



**Kincardine United Church**  
**Reign of Christ, Communion and White Gift Sunday**  
**November 22 2020 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 on St. Peter

*Healey Willan*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)*

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;  
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith  
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,  
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude on Dundee

*Healey Willan*

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to this safe digital space where neighbours and friends gather as one.

**We come to worship the sovereign Christ in community.**

Come to this electronic gathering where strangers and newcomers are embraced.

**We come to explore the living Christ deep in our hearts.**

Come to this Zoom-enabled place where the “other” becomes “us.”

**We come to grow relationship with those we might normally avoid,  
people like ourselves who have much to learn about loving.**

Come in prayer as we seek guidance from the One who shows us the Way:

**Risen, loving Christ, who sacrificed everything for the good news,  
move us to discover your glory within and around us.**

Send the fire of your Spirit to us now,

opening our hearts, giving wings to our understanding,

inspiring our living in the world as we welcome one another.

In the reverence of our worship, we give glory and honour to you,

praising you for your challenge to dare, your call to self-giving,

your example of sacrifice which makes new.

May the seeds you plant in our hearts flourish each day. Amen.

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

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME Shi-shi-etko

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*-Indigenous paraphrase written by Hattie C. Enos*

O Great Spirit,

You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place.

Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon.

Whatever you want done, let it also be done everywhere.

Give us your gift of bread day by day.

Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us.

Take us away from wrong doings.

Free us from all evil.

For everything belongs to you.

Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 25:31-40 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

**\*VOICES UNITED 600** When I Needed a Neighbour

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 25:41-46 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

**DOXOLOGY** KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD (sing twice)

**Know that God is good,  
Know that God is good,  
Know that God is good,  
God is good, God is good.**

**MEDITATION** Stumbling on the Way

## GOD INVITES US TO TABLE

### INVITATION

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God the Creator is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to God the Creator.**

Let us give thanks and praise to Creator God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and our praise.**

O Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.

From the place of the rising sun in the east, to the south where the warm winds blow,  
from the west where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the north.

**We unite with all Creation from the four directions to remember the story.**

Generations past live among us – our grandmothers and our grandfathers –  
whose spirits guide us and nurture us as witnesses to the story of our faith.

Just as the ancient Hebrews were led to a "Promised Land,"  
so, too, Indigenous ancestors were a wandering people.

Tracking the trails of the animals they hunted  
and venturing to the places where the plants and herbs grew,  
they followed the path you, O Creator, set for them.

**We, too, are on an everlasting journey of discovery enriched by Creator.**

Just as the ancient Hebrews overcame danger, peril and challenge in faith,  
so, too, Indigenous Peoples encountered dangers  
they could never have anticipated.

They didn't know where the journey would end,  
yet they trusted to follow bravely wherever Creator led them.

**We, too, during our darkest and most frightening moments,  
pause in memory to offer thanks for sustaining faith.**

Just as the ancient Hebrews wandered for forty years in uncertainty and fear,  
Indigenous Peoples wandered for forty times forty years,  
eventually settling into the bounty of this new land,

learning and growing through the teachings of the land.

**We, too, have settled into this bountiful land to grow and to learn.**

Just as healing reconciliation takes place within the tension of daring relationships,  
so God's own self came to show us the Way of love  
which welcomes the stranger with generosity and reckless compassion.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION**

**ANTHEM**          Majesty

*Jack W. Hayford and Jack Schrader*

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

In the brokenness of the bread and through the pouring out of the cup,  
we witness to our own brokenness and our own need for healing hope.

**We come before you, O God, lifting to you the concerns of our hearts,  
the wounds of our souls, the worries for those we love  
and prayers for strangers around the world,  
trusting that you listen and whisper your Word  
that we may hear and act.**

In silence we offer those prayers, our hearts embraced within your heart.  
(*Silent prayer*)

## **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT**

Thank you, loving God, for blessing us in our prayer.

We continue with open hearts to ask for your Spirit's blessing:

**Come, Holy Spirit, blessing what we do here,  
transforming this act into signs of life and love to one another,  
fostering reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and with one another.**

**We pray for your blessing through this bread and beverage,  
through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory be yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Please take your bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.*

*If you have others with you, serve one another in love.*

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us join together in prayer as we ask for God's blessing:

**In the power of love, O God, may you bless what we have partaken this day.**

**May the bread we have eaten feed our passion for loving-kindness.**

**May the beverage we drank empower us to drink deeply of your love.**

**May this act of coming together as one at your table,**

**motivate us to come together with all your creation.**

**Bless us with grace and with faith as disciples of the Way. Amen.**

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

## **OFFERING INVITATION**

**DEDICATION OF OUR WHITE GIFTS****OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**We return to you, O God, a portion of your extravagance given to us.  
Bless what we offer extravagantly for your mission in the world,  
blessing us in our generosity, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 579** The Church is Wherever God's People

**BENEDICTION****SONG OF COMMITMENT 424** "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**POSTLUDE** Prelude on Darwell

*Healey Willan*