

Kincardine United Church

Mission Sunday

September 17, 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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PRELUDE O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

*H. Percy Smith,
arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alberta

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Dearest Jesus *J.G. Walther*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE *Beth W. Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Selina Mullen, St. John's U.C., Marathon, Ont.*

***VOICES UNITED #582 There's a Spirit in the Air**

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

It is knowing that we can find ourselves in loving community that we come to this sanctuary, O God.

It is in the sharing of prayer and in upholding one another through difficult times that we feel called to be here.

It is in signing together our spirits are uplifted.

It is in reflecting together that we discern how best to serve you and one another.

It is in summoning your name that we are healed from our wounds and our weariness.

Gather us close to you so that we may feel the warmth and comfort we seek and the deep love you have for us.

Eric Hebert-Daly, while at Quyon P.C., Quyon, Que

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alberta

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Patient God, it's true. We don't want you to disrupt our peace. Too often, we don't let you interrupt our comfort and complacency.

We like things the way they are.

We just might like living based on the economy of this world, rather than your economy of love.

Too often we may find ourselves choosing the easy route.

We wonder, what are you seeking to teach us? What are we to learn from you?

Our lives are too much spent in doubting you, instead of living into your beautiful reminder that we are understood, known, and loved. For this, we are sorry and ask for forgiveness.

(silent prayer)

Amen

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alberta

SHARING TIME - How Full is Your Bucket *By Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, they 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 READING Psalm 19 VU pg 740-741

VOICES UNITED #595 The Servant Song

BIBLE READINGS James 2:14-17 and Luke 14:12-14

DOXOLOGY 217 VU (verse 5 only) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Let all things their Creator bless,

and worship God in humbleness:

sing praises, hallelujah!

Praise God eternal, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, three in one:

sing praises, hallelujah!

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

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PRESENTATION Wes Larson

THANK YOU TO WES

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus *Derek Hakes*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (responsive)

Source of 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 prayer and when we call answer.

We pray for peace.

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

O God, hear our prayer and when we call answer.

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 prayer and when we call answer.

We pray for love and connection.

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

O God, hear our prayer and when we call answer.

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 prayer and when we call answer. Amen

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

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God of abundance, you have called us to be the Church, and so we share our abilities, resources and love. Committed to the way of generosity, kindness and grace, we offer ourselves. Receive all we offer today. May each person who is touched by this offering know your love for them. Amen.

Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.

MORE VOICES #209 Go Make a Difference

BENEDICTION

Mary Anderson, Glen Abbey U.C., Oakville, Ont.

SONG OF COMMITMENT

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

**God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major *Ed. Theodore Beck*