

Kincardine United Church Masonic Divine Service April 15, 2018 10:30 a.m.

This morning we are hosted by **The North Huron Masonic Divine Service**.

Worship leadership is provided by

Very Worshipful Brother and District Chaplain Bruce Whitmore and by Worshipful Brother and District Chaplain Gregg McClelland.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
-Brother Winston Churchill

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

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 Voluntary F. Liszt

WELCOME. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Adagio LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Boëllman

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

We come, O Lord, to worship you.

We gather as a community of faith.

We come to discuss the needs of those around us.

We come to discover the mission that you intend for us.

Let us worship our God as we pray:

In this gathering, God, may we become aware of the needs in our community, the needs of those in our circle of friends, our family,

our church and our lodges.

Show us the way to live so that hope is restored,

peace is established and love is shared.

May we see our place in meeting those needs as we accept our role

of ministering with neighbourly love, relief and truth,

while striving to make good people better.

Help us to reach out in faith and in self-giving love,

guided by the Spirit of the Most High. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 412 This Is the Day

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, as your ordinary people in the world,

we know it is hard to sustain hope.

We look at the forces of change and our spirits fall.

We see ourselves as powerless

in the face of vested interests and the winds of secularism.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God.

Forgive our lack of vision, O God.

Forgive us when our image of you is too small,

because it is too easy to think of you, O Lord, in our own image.

Forgive us, we pray, and grant us your grace. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 225** We Praise You for the Sun (verses 1-2 only)

SHARING TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

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.

VOICES UNITED 225 We Praise You for the Sun (verse 3 only)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READINGS Matthew 13:10-16 in the New Testament on page 14 Matthew 7:7-12 in the New Testament on page 7

GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

MEDITATION "Everywhere – Symbols!"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM You Are Mine Hays

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY Adagio

J.S. Bach

*OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU We Give Thee but Thine Own We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give.

*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

O God, in great thankfulness for all your mercy to us, we bring you our offerings.

Receive these offerings as token of our Masonic pledge to provide charity to those in need.

Receive these offerings and use us in your wider vision for the world. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV Draw the Circle Wide
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.
Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,
no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

POSTLUDE The Emperor's Fanfare

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AV MINISTRY TEAM

Jim and Judy Zarubick

COUNTERS 5 Bernd and Ursula Portz

APRIL HOUSE LEADER

Sheila Bauer

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Krista, Morgan & Lydia Ritchie

SCRIPTURE READER Gregg McClelland **SLIDE PRESENTATION ◆** Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ◆ Krista Ritchie

WORSHIP Very Worshipful Brother and District Chaplain Bruce Whitmore & Worshipful Brother and District Chaplain Gregg McClelland

