

Kincardine United Church Epiphany Communion January 28, 2018 10:30 a.m.

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 Paperless music

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Kyrie

Francois Couperin

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH (based on Psalm 111) Come and praise God with your whole heart within this family of faith. Is that table set for ALL of us? Are we going to be fed? Now THAT'S worth a lot of heart-felt praise for sure! Come and remember God's actions of love, of compassion and of transformation. Now that you mention it, welcoming us for a meal is mighty hospitable. I think I'll stay and enjoy the feast – all of us together. Let us join together in prayer around Christ's table: God who works in us and others by the Spirit, we come to embrace the mystery within the sacrament of communion.

We want to be fed, but not just our bodies. We yearn for soul food that carves your law of love upon our hearts. May our growing in faith release hallelujahs of thanks for your grace. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 327 All Praise to Thee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) It is intimidating, O God, to open our hearts completely to you. We feel vulnerable, with no defenses, with no explanation. Yet, in trust, in faith, we open our selves to you, praying for the courageous joy to turn back to your Way of loving.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Chowing Down Around the Table

GOD INVITES US TO CHRIST'S TABLE (see insert)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 8:1-3 from the paraphrase *The Message*

VOICES UNITED 344 (verse 1 only) How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 8:4-6 from the paraphrase *The Message*

VOICES UNITED 344 (verse 3 only) How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 8:7 from the paraphrase The Message

VOICES UNITED 344 (verse 5 only) How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 8:8-10 from the paraphrase The Message

VOICES UNITED 344 (verse 2 only) How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

BIBLE READING 1st Corinthians 8:11-13 from the paraphrase The Message

VOICES UNITED 344 (verse 4 only) How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

MEDITATION "Meat-ing the World"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY Trumpet Tune Cebell

Purcell

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One. *OFFERING PRAYER (in unison) In response to your abundant and unconditional love, O God, we return to you a portion of your plenty. In our giving, may your blessings abound.

*OFFERTORY HYMN 541 VU Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

In our sharing, may we witness to your love alive among and around us. Amen.

*<u>VOICES UNITED</u> 509 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

*BENEDICTION

***SONG OF COMMITMENT 37 VU** Gloria Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Bonduca

