

Kincardine United Church
2nd Sunday after Easter
April 24, 2022 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.

Kincardine United Church, 721 Princes St. Kincardine ON, N2Z 0A3

Office Email: kuchurch@bmts.com Phone: 519-396-2391

Gord Dunbar: gord.kuc@bmts.com Donation Steward: kucdonate@bmts.com

Web site: www.kincardineunitedchurch.org

YouTube: [KUC YouTube Channel](#) Facebook: [KUC Facebook Page](#)

PRELUDE Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer D. Buxtehude

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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 Ojibway,
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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer BWV 626 J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come into this space to celebrate and give thanks for vibrant new life.

**We marvel at our place within the breadth, depth and expanse of creation,
singing a song of praise to the Maker.**

Come in humility to embrace our weaving within God's tapestry of relation.
**Humbled by God's grace revealed, we open ourselves to wholeness –
 through the one who is, who was and who is yet to come.**

Come in prayer, then, to be enfolded by God's legacy as an Easter people:
**In our communion with you, O God, we sense Christ's resurrection within us.
 Empower us by the Spirit to lean more fully into your call to abundance,
 an attitude of sharing that embraces all your Creation.
 Share with us the intricacy of our place within life
 so that our lives may testify to Love lived each day for one another.
 Lift our hearts with your promise of transformation, in trust and in faith.
 Amen.**

***MORE VOICES³⁰** It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME The Water Walker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration!
 Soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us
 where your presence can abide.
 Fill us with your creativity,
 so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.
 Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with your desire.
 Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share
 what each being needs to grow and flourish.
 Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,
 as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
 Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose,
 but illuminate the opportunities for the present moment.
 For you are the ground and fruitful vision – the birth, power and fulfilment,
 as all is gathered and made whole again.
 May the Lord bless, protect us and bring us to the fullness of life. Amen**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Acts 5:27-32 from the New Testament page 123.

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

***VOICES UNITED 177** This Joyful Eastertide

BIBLE READING Revelation 1:4-8 from the New Testament page 245.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #89 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

MEDITATION Faith in the Round

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CHOIR ANTHEM The Lord Hal H. Hopson

A LEGACY THAT SUSTAINS

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Bless, O God, what we offer in Jesus' name to become our legacy.

May what we give – of ourselves, of our resources, of our time –

become the connective tissue making us faith-fully one.

In our giving, may we proclaim Love by our actions. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 575** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT I Have Called You by Your Name

#161 More Voices (verse 4 only)

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune Paul Fey