

Kincardine United Church

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24th, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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

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PRELUDE Prelude in e minor BWV 555 J.S. Bach

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (responsive)

Kincardine United Church takes seriously the commitments made to First Nations communities Through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report, especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship On the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway, and 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

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

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Interlude *G. Merkel*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We carry our Christ candle with us as we live our daily lives. We carry it acknowledging our unique gifts and limitations. We carry it into our own shadows. We carry it as we live into the pathway of discipleship to which we are called. Yet sometimes we become distracted. At times, we get lost in digression. At other times, we become disillusioned and set it aside in order to go our own way.

Today we intentionally light afresh the Christ candle within us and among us, naming its light as grace, promise, hope, and full life, a strength and power for today and tomorrow. Thanks be to God.

Bill Perry, Havelock-Trent River P.C., Havelock, Ont.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We have come to the end of a journey.

A whole year has passed since we first began to wait in hope for God's reign.

We searched for baby Jesus in a palace,

But Jesus was not there.

We searched for Jesus in all the respectable places,

But Jesus was not there.

We searched for Jesus in the tomb.

But Jesus was not there. He had been raised.

We continue to search for Jesus,

And we find him, in the midst of our daily lives and often in unexpected places.

Let us open ourselves to the presence of the Holy as we mark the last day on the Christian calendar.

Beth W. Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Cheryl Stenson, Globe Road U.C., Toronto, Ont.

MORE VOICES #1 Let Us Build a House

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We swore an oath to you, O Lord, but with our actions, we do not follow through. We close our eyes each night but our minds do not sleep, they wander with thoughts of temptations.

We judge each other but Jesus teaches us to judge no one. We move through shadows but, with Jesus in our lives, we could live in the light. We confess to you, Almighty God, that we, as humans, are not perfect in how we treat our neighbours, how we treat ourselves and how we treat your beautiful creation.

We turn now to your patience and understanding, and forgiveness and open our minds and hearts to you in silent confession. (silent confession)

Amen

Scott Martin, St. Andrew's U.C., Georgetown, Ont.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont.

SHARING TIME

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 100, VU Page 824

VOICES UNITED #820 Make a Joyful Noise

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31-46

READING Least of These Author Unknown

DOXOLOGY VU #321 – Maker in Whom We Live - United Verse Only

MEDITATION

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of promises, you remind us again and again that you are present with your people.

When we celebrate the birth of a baby

You are here.

When we are able to spend time with family and friends

You are here.

When we take time to enjoy the beauty of this world and its creatures

You are here.

When we take time to be quiet

You are here.

When our hearts are broken,

You are here.

When we wait in worry to hear about a diagnosis,

You are here.

When we lose the ones we love,

You are here.

Where anyone is hungry or thirsty,

You are here.

When we feel like strangers,

You are here.

Where anyone is sick or in need of care and company,

You are here.

When people are in prison,

You are here.

When anyone needs clothing,

You are here.

When anyone is homeless

You are here

When anyone is lost

You are here

Loving God, You are here with us when we are joyous and when we suffer. Empower us to be with others as they celebrate and suffer, our neighbors both near and far. You are here, God, in the midst of joy and suffering—and we want to be where you are.

Amen.

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 Servants of Almighty God *Mark Patterson*

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING RESPONSE

**Accepting God, we pray that you will use these gifts to
build a new heaven on earth. May they be a blessing for
everyone they touch. May they sustain and strengthen
the varied ministries in which we are involved not only
here in this community of faith, but also beyond these
walls. This we ask, in the name of Jesus, our Saviour
and Lord. Amen**

Fern Gibbard, Penticton, U.C., Penticton, BC

VOICES UNITED #211 Crown Him With Many Crowns

BENEDICTION

Author: **Saint Patrick 5th C**

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #37 Gloria

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE The Prince of Denmark's March *Jeremiah Clarke*