Kincardine United Church

Lent 2

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Leading worship today: Liz Dillman

The Heavens are Telling *by J Haydn, arr Kenneth Henderson*
Played by K.U.C.I.E.

For the Beauty of the Earth *by F.S. Pierpont, C. Kocher,*
arr John Kinyon, Played by K.U.C.I.E.

PRELUDE *Bless this House by May Brahe, Helen Taylor,*
T Conway Brown
Played by K.U.C.I.E.

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND (unison)
We gather today on this sacred soil of the Saugeen Ojibwe people who for thousands of years have lived on this land, honouring the Creator and living in harmony with creation. We acknowledge their stewardship and relationship with the land, its plants and animals and the lakes and streams with their life forms throughout the ages.
Cheryl Dillon, Trillium U.C., St. Catharines, Ont.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
and also with you.

INTROIT Be Still Sung 3 times

by Paul Rumbolt, arr Don Eyre
Played by K.U.C.I.E.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

As we gather today to retell the stories of our faith, we acknowledge that sometimes we are like Nicodemus.
We struggle to understand the lesson being taught. We cannot imagine being reborn as an adult and yet each day we renew our faith, and we are reborn again
We feel the presence of God in creation.
And we try to live the words and teachings of Jesus. We accept the presence of the Holy Spirit as we see the miracles of life and nature all around us.
Yes, God is three and God is also one.
None is complete without the other and all work in harmony.
Let us centre our hearts and minds as we worship this wonderful communal being.

Marie Slivocka, Trinity U.C., New Glasgow N.S.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

HYMN VU #266 Amazing Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of unfailing love, Saviour to whom we belong, Spirit of truth, you we worship, you we love, you we trust. We long for

wisdom to live well and faithfully all the days of our lives. You know the fears that bind us.
You know how lost we get sometimes.
Yet, you search for us and find us, you never let us go. You pour your grace into our lives.
Then you take us out in the world that needs your light. As we seek to be what you have called us to be, fill our minds so that we observe the world through the light and love of Jesus' cross and resurrection. Then, grant us courage to follow the Way of Jesus, who is your trust and your life. Amen

Christine Jerrett, Shiloh-Inwood P.C., Inwood Ont

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Christine Jerrett, Shiloh-Inwood P.C., Inwood Ont

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, Ont

SHARING TIME

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 121, VU Pg 842

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where will I look for help?
My help comes from God,
who has made heaven and earth.
God will not let your foot stumble;
the One who protects Israel will not slumber.
The One who protects you
will neither slumber nor sleep.

It is God who protects you,
your defence at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
God will protect you from all evil,

God will protect your life.

God will protect your going and coming,
now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12:1-4a

The Call of Abram

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your
kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will
make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name
great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you,
and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of
the earth shall be blessed."
4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.
Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

HMYN VU # 663 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you
are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs
that you do unless God is with that person." 3 Jesus answered him,
"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without
being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be
born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the
mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you,
no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and
Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit
is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born
from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the
sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to
him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the
teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

[11] "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. [12] If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? [13] No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. [14] And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
[16] "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
[17] "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

DOXOLOGY MV 104 – Know that God is Good (sung twice)
Know that God is good, know that God is good, know that God is good, God is Good, God is Good.

REFLECTION: Daytime Lives and Nighttime Lives
– Michael K. March

HYMN VU #582 There's A Spirit in the Air

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen
ANTHEM Larger Than Our Creeds and Customs
Then Let Us Sing 165, Words and music by Barbara Hamm

OFFERING INVITATION David Sparks. Summerland, B.C.

OFFERING PRAYER (unison)
Generous God, we offer to you a portion of what you have given us: gifts of talent, treasure and discipleship, gifts that care for those of us too often on the margins, gifts to support our partners overseas and within Canada, gifts that seem small but that have large impacts in Jesus' name. Bless what we give for your purposes in the world we pray. Amen

HYMN VU #567 Will You Come and Follow Me

BENEDICTION Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #964 Go Now in Peace (sung twice)
Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE Stormy Wind March by James McBeth