

Kincardine United Church

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 13, 2024 11:00 a.m.

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

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may rise in body or spirit.

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PRELUDE Prelude on Nun Danket J.C. Oley

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

INTROIT Interlude J.C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather this Thanksgiving Sunday,

All: with much for which to be thankful; mindful of the needs of others, and needful of the minds of others.

One: To sing and pray, ponder and look ahead, together.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Generous God, in this Season of Harvest, we can see your bounty all around us. From the first colours in the trees, to the last corn stocks of the Fall. For some of us it is a time of gathering together, for others a time of remembering. And for others of us, it is both. Be present to us, in the knowledge of your love, as we sing:

VOICES UNITED #520 “We Plough the Fields”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Our Gracious and Loving God, we come to worship with open hearts, knowing that sometimes we fall short of your best intentions for us.

As we reflect on some of those times, and your grace – freely given – hear us now in these silent prayers ...

(Silent Prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus is remembered for saying: “Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.”

(Matthew 11: 28-30)

SHARING TIME “Hospitality”

THE LORD’S PRAYER (say together)

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM 145, #866

Every day we will bless you
and praise your name forever.

**O God, you are great and highly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond all measure.**

One generation shall praise your works to another,
and declare your marvellous deeds.

**I will speak of your splendour and glory,
and all your wonderful works.**

You, God, are righteous in all your ways,
and loving in all your deeds.

**You are near to all who call to you,
to all who call on you in truth.**

You fulfil the desire of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and you save them.

**You watch over all who love you,
but the wicked you will destroy.**

My mouth will speak your praise, O God.

Let every creature bless your holy name forever.

MORE VOICES #173 “Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands”

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

26 “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

DOXOLOGY VU #315 (verse 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!

REFLECTION “Happy Thanks Living”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM All the Earth will sing for Joy Ruth Elaine Schram

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

VOICES UNITED #236 “Now Thank We All our God”

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 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 Toccata on Lobe Den Herren Hans Fredrich Micheelsen