

Kincardine United Church
Mission Sunday
September 19, 2021 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 Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer

Buxtehude

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

The land on which this building sits

is land that has been walked on, hunted on, and lived on for thousands of years.

**It is the traditional land of the Saugeen Ojibway people,
and it is with humility and respect that we give thanks that we are here,
in the space where we are in touch with the creator
who made it and who made us.**

May our worship honour the relationships that are celebrated and invited here,
and may we always remember the story of this land,

**the people who live here,
and the call to live with respect and thanksgiving.**

-Peter Chynoweth, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer

J.S. Bach BWV 626

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *-Peter Chynoweth, Yellowknife, N.W.T.*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of compassion, you feel our pain and cry with us in our Passion.

God of justice, you rage with us against the injustice of our experience.

Be with us today.

We gather today in sadness to remember all victims of violence,
but especially those women and children

who have been victims of violence in their own homes.

**We come together because there is so much violence
experienced by the vulnerable ones in our world;**

countless women, children and men.

Let us pray for your strength and courage, O God, as we begin worship:

May our voices bring words of comfort.

May our hands be there when needed.

May these feet walk that extra mile.

May this life be always centred in service, Lord, for you. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 582 (verses 1-2, 4-5)**

There's a Spirit in the Air tune: Monkland (VU 234)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We offer ourselves to you, O God, our Creator.

We offer our hands.

**Use our healing touch to comfort sisters, brothers and children
who are afraid.**

We offer our eyes and ears.

**May we see and hear the signs and stories of violence,
so that all may have someone with them
in their pain and confusion.**

**We offer our hearts and our tears
as their hurt and sorrow echo within us.**

We offer our own stories of violence.

May we be healed as we embrace each other.

We offer our anger.

Make it a passion for justice.

We offer all our skills.

Use our gifts to end violence.

We offer our faith, our hope, our love.

**May our encounters with violence
bring us closer to you and to each other.**

**All this we ask through Jesus Christ
who knows the pain of violence. Amen**

SHARING TIME Reaching Out as Kincardine United Church

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Matthew 18:2-4 in the New Testament page 231.

² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

DOXOLOGY Praise with Joy the World's Creator #312 *Voices United*
(verse 1 only)

**Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,**

**God whose grave shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.**

***MORE VOICES 179** Sisters Let Us Walk Together

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

MEDITATION -*Marissa Lair*

THANK YOU TO THE SPEAKER

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Caring God, may we offer not only our time, talents and treasure,
but our whole selves to you,
and to all those who need our support
in the quest for justice and peace.**

We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

***VOICES UNITED 600** When I Needed a Neighbour

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 431 VU Sing Amen

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen,

amen we praise your name, O God.

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune

Paul Fey