



**Kincardine United Church  
4th Sunday of Lent  
March 11th, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

**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 Voluntary II

T. Tomkins

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Voluntary III

T. Tomkins

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH** *(based on Psalm 107:1-9)*

When the world overflows with injustice, when you feel lost and alone,  
come in answer to the Spirit's persistent invitation.

**We come hungry and thirsty for soul food that transforms our living.**

When relationships seem to drain instead of sustaining,  
when you feel abandoned and surrounded by troubling choices,  
come into the healing presence of embodied love.

**We come seeking a straighter path leading to a place we can call home.**

Come home, then, as we nestle into God's grace-filled embrace in prayer:

**Thank you, O God, for always being there, for your dependability.**

**We want to say it out loud – together as one family of faith –  
how much we drink deeply of your love to enliven us.**

**We – whom you have gathered from so many diverse paths of life –  
SHOUT our thanksgiving with joy and in freedom. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 236 Now Thank We All Our God

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

**We just lifted our voices in song, thanking you, O God,  
praising you for the ways you hold us, guide us, support us and free us.**

**However, when we look inside, we see gaps in our loving  
both self and others.**

**As we take some intentional time, rest within us in our vulnerability,  
we pray.**

*(Silent Prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**SHARING TIME** A Daughter and Her Dad

**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 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.

## GOD MOVES AMONG US AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

### PRESENTATION

...Marion Boyd

On behalf of the congregation of Kincardine United Church,  
I present Becky Vance, Randy Norris and Joan Norris  
for membership in Kincardine United Church through profession of faith  
and Charlie Clarke, Julia Metzger and Stuart Metzger  
for membership in Kincardine United Church through certificate of transfer.

### INTRODUCTION

*(The prospective new members are invited to tell a little bit about themselves.)*

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil,  
turning away from sin and toward God, to live in love and justice?

***I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.***

Do you believe in God, Source of Love,  
in Jesus Christ, Love Incarnate  
and in the Holy Spirit, Love's Power?

***I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.***

Will you join with the people of this family of faith  
in the mission and the ministry of Christ's Church?

***I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.***

### \*CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

...Marion Boyd

Let us pledge to Stuart, Julia, Charlie, Joan, Randy and Becky  
our support and our care.

**As a congregation which seeks to foster a journey of spiritual growth  
through hospitality, service, fellowship and study and, in community,  
to build up the ministry of every person  
and together experience God's abundant love and grace,  
we commit ourselves to support you, to walk with you  
and to grow with you within this faith community.**

### \*VOICES UNITED 918 A New Creed

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **WELCOME**

...Marion Boyd

Into union with Christ, into the household of faith,  
we welcome you with joy and with thanksgiving.

**We are members of the body of Christ.**

**We are inheritors of God's promise.**

**Stuart, Julia, Charlie, Joan, Randy and Becky,  
in the name of Christ we welcome you!**

## **GLORIA**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

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

### **BIBLE READINGS AND HYMN MASH-UP**

John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10 with "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"  
Confused? Just watch the screens.

**MEDITATION** "Daisy, Daisy"

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** God So Loved the World

*Stainer*

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY** Passacaglia

*A. Raison*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 543 VU** We Give Thee but Thine Own  
**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Accept and bless what we offer this morning, O God, as our self-giving.  
 Pour out abundantly what we share into our aching world,  
 that your grace may multiply blessing upon blessing,  
 enfolding the world with your transformative power. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 333** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT 145 MV** Draw the Circle Wide  
 Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,  
 no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.  
 Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
 let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.  
 Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song,  
 no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in E minor

*J. Pachelbel*



**AV MINISTRY TEAM** 🗣️ Jim Zarubick, Dave Leaning & Judy Zarubick  
**COUNTERS** 💰 Bernd & Ursula Portz  
**MARCH HOUSE LEADERS** 🏠 Joan and John Gillespie  
**MUSIC** 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir  
**NURSERY ATTENDANT** ♦️ Angela Hazlewood  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER** ♦️ Catharine Crawford  
**SCRIPTURE READER** 📖 Glen Holmes  
**SLIDE PRESENTATION** ♦️ Sarah MacKenzie  
**WORSHIP** 🕊️ Gord Dunbar