Kincardine United Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE Take Time to Be Holy arr. David Hamilton

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND
We acknowledge that this place where we come together is within the ancestral and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Nation. Long before our missionaries, before colonization or confederation, the people of the Three Fires Confederacy known as the Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi Nations resided here as the traditional keepers of these lands and waters. They continue to live and have their being here. We give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, now known as the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation. We recognize with respect their history, culture, spirituality and Treaty rights. We long to live in peace and harmony with all the diverse people who call this land home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Melinda Smegal

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter

what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

INTROIT Take My Life And Let It Be David Hamilton

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
Jesus promised that where two or three gather in His name, He would be with them.
And so we have come this morning and we believe that He is with us.
We gather with one another and recognise the face of God in everyone around us.
We come together in community and know that we are part of something much larger than ourselves.
May this be a time of great blessing as we come to worship God.
Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.

HYMN MV # 30 It Is A Song of Joy To The Maker

PRAYER OF APPROACH
Elaine Huxter, First U.C., Corner Brook, Nfld. and Lab.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, we confess there are times we do not gather, but exclude.
We do not welcome, but ignore.
We do not share, but stash and hoard.
There are times we close doors and turn our backs, rather than receive and embrace.
And other times, we hide ourselves away, frightened and protected, rather than risk reaching out.
Give us courage, God, to take chances and be bold where love is concerned, to trust you are with us when we feel vulnerable.
Forgive us when we are fearful and uncertain, or simply unaware of the needs of others around us.
Embolden us to step up and offer what we have, whether loaves and

fish, a listening ear, or a capable skill. You have already graced us with everything we need to love and serve our neighbours. Make us both grateful and generous.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Elise Feltrin, Chemainus U.C., Chemainus, B.C.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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HYMN VU # 389 God Is Here

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 149, Page 873 in VU led by Melinda Smegal

Sing to God a new song;
give praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker;
let the children of Zion exult in their Sovereign!
Let them praise God's name with dancing;
let them sing God's praise with tambourine and harp!

For you, O God, take delight in your people;
you crown the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in their glory;
let them sing for joy as they feast.

Let God's praise be on their lips,
the two-edged sword in their hands,
to bring the nations to justice,
and call to account the peoples,
to bind their rulers with fetters,
their great ones with bonds of iron,
to execute on them the sentence decreed.
This is the glory of all God's saints!

HYMN VU #356 Seek Ye First The Kingdom

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20 read by Melinda Smegal

Reproving Another Who Sins

15 "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when
the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one.
16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so
that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three
witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and
if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you
as a gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on
earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For
where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

REFLECTION Our Most Important Relationship – James Laurence

MUSICAL OFFERING Chorale number one, in E Major Part 4
Cesar Frank

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and 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**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY RESPONSE VU 236 "Now Thank We All Our God" verse 3

All praise and thanks to God, for all that has been given, the Son and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING
Gracious God, we have given in response to the bounty of goodness you have given us. May you receive what we offer—our time, our talents, and our money. Bless these gifts for the work of your church, near and far. Amen.

Mary Parsons, Munn's U.C., Oakville, Ont.

HYMN VU #574 Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

BENEDICTION

Laura J. Turnbull, *Penticton, B.C.*

SONG OF COMMITMENT MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name (verse 4 only)

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole, go and tell my precious people they are mine.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell