

Kincardine United Church
7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 11th, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE Let All Things Now Living

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

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 unceded 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

MUSICAL INTROIT Improvisation on Confitemini Domino

Liz Coates

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come to worship even as throngs of people stroll the boardwalk,
even as the beaches grow crowded
and even as the Queen Street promenade welcomes throngs
from the cities and from the countryside to newly reopened businesses.

**We come to anchor our souls in God's grace,
to continue to learn the Way of Jesus to which we are called,
to listen carefully for the insistent prompts of the Spirit.**

Come to listen to biblical story, to enter into prayer and to listen for the good news.

**As we come, we open ourselves to transformation and to new insights,
singing with delight at God's loving kindness.**

In opening ourselves, let us engage with God in prayer:

The world around us is slowly and carefully reopening, loving God.

**We have become used to the strictures necessitated by this pandemic,
so, we wrestle in uncertainty with how to live into our evolving reality.**

We pray for your guidance in this time of slow transition:

for insight to discern the path that cares for the well-being of all;

for courage to wrestle with the challenge of our common life;

for daring to explore new avenues to share your good news;

for confidence that you will always sustain us and guide us.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus who shows us the Way. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 242** Let All Things Now Living

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Silent prayer*)

SHARING TIME An Experiment

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**God within us, God beyond us, God among us,
may the Mystery always be named and known**

among all peoples and in all times.

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

the only home, the only honour we will ever need,

in this life and the life to come. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Mark 6:14-20 from the New Testament page 40.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

***MORE VOICES 65** When We Are Tested

BIBLE READING Mark 6:21-29 from the New Testament page 41.

²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #89 More Voices (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod;
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

MEDITATION It's the Little Things

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM The Lord Made Them All
Words: Cecil Alexander, Music: Joseph M. Martin

*All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small,
all things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.*

*All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small,
all things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings;
he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings (made their tiny wings). He filled the
world with glorious, glorious things.*

*All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small,
all things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.*

*Cold wind in the winter time, pleasant summer sun, ripe fruit in the garden;
he made them ev'ry one.*

*He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how good is God our maker who doeth all things well, who doeth all things well.*

*All things bright and beautiful,
all things great and small, all things wise and wonderful;
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings;
he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings (made their tiny wings).*

*He filled the world with glorious, glorious things.
All things bright and beautiful, all things great, great and small,
all things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them, gave them all.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

You invite us to give, O God, with a joyful heart.

In answer to your Spirit's whispers, we wonder:

WHAT are we to give? **HOW** are we to give? **WHEN** are we to give?

Listening for your response,

we can perceive your smile and the loving crinkle of your eyes.

In our hearts we come to know your call to generosity:

Give **WHO** you are, give **FREELY** and in each **MOMENT**.

In gratitude, we ask that you bless us in loving one another

that the world may become transformed for your reign here and now,
one little act of generosity at a time. Amen.

***MORE VOICES** 176 Three Things I Promise

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 150 MV (verse 4 only) Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

POSTLUDE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven arr. Joel Raney