

Kincardine United Church

White Gift Sunday

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

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PRELUDE Liturgical Prelude Number 1

G. Oldroyd

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge the many Indigenous peoples of Canada. In particular we acknowledge that this territory is the traditional home of the Saugeen Ojibwe. We also acknowledge all nations – Indigenous and non – who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Liturgical Prelude Number 2

G. Oldroyd

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, Ont.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

As we gather for worship, what is it that we seek?

Is it words with power and beauty?

No, it lies beneath the words.

Hymns that lift our hearts?

No, its tune is deep within.

Encouragement to live well?

No, all these things are good, but the essence was declared to Israel so long ago, in these words:

“Hear O Israel, the LORD is God, the LORD alone.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

And you shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

With that in mind and that alone, let us worship God.

Rod Sykes, then at St. Andrew’s United Church, Calgary Alta.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)

Loving God, you who are the centre of all being, we begin our worship today with a thankful heart. We call to mind the many ways our lives are made better just knowing that your unconditional love and acceptance are a part of who we are. May this time together be guided by your Holy Spirit and may we be uplifted and strengthened in your love and light, so we may channel that love and light into the world. This we pray in the name of the one who is the light of world, Jesus Christ. Amen

Cheryl Henry, Sheridan. U.C., Mississauga, Ont.

VOICES UNITED #595 The Servant's Song

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we are not perfect.

We gossip and have unkind thoughts toward others.

We are impatient and lack generosity.

We are silent when we should intervene.

We shrink away when we could advocate.

Cleanse us.

Wipe away our pain.

Scrub out our sins.

Forgive us.

Refresh us.

Give us another chance to live the way you want us to.

Calm the chaos in our lives.

Calm the chaos in our minds.

Build up our hearts.

Make today a fresh start. Amen

Heather Tober, St. Paul's U.C., Oxbow, Sask.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, Alta

SHARING TIME Rabbit's Gift by George Shannon

WHITE GIFT DEDICATION

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Beth W. Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 91 – VU page 807

VOICES UNITED #589 Lord Speak To Me

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

A Call to Persevere

¹⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

DOXOLOGY VU #315 (*vrs 4*) *Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

MEDITATION Being a Barbanite

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Kathleen Honeychurch, Nanton U.C., Nanton, Alberta

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

ANTHEM Halle Halle Halle

The Iona Community 1990

OFFERING INVITATION

George Allen, Chatham, Ont.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we thank you for the blessing that these gifts will enact in the world. There will be blessings of worship, of community in Christ, of caring for others, of Christmas for our neighbours in Ripley, and of ministries empowered. For the blessing of your presence, we give thanks. Please use these gifts that we pass on to the Church, and that we pass on through the church to others around the world, that all of us may be blessed with the knowledge of your love and care in word and in deed. Amen

Allan Warren, while at Appleby U.C., Burlington, Ont.

VOICES UNITED

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May the God of Hope Go With Us

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #481 (Verse 2) Sent Forth By God's
Blessing

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living the tasks of
our everyday life we will face. Our faith every sharing in love
ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the
living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and
the name that we bear.**

POSTLUDE Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

John Behnke