

# Kincardine United Church

## All Saints Memorial Service

October 29, 2023 11:00 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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### BEFORE WORSHIP

Abide with Me William Monk and arranged by David Marlatt  
Let There Be Peace on Earth Sy Miller and Jill Jackson and arranged by Andy Clark  
Peasant's Song Grieg and arranged by Geoffrey Brand

**PRELUDE** Amazing Grace Arranged by Clark Tyler

### WELCOME

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered  
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –  
Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith  
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,  
giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,  
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning of our journey toward reconciliation,  
toward healing of all our relations with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love  
into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**

Take Time to Be Holy

Arranged by Don Eyre

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Listen.... Do you hear their voices?

Do you hear the singing, the tears, the laughter, the prayers, the silences, the scriptures?

**We come to listen, to learn, to find meaning and purpose in community.**

Listen!

Do you hear sounds of meals shared, of arguments resolved, of grieving comforted,  
of meetings gathered, of weddings celebrated, of strangers embraced,  
of neighbours supported, of seekers sheltered, of justice proclaimed?

**We come as a community of faith, working to live our faith in word, thought and deed.**

Listen.

Do you hear the cloud of witnesses who came before us,  
who established this community of faith to proclaim and to live good news?

**We come to celebrate on this All-Saints Sunday,  
cherishing those who listened to God's call in this place before us.**

Then let us open our hearts – our very selves – as we commune with God in prayer:

**This place is our familiar home, O God,**

**because of the continuing story lived within these walls and into the wider community.**

**We listen for guidance for our faithing, O Spirit, that you whisper from within our souls.**

**We stand on the shoulders of those who followed your Way, O Christ,  
so we, too, may give of ourselves in love.**

**Be our strength, our vision and our mission, we pray. Amen.**

**\*KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 15 (Tune: #440 VU) For All the Saints**

- 1. For all the saints who showed your love in how they lived and where they moved,  
for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.**
- 2. For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased their Saviour's fame,  
who sang your songs and shared your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord.**
- 3. For all the saints who named your will, and saw your kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.**
- 4. Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

**SHARING TIME** "My Nanny's Legacy"

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*A version of the Lord's Prayer based on Luke 11:2-5 written by John Philip Newell:*

**Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe.**

**May we know your presence here, seeking your will upon earth.**

**Grant all your creatures food for today and strength for our families.  
Pardon our falseness as we forgive those who are untrue to us.  
Do not forsake us in our need but lead us to new birth.  
For the glory of life and the light of life, are yours forever. Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 from the Old Testament

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. <sup>6</sup> He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup> He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

**MORE VOICES 12** Come Touch Our Hearts

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 22:34-40 from the New Testament

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**DOXOLOGY 315** (*verse 4 only*) “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION** “Love *IS* Our Legacy”

## **REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES**

**A TIME TO REMEMBER THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES**

As it is written in Hebrews 12:1 from the paraphrase *The Message*,  
“Do you see what this means –  
all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on?  
It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit!”

### **THE PLACING OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

Let us remember these souls who are now part of the great cloud of witnesses,  
embraced within God’s loving, restorative arms.

Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Johnstone  
Shirley Isabelle Burnham  
Kenneth Boyer McFarlan  
Robert “Bob” Ervin Johnstone  
Doris Milne  
Ruth June Ingard  
Helen Eileen Barkwell  
Henry Robert “Bob” Hicks  
Sam Gurbin  
John Robert Henry “Bob” Mitchell  
Helen “Betty” Beatrice Wall  
Norah Kathleen Millard  
Eleanor Lorraine Askin  
Gregg Robert McClelland  
Douglas Michael Harris  
Frederick “Fred” Alexander Doupe  
Elliot Morgan Johnston

### **MEMORIAL AFFIRMATION**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, you are with us, O God.  
**God of all saints, we thank you for the blessing of wisdom these souls have given,  
as we thank you for the cherished memories of those we love.**

### **BEING BLESSED BY THE SAINTS AMONG US AND A BLESSING FOR OTHERS**

**ANTHEM**            O Come, Ye Servants of The Lord

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

### **PLACING OUR CARNATIONS**

*Those of you worshipping at home, feel free to hold your paper carnation to your heart,  
symbolizing how you cherish their time within your life.*

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We give seeds for your mission in the world, O God.  
We pray that you bless these seeds:**

**seeds of generosity, seeds of our faith lived into the world, seeds to germinate hope,  
seeds to grow loving relationships for neighbour and for stranger.  
May you transform each of us into seeds of your planting,  
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 806**      O God, Our Help in Ages Past

## **BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT 481 (*verse 2 only*)** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the task of our everyday 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**

Old Comrades

Carl Teike and arranged by Andrew Balent