

Kincardine United Church

Worldwide Communion

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PRELUDE Communion Healy Willan

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (responsive)

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

INTROIT Our Father BWV 636

J.S. Bach

HYMN Be Still and Know That I Am God (3x)

Be still, be still

Be still and know that I am God

I am exalted in the nations of the earth

Be still and know that I am God

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Worldwide, people gather at the Lord's table this day:

**Fancy, carved tables, rough, wobbly tables, blankets on the ground,
TV tables in front of a screen, all tables worthy of you, Lord.**

Worldwide, people approach God in worship and communion today:

**Barefoot, shirtless, fancily dressed people, in pajamas – all people
worthy of you, Lord.**

Worldwide, people praise you now, God:

**In groups of two or three huddled together, in large groups spread out,
alone at home;**

All worthy of you, Lord,

Unite us, bless us, be with us, for we all approach you humbly,

And rejoice that you receive us.

Let the whole world praise you, Holy God.

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, First Presbyterian Churches,
LeMoure & Edgeley, North Dakota

OPENING PRAYER

Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., Komoka, Ont.

HYMN VU #672 Take Time to Be Holy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We come to you this morning, Loving God, confessing the sins of our
hearts and our minds, the sins that make for broken fellowship in this**

family of faith. You have called us to communion within your church throughout the world, and you command that we live out the grace of forgiveness. We think you charge us to be perfect and we respond. Some of us strive to be perfect, correct and true in all we do and express. Some of us work to make others perfect through criticism judgement and discipline. Most of us fail to grasp that your idea of perfection is for us to love one another, live peacefully, be considerate of each other, and be filled with thanks for the life we share in Christ. Forgive us, we pray, when our efforts at perfection directly oppose your own. By your Holy Spirit, turn our minds and hearts to you so that we may know, desire and do your will. Amen

Carol E. Bayma, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Bill Steadman, Goulais River U.C., Goulais River, Ont.

SHARING TIME The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

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,
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 FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth W. Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport. N.S.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 103, VU Page 825

HYMN VU #707 For the Faithful Who Have Answered

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-5

DOXOLOGY VU #315 Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty (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!

REFLECTION

Written by Jan Richardson

ANTHEM

We Are Not Alone

Peter Choplin

GOD INVITES US TO THE TABLE

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We bless you, O God, who has given us life, for the wonders of creation.

We thank you for the richness of the fields, for the power of growth and the goodness we gain from crops, for all we produce for ourselves and for the world. We give thanks for the miracle of seed and germination, of growth and ripening; for the abundance of water and good air, for the progress of the seasons, and for the skills and talents with which you have endowed us. **We thank you for the abundance we enjoy – abundance**

which allows us, encourages us, demands of us – that we share your plenty with one another, especially strangers.

Thank you, O God, for the food we eat and the friends with whom we share it, for the love and care of families and for all the joys shared therein.

We thank you, O God, who has given us life itself.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & FRACTION

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,

with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died,
he had supper with his companions.

He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

“Drink this.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING

PARTAKING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join together in prayer as one family of faith:

You have invited us to your table, O Christ, from all over the world.

You continue to invite us to share new life by the whispers of the Spirit. You bless us now and always within God's abundant grace. By sharing this meal, we welcome your transformation into our living. Our thanks overflows as our hearts become one with each other. Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION

Kate Gregory, while at Belwood-Metz P.C., Belwood, Ont.

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)

**For these gifts, and for all your gracious gifts, we give thanks
Compassionate God. Turn this money into action for good in this
faith community, and through Mission and Service all over the world.**

Amen

David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.

HYMN VU #468 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

BENEDICTION

Laura J. Turnbull, while at Trinity U.C., Creston, B.C.

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

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living the tasks 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 Let Us Tongues and Talents Employ
Jamaican folk tune adapted by Doreen Potter,
Setting by John Bennie