

# Kincardine United Church

## 1st Sunday of Lent

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

\*invites you to stand as you are able.

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**PRELUDE**

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ BWV 639

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,  
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part**

**because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

**a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.**

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,

we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging

the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

**We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.**

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –  
with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,**

**walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,**

**while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Marcel Dupré

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Hey, all of you! Welcome to worship.

It's wonderful to gather together again for this first Sunday of Lent.

**We come, but we often wonder at Lent's purpose.**

**Aren't we supposed to come, self-flagellating while feeling like failures?**

Actually, no! Come in to treasure the wonderfully created person you are.

Come in and know that, in Christ, God was one of us.

**That can't be possible.**

**We thought Jesus, as the risen Christ, was perfect.**

Let us, then, explore the mysteries of our faith through our worship.

Let us also seek God's guidance in prayer:

**We come to worship you, O God, with so many questions –  
questions that don't seem to have easy answers.**

**We ask for Spirit guidance as we seek meaning and understanding.**

**We long to be embraced by the complex weaving of your love –  
your love which connects us powerfully with all our relations.**

**Open us to trust as our understanding evolves, we pray,  
cherishing your presence in our active be-loving. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 108 Throughout These Lenten Day and Nights

SHARING TIME Does God Know How to Tie Shoes?

#### 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.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** Genesis 9:8-17 from *The Message*

<sup>8-11</sup> Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: "I'm setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. I'm setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth."

<sup>12-16</sup> God continued, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I’m putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth.”

<sup>17</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I’ve set up between me and everything living on the Earth.”

**\* VOICES UNITED 356**    Seek Ye First the Kingdom

**BIBLE READING**    Mark 1:9-15 from the New Testament

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

**DOXOLOGY 104 MV** (*sung twice*) “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.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION**        “What If God Was One of Us?”

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM**    Open My Eyes, that I May See    Clara H. Scott, arranged Hal H. Hopson

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**During the season of Lent, we are encouraged to follow the inward way.  
Living Christ, you walk with us while also inviting us to act outwardly.  
Bless what we offer here – of our resources and of our very selves –  
that your good news may nourish the world with love. Amen.**

**\*KNOWN UNKNOWNNS 90**

God of Earth (*Sung to the tune #372 Voices United*)

1. When God Almighty came to earth, he took the pain of Jesus' birth;  
he took the flight of refugee and whispered, "Humbly follow me."
2. When God Almighty went to work, carpenter's sweat he did not shirk;  
profit and loss he did not flee, but whispered, "Humbly follow me."
3. When God Almighty walked the street, the critic's curse he had to meet;  
the cynic's smile he had to see and whispered, "Humbly follow me."
4. When God Almighty met his folk, of peace and truth he gladly spoke  
to set the slave and tyrant free, and whispered, "Humbly follow me."
5. When God Almighty took his place to save the fallen human race  
he took it boldly on a tree and whispered, "Humbly follow me."
6. When God Almighty comes again, he'll meet us incognito then;  
and though no words may voice his plea,  
he'll whisper, "Humbly follow me."

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** "Go Now in Peace" # 964 *Voices United*

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell