

Kincardine United Church
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 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 Prelude in D Minor J. C. Kittel

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (#2)

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 traditional 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 Prelude in D Major J. C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Tree branches are becoming more and more barren,
but the ground is carpeted with a bounty of glorious colour.

**We come into this worship space – both digitally and in person –
to worship God who showers us with blessing upon blessing.**

Gathering the fallen leaves into one glorious mountain of possibility,
we run with abandon, jumping into the air
and landing gleefully while cushioned by that pile.

**We come in joy to celebrate the risen Christ who gathers us for wonder,
who encourages us to rejoice at the plenty within our living.**

Played out, we grin though winded, delighting in taking a chance on life.

We come to give thanks for God's goodness,

for the promise that connects life to new life by the Spirit's power.

Let us lift our voices as one in prayer, giving thanks to God who is One:

Thank you, loving God, for the lavish gifts of life in community:

for the people who love us and whom we love in return;

for the challenges that inspire us to learn and to grow;

for the disputes which encourage us to engage in dialogue;

for the time, talent and treasure allowing us to live fully and faithfully.

As we have received from you, may we also share with others in love. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 327 All Praise to Thee**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME A Gift Without PAR

LORD'S PRAYER (#4)

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,**

may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Samuel 1:11-20 from the paraphrase *The Message*.
Then Hannah made a vow: Oh, GOD, If you'll take a good, hard look at my pain, if you'll quit neglecting me and go into action for me by giving me a son, I'll give him completely, unreservedly to you. I'll set him apart for a life of holy discipline. ¹²⁻¹⁴ It so happened that as she continued in prayer before GOD, Eli was watching her closely. Hannah was praying in her heart, silently. Her lips moved, but no sound was heard. Eli jumped to the conclusion that she was drunk. He approached her and said, "You're drunk! How long do you plan to keep this up? Sober up, woman!" ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Hannah said, "Oh no, sir—please! I'm a woman broken-hearted. I haven't been drinking. Not a drop of wine or beer. The only thing I've been pouring out is my heart, pouring it out to GOD. Don't for a minute think I'm a bad woman. It's because I'm so desperately unhappy and in such pain that I've stayed here so long." ¹⁷ Eli answered her, "Go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you have asked of him." ¹⁸ "Think well of me—and pray for me!" she said, and went her way. Then she ate heartily, her face radiant. ¹⁹ Up before dawn, they worshiped GOD and returned home to Ramah. Elkanah slept with Hannah his wife, and GOD began making the necessary arrangements in response to what she had asked. ²⁰ Before the year was out, Hannah had conceived and given birth to a son. She named him Samuel, explaining, "I asked GOD for him."

***VOICES UNITED 312** Praise with Joy the World's Creator

BIBLE READING 1st Samuel 2:1-5 from the paraphrase *The Message*.
Hannah prayed:
I'm bursting with GOD-news!
I'm walking on air.
I'm laughing at my rivals.
I'm dancing my salvation.
²⁻⁵ Nothing and no one is holy like GOD,
no rock mountain like our God.

Don't dare talk pretentiously—
not a word of boasting, ever!
For GOD knows what's going on.
God takes the measure of everything that happens.
The weapons of the strong are smashed to pieces,
while the weak are infused with fresh strength.
The well-fed are out begging in the streets for crusts,
while the hungry are getting second helpings.
The barren woman has a houseful of children,
while the mother of many is bereft.

DOXOLOGY Praise with Joy the World's Creator #312 *Voices United* (verse 1 only)
**Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge, God whose grave shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.**

MEDITATION Singing Our Thanks

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM I Will Arise and Go to Jesus Early American Folk Hymn
Arr. Susan Byler, Adapted by Don Eyre

WHY I GIVE Marion and Howard Brown

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)
**Like autumn leaves rustling on the ground in rainbow colours of promise,
may you bless what we offer to nourish new life in the world,
to bring joy and delight to those with too little,
to transform our giving into a habit of abundant sharing in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 806** O God, Our Help In Ages Past

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 431 VU Sing Amen

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

**Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen we praise your name, O God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell