting of Christ Candle)

**We gather today to worship the One
 who surprises us with wonder,
 who challenges our comfort,
 and who supports our resilience.
 We follow the One who says "I am the light" -
 always.**

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** Spirit Dancing 388 Voices United

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

May we confess, as Jesus did in the wilderness.
 Gracious God forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness,
 and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy.
 In both we have failed ourselves, and you.
 Bring us back to that place where our journey began,
 when we said that we would follow you.

Silence

Let us confess together...
**Holy One, who is able to make all things new,
 we are thankful for the gift of each day
 being an opportunity to do better, to be better.
 We ask forgiveness for wanting new life
 without being willing to die to old ways of being.
 Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible.
 Midwife our spirits,
 that we may be born into a new state of consciousness;
 that we may be born from above.**

SHARING TIME Wonder(ful) Women!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say 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

HEBREW LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a page 10 in the Old Testament

***MORE VOICES** 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:1-17 page 93 in the New Testament

DOXOLOGY Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty verse 4 only VU#315
Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea,
holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SERMON Life in the Whole

ANTHEM Lead Me Lord

S.S. Wesley

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**OFFERING INVITATION****OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

New life is your gift to us, O God; may these gifts bring new life.
Hope to the despairing,
confidence to the faltering,
peace to the suffering,
faith to the doubting,
a word to the questioning,
a light for the dying.
Bless these our gifts, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ,
your blessing for us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN** God Says 172 More Voices

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

SONG OF COMMITMENT Three Things I Promise MV176 verse 1

Three Things I promise, Holy God,
In age and youth, in life and death;
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

POSTLUDE Fugue

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