

Kincardine United Church
Creation Time 3 & Orange Shirt Day
September 26, 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 Liturgical Prelude No. 1 *George Oldroyd*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Territory of the Anishinabek Nation:

The People of the Three Fires

known as Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomie Nations.

We further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen,
and the Chippewas of Nawash – now known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation –
as the traditional keepers of this land.

**Our thanks compel us to live fully into our journey of reconciliation –
a seven-generation process of intentional listening and learning.**

We seek to live together in respect, friendship and peace.

**We, thus, commit ourselves to follow Jesus' calling us into the world,
loving one another as we are loved by God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Liturgical Prelude No. 2 *George Oldroyd*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

After 18 months, this feels strange to say to people in person:
come into this space to worship God who is with us always.

**We come in celebration and with deepest caution,
to reconnect and to greet one another with joy.**

Come into this space those of us who continue to gather digitally,
joining with each of us here in person, becoming one in faith.

We gather from many locations

to listen to our stories of faith, to pray, to sing and to praise God.

Come as those who wear orange this morning – and those who don't –
but all of us united in compassion for our Indigenous siblings across Turtle Island.

**We come seeking healing and new life –
the good news Jesus taught, lived and died to share.**

Come as one in prayer:

**God in whom we are one, today we wear orange to remember and to honour
all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.**

**Today we wear orange, living Spirit,
as we wrestle with the continuing struggles that residential school
and intergenerational survivors experience each day.**

**Risen Christ who walks with us in humility,
today we wear orange in thanksgiving for those who speak the truth,
who work to shine a light on injustice despite the daunting cost.**

**Today we wear orange in the name of compassion
and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.**

**Help us as we worship you both in person and online,
to remember and to act,
building healing relationships across divides. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 603** In Loving Partnership We Come

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME The Orange Shirt Story by *Phyllis Webstad*

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.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Psalm 124 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

¹⁻⁵ If GOD hadn't been for us
—all together now, Israel, sing out!—
If GOD hadn't been for us
when everyone went against us,
We would have been swallowed alive
by their violent anger,
Swept away by the flood of rage,
drowned in the torrent;
We would have lost our lives
in the wild, raging water.

⁶ Oh, blessed be GOD!

He didn't go off and leave us.

He didn't abandon us defenseless,
helpless as a rabbit in a pack of snarling dogs.

⁷ We've flown free from their fangs,
free of their traps, free as a bird.

Their grip is broken;
we're free as a bird in flight.

⁸ GOD's strong name is our help,
the same GOD who made heaven and earth.

***VOICES UNITED 131 (verses 1, 5, 8, 11 & 15)** If Our God Had Simply Saved Us

BIBLE READING James 5:13-20 in the New Testament page 231.

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.**

MEDITATION Pray Do

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM The Life of Praise Words: Phil Speary, Music: John Leavitt

When the storm clouds gather, darkness hides the day.

I'll not be discouraged. You light my way.

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall mark the day,
hymns of joy shall lift my heart; this, the life of praise.*

*When your world is troubled, pain and sorrow weigh,
Jesus still is faithful, so give him praise.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall mark the day,
hymns of joy shall lift my heart; this the life of praise.*

Our Lord is one who shares in all our deepest woes.

God's spirit holds us close each time we cry.

His loving kindness meets us in our ev'ry weakness.

Thus, our soul can fly.

*Songs of hope will fill our nights, words of faith shall mark our day,
hymns of joy will lift our hearts; this our life of praise.*

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Loving God, receive and bless these gifts we offer in Jesus' name.

**By your blessing, may we continue to be transformed
for your mission in the world.**

**In our giving, may we discover our purpose to love unconditionally,
to dare courageously and to reach out humbly. Amen**

***VOICES UNITED 601** The Church of Christ in Every Age

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 Trumpet Tune in D

Paul Fey