Kincardine United Church

20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 23, 2022 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 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now BWV 632 J.S. Bach

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

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

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT A Mighty Fortress

J.G. Walther

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (responsive)

In a world that can be challenging and scary,

We light a candle of hope.

In a world where it is easy to get lost,

We light the Christ candle to light our paths.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, let us praise and worship our amazing God.

The God who brings us peace when we are restless.

The God who brings us love when we feel all alone.

The God who brings us hope when all seems hopeless.

The God who brings us humbleness when we become too self-important.

The God who brings us healing when we are broken.

The God who brings us Jesus when we need God's presence.

Come let us worship and praise our wonderful God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN VU #412 This is the Day

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

How shall we measure ourselves, O God

To whom shall we compare ourselves?

Usually we look at the people we know – our neighbours, our friends, our family. Stacked up against them, we are not doing so badly. We're no worse than most and a lot better than some we could name. Sometimes, we look at those we consider really bad folk – the terrorists, the abusers, the dishonest, the cruel, those corrupted by power. We thank you that we are not like them.

However, you ask us, instead, to measure ourselves against your call to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly.

We seek your mercy and forgiveness when we fail to do that. Amen

Adapted from a prayer by John Moses, Aylseford U.C., Aylesford, N.S.

SHARING TIME PART FOUR OF THE SURVIVOR'S FLAG

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 every. Amen

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 65 VU 782

HYMN MV # 157 I am a Child of God

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:9-14

DOXOLOGY Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315, Verse 4

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: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Praise God Words and music: Robert T. McAlpine Arr. Don Besig

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Gracious God, we know that our gifts of time, talents and treasure make a difference in the world. We give to support the ministry of this Church and your ministry around the world. We give that others might live with hope. Receive our gifts and bless them. We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

HYMN VU #158 Just As I Am

CHEROKEE BLESSING

SONG OF COMMITMENT Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU #481, Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our every day life we will face.
Our faith ever 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 Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach