

# Kincardine United Church

## Celebration of Life Hymn Sing

May 28, 2023 11:00 a.m.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

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**PRELUDE** There is a Balm in Gilead

*African American Spiritual. Arr. James Pethel and Stan Pethel*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**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.

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Prelude *J.C. Kittel*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**HYMN VU #395 Come In, Come In And Sit Down (vs. 1 - 3)**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**SPONSORED BY**

Parents Bert & Hazel Bell  
Grandparents Edwin & Elizabeth Bell  
and Thomas & Bertha Donaldson

Marilyn Buffo

Gregg McClelland, Glen Holmes  
And our parents

Rad & Debbie Michielson

**LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE**

**READING: WE ALL NEED A TREE TO HANG OUR TROUBLES ON**

**HYMN VU #575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs. 1 - 3)**

<b><u>IN MEMORY OF</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSORED BY</u></b>
Stan Clements and Stan and Elsie Furlonger	Jackie Clements
wife Ruth Eyre & daughter Carol Eyre	Don Eyre

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Friends, we gather this day, either in person or by ZOOM, to celebrate life –**

**The life we have been given by God,**

**The life we share with one another in community,**

**The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

**Let us be grateful for the joy of life,**

**And let us worship God.**

**Welcome this day to the house of our God.**

**We are greeted in peace and in love**

**Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator**

**We worship in hope and with grace**

**Welcome this day to our community of faith**

**Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**So friends, let us worship God.**

**Amen**

**HYMN VU #574 Come, Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love (vs. 1-3)**

<b><u>IN MEMORY OF</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSORED BY</u></b>
Karen Nancekivell, Glen Holmes, Gregg McClelland, Ron Elliott, and Stu Mowry	Jack Nancekivell
Dotty's parents – Harold & Mildred Fenton	Dotty McClelland

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Almighty God, we remember those who in times past,  
lived in our midst and walked in your way;**

**Those who were responsible for directing our steps into your way and  
opening our eyes to your truth;**

**Those who inspired our hearts by their daily witness and strengthened our wills by their faith and courage.**

We give thanks for their lives dedicated to your service.

**We honour them both in their living and in their dying.**

Keep us in faith and fellowship with them,  
as they follow Christ and finally unite us with them in the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Amen

**HYMN VU #412 This is the Day (vs.1 - 3)**

<u><b>IN MEMORY OF</b></u>	<u><b>SPONSORED BY</b></u>
Our son Paul Cox, and Our brother-in-laws: Cliff Gussie and Ray Rathwell	Lee and Sharon Cox
Norman, Anne & Andrew Perry	Emily Perry

**PRAYER**

**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.

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**The peace of Christ be with you**  
And also with you.

**HYMN VU #713 I See a New Heaven (vs. 1 - 3)**

<u><b>IN MEMORY OF</b></u>	<u><b>SPONSORED BY</b></u>
husband Murray, and parents Cliff & Elizabeth Geddes	Jean Johnson
Murray Johnson, co-founder of Kincardine Farmer's Market	Janice McKean & Art Wiebe

**BIBLE READING:** John 3:12 - 16 (New Revised Standard Version)

**HYMN VU #238 How Great Thou Art (vs. 1 - 3)**

<b><u>IN MEMORY OF</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSORED BY</u></b>
Uncle: Norman White Parents: Helen & Ray Butcher, and Joan and Wilf Brown Friends: Betty & Bill Bowman	Howard and Marion Brown
Father: Whitney Stevens	Melinda Smegal

**SHARING TIME: TOOTHPASTE**

Donna Mowry

**HYMN VU #577 I've Got Peace Like A River (vs. 1 - 3)**

<b><u>IN MEMORY OF</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSORED BY</u></b>
husband Glen Holmes friends Ruth Ingard and Bob & Betty Johnston	Elaine Holmes
Husband: Ron Elliott Niece: Joanne Timmins Brother: Ian Watt Friend: Stu Mowry	Sheila Elliott

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good".  
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O Lord, you are our shepherd,  
and yet we want.  
We lie down when we could act,  
we stir the pot when we could offer peace,  
we wander tempting paths instead of following you.  
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.  
We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance,  
we pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,  
so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**God forgives and heals us.**

God's desire is to restore us in grace and love.

**May we trust this and live as forgiven people**

so we might offer that forgiveness to others.      Amen

**HYMN VU #375 Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness (vs. 1 - 3)**

<u><b>IN MEMORY OF</b></u>	<u><b>SPONSORED BY</b></u>
Diana Stephens	Gerry Stephens
Don Maus	Sue Maus

**READING: THE SHEPHERD**

**BIBLE READING: Psalm 23- A Psalm of David –  
(New International Version)**

**DOXOLOGY: Gloria Patri**

**HYMN VU #639 One More Step Along the World I Go  
(vs. 1 – 3)**

<u><b>IN MEMORY OF</b></u>	<u><b>SPONSORED BY</b></u>
husband Wib Burnside, brother Alex MacDonald and brother-in-law John Burnside	Helen Burnside
Ken Willoughby, Evelyn & Kelvin Henderson and Ronald Henderson	Pat Porter

**READING: I THINK OF YOU**

**HYMN VU #710 Shall We Gather at the River (vs. 1 - 3)**

<u><b>IN MEMORY OF</b></u>	<u><b>SPONSORED BY</b></u>
husband John Buffo Sisters Audrey Weiss & Betty Moulton and brother Clayton Bell	Marilyn Buffo
Bert Cribbis	Randy & Joan Norris

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Father, as we are gathered here today to remember our loved ones, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our lives.**

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**Open our EYES, to see the needs of the people around us, especially those who still have grief in their souls.**

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**Open our EARS, to hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and through the people who have been and continue to be an influence on our lives.**

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**Open our HANDS, to do our work well, to help when help is needed and to hold the torch of our Christian ancestors high.**

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**Open our LIPS, to tell the good news and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people as our friends in Christ did for us.**

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**Open our HEARTS, to love you and everyone around us as You have loved us.**

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

**HYMN VU #173 Thine is the Glory (vs.1 - 3)**

<b><u>IN MEMORY OF</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSORED BY</u></b>
<b>our parents Cliff &amp; Alice Knowles and Harry &amp; Mary McKenzie</b>	<b>Ralph &amp; Mary-Ann Knowles</b>
<b>Barry, Ruth &amp; Dennis Chisnell</b>	<b>Judy &amp; Jim Zarubick</b>

**READING – THE WOMAN AND THE FORK**

HYMN VU #289 It Only Takes A Spark (vs. 1 - 3)

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>SPONSORED BY</u>
Our mothers Audrey Hazlewood and Marie Moody	Angela & Don Hazlewood

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord, we are thankful for your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in you. You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy, you have given us so much. We offer our gifts (our time, talent and treasure) to continue to share your love in our church, our community and the world. Please now take our gifts and use them for your kingdom and your glory. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN VU #675 Will Your Anchor Hold (vs 1 - 3)

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>SPONSORED BY</u>
husband & best friend Gregg McClelland	Dotty McClelland & Family
Gregg McClelland	Friday morning coffee group: Bob Findlayson, Dan Roy, Jim Zarubick, Howard Brown, Ron Harris and Lee Cox

**PRAYER**

HYMN - Go Now in Peace

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>SPONSORED BY</u>
Stuart Mowry	Donna Mowry
Mike & Olga Zarubick	Jim & Judy Zarubick

**BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING by Saint Patrick**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT: Verse 4 from MV #150, Spirit God**

**POSTLUDE The Church's One Foundation**

*Samuel S. Wesley Arr. James Pethel and Stan Pethel*