



Kincardine United Church
5th Sunday after Easter
May 2, 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

Ave Maria d'Arcadelt

F. Liszt

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

We begin our worship this morning by acknowledging the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken – with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Jesus, Our Redeemer *D. Buxtehude*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this space God fills with love through our risky relationships.

Even when we are separated physically and only connected digitally?

The risen Christ's invitation knows no boundaries of space or time

because God who is love is the very ground of our being.

We come eagerly for such love,

love which overflows and pools us together, united by the Spirit.

Come into that space of love which fills us and that enlivens us in prayer:

Your invitation, O God, answers our yearning for faith-filled connection.

When we feel drained and empty, fill us with understanding and compassion.

Teach us that shared love is multiplied because we trust you are the centre.

Open us to both the pain and the new life that love provides –

the Way of Jesus which is our becoming through wholeness. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED** 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Spreading Smiles

THE LORD'S PRAYER (We Sing)

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

BIBLE READING 1st John 4:7-11 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

7-10 My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God *is* love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God. ¹¹ My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other.

***VOICES UNITED 602** Blest Be the Tie that Binds

BIBLE READING 1st John 4:12-21 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

¹² My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love! ¹³⁻¹⁶ This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

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 Bowled Over by Love

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Do Lord *Spiritual Arr. Connie Hanes, Beryl Davis,
Rhonda Flemming, Jane Russell and Lynn Murray*

*Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, O Lordy,
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me,
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue.
I gotta home in glory land that outshines the sun (O Lordy),
I gotta home in glory land that outshines the sun (outshines the sun),
I gotta home in glory land that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.
I took Jesus for my saviour you take him too (Oh Lordy),
I took Jesus for my saviour you take him too (you take him too),
I took Jesus for my saviour you take him too, way beyond the blue.
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, O Lordy,
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me,
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue.
If you can't bear the cross, then you can't wear the crown (O Lordy),
If you can't bear the cross, then you can't wear the crown (can't wear the crown),
If you can't bear the cross then you can't wear the crown, way beyond the blue.
Now I'm goin' up to glory, open the gates,
Now I'm goin' up to glory, open the gates,
Now I'm goin' up to glory, open the gates, way beyond the blue.
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, O Lordy,
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me,
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me,
up in heaven way beyond the blue. Lord!*

MINUTE FOR MISSION**OFFERING INVITATION****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*in unison*)

In love we give, O God, so that in our giving we share abundance.

Bless what we offer this morning,

taking the rainbow colours of our selves and our gifts,

painting vibrant relationships of love on the canvass of life.

By your blessing, may we multiply the joy of sharing. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 298 When You Walk from Here

When you walk from here, when you walk from here,

walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major, The Fanfare Fugue J. S. Bach