

Kincardine United Church

5th Sunday after Easter

May 15, 2022 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 Prelude in D Major G. Merkel

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

As we begin our worship, this morning, we are mindful that First Nations peoples lived and walked on this land for thousands of years before European settlers arrived on these shores.

The Doctrine of Discovery was a mistaken concept of Western European Empires that justified their taking over territory that had been occupied by Indigenous peoples and that was central to their lives and their deep spirituality.

Settlers had the mistaken belief that they were called to spread the gospel to the peoples they conquered, even if they had to use coercion and force to do so. They forgot that the gospel calls us to love all God's peoples. Our belief led us to ignore the wisdom of those who had inhabited these lands before we came, despite their generous efforts to help us and teach us their ways. We did not respect our obligations under treaties with Indigenous peoples. For this this we are truly sorry.

The United Church of Canada has pledged to walk the long road to reconciliation with the original peoples of our land. We are all treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836. We acknowledge that we are meeting on the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibway nations and the indigenous peoples who preceded them. We are committed to grow into living in respect on this land, walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship, while honouring all peoples who live, work and worship on it.

Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

GOD GATHERS US

Musical Introit Prelude in B Flat J.C. Kittel

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

As we continue our Easter journey, we come in joy and anticipation to hear the good news of resurrection.

Jesus lived, died and was resurrected to demonstrate the immeasurable love of God for all his people.

Whether we gather in this Sanctuary or come electronically, we seek to understand the immensity of Jesus' sacrifice, the fathomless love which Jesus revealed throughout his life, death and resurrection.

Gracious and loving God, help us, we pray, that we may have the strength and courage to live lives of hope and love, building healthy relationships at home, in our community of faith and in the wider community. Let us seek peace, equality and justice in all we do or say. Be with us as we strive to live as you would have us live, knowing you are always with us. Amen

***Voices United 574** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Assurance of Grace

Prayer of Confession (*silent prayer*)

Sharing Time "I am Love"

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Bible Reading John 13: 31 -35 from New Testament page 108 in NRSV

***Voices United 333** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Bible Reading: Acts 11: 1-18 from New Testament page 130 in NRSV

Doxology: Love is the Touch #89 in More Voices (*verse 4 only*)

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.

Meditation “Love, The Work of a Lifetime”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Community Prayers

Choir Anthem We Are Not Alone
 Words & Music: Peter Choplin (ASCAP)

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

Our work for a lifetime, God, is to obey your commandment to love one another as you love us. Bless the gifts we bring from the bounty you have provided, that we may share together with our sisters and brothers throughout your creation our commitment to be true disciples of the Way of love. Amen

***Voices United 678** For the Healing of the Nations

Benediction

Song of Commitment I Have Called You by Your Name
 #161 More Voices (*verse 4 only*)

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 Prelude in d minor J.S. Bach