

Kincardine United Church
Transfiguration Sunday
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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 I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ BWV639 J. S. Bach

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 I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ Marcel Dupré

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come in all you who gather online and all who gather in person.

**We're grateful to be back, even as we feel cautious and careful,
for we are eager to worship the One who enlivens our hearts.**

Come to worship even in the midst of doubts and of isolation,
for the risen Christ broke free – even if but for a moment –

to reveal his true self.

**We long to be enlivened in our languishing,
to be encouraged in our apathy, to be transformed in our ordinariness.**
Come as we gather in the sanctity of prayer with God:

**In our worship, loving God, may we find our true selves
just as Jesus' true self was revealed on the mountaintop.
May we find your wisdom, your strength and your love,
restoring and refreshing us in mysterious ways as you fill us anew. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 104** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

SHARING TIME Life's True Nature Revealed

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 2nd Corinthians 3:12-4:2 in the New Testament page 180.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to

falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

***VOICES UNITED 336** Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

BIBLE READING Luke 9:28-36 in the New Testament page 69-70.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus^[a] took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,^[b] they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

DOXOLOGY Bring Many Names #268 *Voices United* (verse 6 only)

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!**

MEDITATION Brilliant!

GOD INVITES US TO TABLE

INVITATION

Come to this table you who seek for community and long for becoming.

Even me? Even with my failings and my foibles?

Everyone is welcome no matter who you fear others perceive you to be,
no matter the person you believe you hide inside,
no matter how flawed you might consider yourself to be.

Why would I want to come to a table that would welcome *me*?

Come because we can truly join one with each other,
learning how the living Christ perceives us in love.

Feed me, then, with God's transfiguring love.

I come to this table in hopeful anticipation.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We come to this table to be transfigured in faith.
 God's light shines amongst us in ways and through people
 both surprising and ordinary.

In the breath of Creation,

God speaks life by calling light into being.

In the leadership of broken and failed people,
 we find God's light reflected as blessing:

**In Abraham the wanderer and in Sarah the scoffer,
 in Moses the murderer and in Miriam the liar,
 in Isaac the short-sighted and in Jacob the deceiver,
 in Naomi the conniver and in Ruth the seducer,
 in Elijah the depressed and in Elisha the uncertain,
 in Hosea the wimp and in Gomer the prostitute,
 in Judas the betrayer and in Peter the denier.**

In all those we would perceive as unworthy or unsuited,
 God's light shone forth, transforming and renewing, guiding and persuading.

God's light shone, and yet we too often turn away,
 blinded by our own passions and by our own wants.

**God, though, wasn't done with us, for Jesus came, the Light of the world,
 to reconcile and make new once more.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Even in the scorn of his society's powerful ones,
 even under the lash and beatings of frightened leaders,
 even upon the cruel cross of humiliation and death,
 Jesus' light shines still among us:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S TRANSFORMATION

**Come, O Spirit, and enlighten what we say and do here.
 Open our minds to the reality of your brilliance within.
 Open our hearts to the warmth of your fire of faith.
 Open our arms to each other's gifts as we gather digitally at table.
 Open us all to the blaze of passionate self-giving love. Amen.**

PARTAKING

*If you are worshipping at home,
 please take the bread and beverage you have prepared and partake.
 If you are worshipping here in person,
 please take the elements you have been given and partake.
 As you partake, remember the Way of Jesus as our own path of becoming.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join once more in prayer:
Now we are fed that we may never be hungry.

Now thirst is quenched that we may never be thirsty.
 May you bless us as we move from your table, O Christ,
 filling us with your radiant light,
 that we may reflect your will and your wonder in the world. Amen.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

CHOIR ANTHEM

Great, Great Morning

Words J. Paul Williams. Music Joseph Martin

*My Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord, what a mornin'.
 My Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.
 It will be a great, great mornin', wit will come without a warnin'
 When we hear that trumpet sound.
 Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power
 and His trumpet blast will shake the ground.
 All the saints will rise and be taken to the skies.
 They will meet King Jesus in the air.
 Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power
 and His trumpet blast will shake the ground.
 In-a that great gettin' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well (repeat 4X).
 It's gonna be a great gettin' up mornin',
 It's gonna be a great gettin' up mornin'.....
 My Lord, what a mornin'. My Lord what a mornin'.
 It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin',
 when we hear that trumpet sound.
 Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power
 and his trumpet blast will shake the ground. Great Day!
 It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin'
 (I'll fly away, O) When we hear that trumpet sound.
 (Glory! I'll fly away, in the mornin')
 Though we may not know the hour, we know Christ will come in power
 (When I die, Hallelujah, by and by.)
 and His trumpet blast will shake the ground. (I'll fly away)
 In the twinkling of an eye, we will mount up to the sky.
 Alleluia, we shall all be changed.
 It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin' O
 (I'll fly away O Glory) I will fly, I'll fly away.
 I'll fly away, I'll fly away, I'll fly away!*

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

May these gifts and our giving, generous God,
 be paths that lift the veil separating people from your gospel,
 illuminating all of our lives with the experience
 of your everlasting love. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 120** O Jesus, I Have Promised

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT Gloria # 37 *Voices United*

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

Paul Fey