

Kincardine United Church  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
&  
White Gift Sunday

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**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** Liebster Jesus BWV 731 J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (#3)**

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God.

As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

**We did not hear them when they shared their vision.**

**In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ,**

**we were closed to the value of their spirituality.**

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

**We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.**

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred,

and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

**In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day,**

that we gather for worship  
on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,  
as well as 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Liebster Jesus Marcel Dupré

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Grace to you and peace from the One who is, who was and who is to come.

**Grace to you and the peace of Jesus the Christ,  
the faithful, incarnate witness and bearer of truth.**

Lift your voices in praise and in thanksgiving!

**The end is no longer the end – for it has become the beginning.**

Shout your Hallelujahs!

**We come to renew our vision of the world**

**through the lens of peace and of justice embodied in the risen Christ.**

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning as well as the fulfillment of faith.

**We come to celebrate our becoming by worshipping the One who loves.**

Come as we pray together for God's leading and visionary inspiration:

**You, O God, are the Source of all that is.**

**You are the great "I am" within whom we are blessed.**

**Fill us with your wisdom, with your compassion**

**and with your thirst for justice and right relation.**

**Move us to pour out all with which you fill us**

**to mend the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 211** Crown Him with Many Crowns

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

**SHARING TIME** Dedicated to Reconciliation

### LORD'S PRAYER (#2)

**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

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Majesty Jack Hayford

### MASH UP OF BIBLE READING AND MORE VOICES #146

Revelation 1:4b-8 in the New Testament on page 245 and  
John 18:33-37 in the New Testament on page 113.

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.**

<sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.**

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**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** A Royal Pain

## GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE

### INVITATION (Sung throughout)

Here is the table Jesus called Love,  
gathered around by those called beloved –  
table of welcome in unity, ushering into the Trinity.  
**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.  
Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**Also with you.**

Lift up your hearts high.

**We lift them up, too.**

Let us give thanks and praise to our Lord.

**It is so right we praise with accord.**

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

Blessed be God Who caused us to be, called us to flourish, created us free,  
present wherever goodness is found, setting us firmly on holy ground.

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

Prophets of old and prophets anew, challenge us all to follow, be true.

When life's temptations hold us in thrall,  
then Jesus whispers, "Follow my call."

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

Blessed are those who under duress, greet us like manna in our wilderness,  
fill us with hope when courage is gone, give us the strength for carrying on.

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

So it was on the night he's betrayed,

Jesus did offer to those who had stayed,

bread for the journey, wine of his blood,

showing the promise: grace like a flood.

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING:**

Now let us join our hearts before God,

Giving, in prayer, our praise and our laud,

asking the Spirit blessings of light, sharing this meal as Jesus' delight.

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

### **FRACTION AND PARTAKING**

*If you are worshipping at home,*

*please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.*

*If you are worshipping here in person,*

*please take the elements you have been given and partake.*

*As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Blessed are all who here upon earth, nurture a vision and bring it to birth,  
live by the creed we boldly embrace: blessed assurance, amazing grace.

**Sing unto God a jubilant song, praising the one to whom we belong.**

**Sing of the future and of the past, Love ever present, holding us fast.**

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **DEDICATION OF OUR WHITE GIFTS**

From where did the tradition of White Gift Sunday come?

It has its roots in a small Methodist church in Ohio in 1904.

What began as a humble way to reflect on the love and devotion of the giver –  
and not the value of the gift – has grown into today's white gift services.

White Gifts take place in many churches across several denominations.

The story is told that a minister's wife initiated the idea to solve the problem  
of inequity of gifts given at the Sunday School Christmas party.

Instead of focusing on receiving gifts,

the focus shifted to bringing gifts to Jesus that could in turn be shared  
with people around the world who did not have much.

All the gifts would come wrapped in plain white paper.

That way no one would know which gift was expensive  
and which gift was more modest.

The purpose of the white wrapping was that no one would feel ashamed of their gift  
and everyone would share in the joy of giving to others.

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

**Grudgingly or joyfully, dutifully or impulsively,**

**we offer to you, O God, the work of our hands and the plenty of our hearts.**

**Bless all that we give on this White Gift Sunday,**

**making them into signs of reconciliation that live fully into our intentions.**

**Equip us by our self-giving for your reign here and now. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 213** Rejoice the Lord Is King

**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**

The Prince of Denmark's March

Jeremiah Clarke