

Kincardine United Church

Camp Sunday & 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27th, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

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PRELUDE Lord, Prepare Me *arr. David Hamilton*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

(Slightly modified from the one used at Saugeen Wesley United Church)

For thousands of years,

First Nations people have lived on this land and by these waters;
this relationship is at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

**We are gathered as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation,
and acknowledge their stewardship through the ages.**

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

**Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by
God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *read by Sheila Elliott*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Peace Like a River *arr. David Hamilton*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

I hear the campfire crackling.

We hear laughter in the Dining Hall.

I see the sun glistening off the lake.

We see children running across the field.

The bell is ringing. It's time for the next adventure.

We feel nervous, but excited.

We can do it. Together we can do anything.

We feel alive. We feel connected.

Everyone is welcome. Everyone is loved.

We're ready for a day full of surprises.

Let's soak in the gift of God's presence together.

Amen.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Creator God, the spark has kindled a fire.

We gather for its warmth and light.

Your love is the warmth that fills our hearts.

Your love lights the way.

First, we experience the warmth and light of your love,

and then we pass it on.

Pass it on.

VOICES UNITED #289

It Only Takes a Spark

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Sometimes we are disconnected from the Earth you've given and we forget to soak in the gift of Your presence. Sometimes we live like we're the only ones who matter. We are in need of refreshment.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

CAMP TIME

- Packing for Camp
- Silver Lake Video

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mother, Father, God, Universal Power, remind us daily of the sanctity of all life.

Touch our hearts with the glorious oneness of all creation, as we strive to respect all the living beings on this planet.

Penetrate our souls with the beauty of this earth, as we attune ourselves to the rhythm and flow of the seasons.

Awaken our minds with the knowledge to achieve a world in perfect harmony, and grant us the wisdom to realize that we can have heaven on earth. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

VOICES UNITED #577

I've Got Peace Like a River

BIBLE READING Matthew 14:22-32 (NIV) *read by Sheila Elliott*

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

DOXOLOGY MV 104 (sung 2X) Know That God is Good
Know that God is good, know that God is good,
know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

REFLECTION Steps of Faith

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Celtic Alleluia

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY Janice McKean

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORE VOICES #18 Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Taps"
Day is done. Gone the sun.
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well. Safely rest.
God is nigh.

POSTLUDE A Meditation on Joy *David Hamilton*