

Kincardine United Church

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 2023 11:00 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 Three Liturgical Preludes Number 1 George Oldroyd

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash –
now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Three Liturgical Preludes Number 2 George Oldroyd

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this brave space of faith alive as the failures you are.
Come into this transformative space of resurrection as the successes you equally are.

Are you tearing us down while building us up at the same time?

Aren't you supposed to welcome us in, so we feel at home?

Actually, I'm recognizing how each of us – how all of us – are constantly becoming.

In our becoming, we both blow it and nail it. Let me say this, then.

Come into this brave and transformative space as clay on God's potting wheel.

You're inviting us to trust the hands of the risen Christ to shape us?

That can be a little scary to give up our control.

Let us come together, then, as we pray:

God who loves us into wholeness, open us to your shaping.

Self-giving Christ who models the Way of Love, walk with us in our becoming.

Transformative Spirit who pushes us to unexpected places,

drive us to become evermore part of loving community.

Teach us how to grow in goodness through each day and in every way. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 340** Jesus, Friend of Little Children

SHARING TIME

"A Good Deed Can Grow"

by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman and illustrated by Holly Hatam

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 John 14:1-3 in the New Testament

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

MORE VOICES 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

BIBLE READING John 14:4-7 in the New Testament

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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BIBLE READING John 14:8-11 in the New Testament

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show

us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

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BIBLE READING John 14:12-14 in the New Testament
¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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BIBLE READING 1st Peter 2:2-10 in the New Testament
² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

DOXOLOGY #89 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.

PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION

REFLECTION "BEING of the Mind of Christ"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM

Anxious for Nothing

Joe E. Parks

LEGACY GIVING AND OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

In your shaping us each day, O God, may your shaping bless us and transform us.
Take what we offer of our time, our talents and our treasure,
blessing them for your mission in the world –
both right here at home and throughout the world. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 670** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT Lead Me, God # 662 *Voices United*

Lead me, God, lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me to dwell in safety.

POSTLUDE

The Emperor's Fanfare

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