

**Kincardine United Church**  
**4th Sunday of Epiphany**  
**January 28th, 2024 11:00 a.m.**

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

\*invites you to stand as you are able.

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**PRELUDE**

Our Father

D. Buxtehude

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land.  
Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

**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**

Thank the Lord

D. Buxtehude

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Welcome to this gathering of ordinary people.

**We come longing to be extraordinary by following the Way of Jesus.**

We are all amazing already, for we are all created in God's image.

**We come, then, to learn how to reveal our marvelous selves –  
all as we love our neighbours as ourselves.**

That sounds like a wonder-filled commitment to become who we are.

**Hey, we're pretty excited about the possibilities, too!**

Then let us, in prayer, listen for God's presence in that becoming:

**You know what bubbles within our hearts, O God,  
so in the silence we listen for your wisdom,  
seeking your strength to sustain us on our journey of faith,  
hoping for understanding and guidance as lovers.**

*(silent prayer)*

Thank you, leading Spirit.

Thank you, living Christ.

Thank you creating God.

**Ah, now we're ready to worship –  
ordinary as we are, amazing as we are. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 313** God, Whose Almighty Hand

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Words sung to the tune "All My Loving" by the Beatles.*

**Our Father who art in heaven above, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven the same.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins for which his blood was shed.**

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**SHARING TIME** What Is Temptation?

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 in the Old Testament

<sup>15</sup> "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup> This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' <sup>17</sup> Then the LORD replied to me, 'They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup> But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

**\*VOICES UNITED 344**     How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

**BIBLE READING**     Mark 1:21-28 in the New Testament

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**DOXOLOGY 321** (*verse 4 only*) "Maker in Whom We Live"

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.  
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,  
may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.**

**PRAYER BEFORE REFLECTION**

**REFLECTION**     "Soul Listening"

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**ANTHEM**             The Life of Praise             Phil Speary and John Leavitt

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God who is Love, we offer these gifts for your mission in the world.  
Bless them as signs of our love for neighbours worldwide.  
Bless us as sign of your Love cultivated within our hearts,  
beating to the cadence of right relation within all Creation. Amen.**

**\*MORE VOICES 169**     When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** *Gloria # 37 Voices United*

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

**POSTLUDE**             All Glory be to God on High             J. G. Walther