

Kincardine United Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
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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**                      A Mighty Fortress                      J. G. Walther

**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**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**                      Nun Danket                      J. C. Oley

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come to worship God in this now familiar digital space.

**We come seeking meaning, purpose and wonder.**

Come to discover the ways that the risen Christ lives within us all.

**We come yearning for nurture and for strength in our living.**

Come to chat in prayer connected and unified by the Spirit:

**Here we are, Creator God, opening our hearts to you.**

**Here we are, weary and worn by two years of pandemic,**

longing for the old familiar ways of being and becoming.  
 Here we are, wondering at those ways and how they need transforming.  
 Here we are, wary of you moving us to a new place – a radical place.  
 Here we are, living Christ, seeking resurrection, but wary and worried.  
 Here we are – still – faithfully eager to hear your word. Amen.

\*VOICES UNITED 589 Lord, Speak to Me

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent Prayer*)

## SHARING TIME

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
 Source of all that is and what shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
 the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
 sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

**BIBLE READING** Jeremiah 1:4-10 in the Old Testament page 698.

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
 and before you were born I consecrated you;  
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup> But  
 the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
 for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
 and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
 for I am with you to deliver you,  
 says the LORD."

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
 "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

**\*VOICES UNITED 605** Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

**BIBLE READING** Luke 4:21-30 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

<sup>21</sup>Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, “You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”

<sup>22</sup>All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son, the one we’ve known since he was just a kid?”

<sup>23-27</sup> He answered, “I suppose you’re going to quote the proverb, ‘Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.’ Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn’t it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28-30</sup> That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

**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** We’ve Never Done It That Way

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** The Life of Praise Words Phil Speary. Music John Leavitt  
*When the storm clouds gather, darkness hides the day.*

*I'll not be discouraged. You light my way.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall fill the day,  
hymns of joy shall lift my heart, this, the life of praise.*

*When your world is troubled, pain and sorrow weigh,  
Jesus still is faithful, so give him praise.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall fill the day,  
hymns of joy shall lift my heart, this, the life of praise.*

*Our Lord is one who shares in all our deepest woes.*

*God's spirit holds us close each time we cry.*

*His loving kindness meets us in our every weakness.*

*Thus, our soul can fly.*

*Songs of hope shall fill the night, words of faith shall fill the day,  
hymns of joy shall lift my heart, this, the life of praise.*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION****OFFERING INVITATION****PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

Sometimes we just don't think about what we give – O God – we just do it.  
 We set up PAR so that each month our donation comes out automatically.  
 We go online to donate electronically, or we mail in a cheque.  
 We might arrange for the church in our will or through our insurance policy.  
 Every donation of our time, our talent and our treasure, however,  
     becomes part of the tapestry of our mission in the world.  
 Bless what we give, we pray – no matter how we give –  
     as our joyful answer to your call to reach out in love to the world.  
 Amen.

\***VOICES UNITED 274** Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

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

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

**POSTLUDE** Toccata on Lobe Den Herren      Hans Friedrich Micheelsen