

# Kincardine United Church

## Mission Sunday

### September 15, 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 Healey Willan

## **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 Ojibwe 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.**

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

***and also with you.***

I invite you to share the peace with those around you in whatever way you feel comfortable.

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT** Intermezzo Healey Willan

**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**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Who are you?

**I am a child of God.**

Who are we?

**We are the children of God, the family of faith.**

What does it mean to be children of God? **We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own. In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Come! Let us worship God!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN** VU #365 Jesus Loves Me

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Loving God, as we remember the things that have kept us from living your love as we should have, relieve us from our mistakes, the things we did that we should not have done. Free us from things we should have done but didn't. Release us from the sin that has kept us from investing our energy into making a better world for each other and for people across the globe. Turn our mistakes into the compost that will nourish new growth. Breathe new life into us today, tomorrow, again and again. Let your spirit guide us forward. Amen**

Eric Hebert-Daley, Executive Minister, Eastern Ontario Outaousais Regional Council

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING TIME**    Community Living

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

**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 OF ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSIVE READING**    Psalm 127 VU page 851

**HYMN**    VU #340 Jesus, Friend of Little Children

**GOSPEL READINGS**    [Mark 10:13-16](#) and [Matthew 18:2-6](#)

**DOXOLOGY #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**    Community Living

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Light in the Darkness Music by Wally Jirgens  
& Words by Wally Jirgens, Jackie Clements & Dotty McClelland

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS (responsive)**

Source of all life, we pray for hope:

In a broken world where it is easy to forget that your footsteps are beside our own and your spirit is always available to us, may the awareness of hope guide us on our path and help us to act in your way.

**O God, hear our prayers, when we call answer us.**

We pray for peace:

In a struggling world where nations do battle, households live with conflict, and demons can trouble our souls, may the peace that passes all understanding grant clear vision and serene discernment.

**O God, hear my prayer, when I call answer me.**

**O God, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

We pray for courage and strength:

In a troubled and troubling world, where force of arms can seem to determine right, may courage and strength be granted to us, so that the clear path before us seems less daunting.

**O God, hear our prayers, when we call answer us.**

We pray for love and connection:

In a lonely and separate world, may there always be companionship on the journey.

**O God, hear our prayers, come and listen to us.**

We pray for comfort and assurance:

For all those things that we feel but cannot express, may we be assured that you are always near and always aware of the stirrings of our hearts and minds.

**O God, hear our prayers, when we call answer us.**

Anna Atkinson, Cedar U.C., Nanaimo, B.C.

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Gracious God, you bless these gifts and challenge us to work with them in this church, in this community and in this world. Loving God, you bless these gifts and you are at work with them and in us through our support of Kincardine Community Living and Mission and Service Projects. God, bless these gifts and what they do, we pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

Jim McKean, while at Severn Shores U.C., Severn, Ont.

**HYMN** VU #296 This is God's Wondrous World

**BENEDICTION**

And now, surrounded by the wonderful love of God, which will not let us go,  
Which holds us,  
Enfolds us,  
Forgives us,  
Empowers us,  
And gives us hope,  
Let us go forth with confidence and joy to live the lives to which God calls us.

Bob Root, Mark Street U.C., Peterborough Ont.

**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** Tuba Tune Paul Fey