

Kincardine United Church Mother's Day, 7th Sunday of Easter May 13, 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 Amazing Grace Our Love Is Here To Stay Dream A little dream Of Me Java Jive John Newton George & Ira Gershwin Gus Kahn Ben Oakland and Milton Drake all performed by the Howlin' Dog Vintage Jazz Band

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT

Old Rugged Cross

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Like a mother hen gathering her chicks together with wings of grace,
we come at her loving invitation to snuggle into love unfettered.
Like a woman care-fully, diligently and persistently searching for a lost coin,
we come, found once more, clutched to her bosom as treasured and loved.
As we come, relishing God's motherly love, we pray:
Mother, God, your enfolding arms become our safe place of healing.
You passionately teach us about living in wholeness and in compassion – lessons we remember through your still, small voice.
Open us to your unconditional love this morning, we pray,

that we take up your vision for a world which is heaven on earth. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 642 Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God who loves us as intimately as any mother can,

love us into wholeness.

When the choices we make in life harm ourselves or others,

hold up a mirror of truth that we may reflect.

When circumstances in life drag us down and turn us bitter,

surround us with your supportive arms,

with your beating heart of loving presence,

with your whispers of encouragement and of hope.

Trusting in your tender, sustaining love, we pray in the silence. *(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME Trust Me...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (say together)

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 SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING AND HYMN MASH-UP

MORE VOICES 157 with John 17:6-23a from the paraphrase The Message

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.

MEDITATION "Let Go, Mom!"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Julia Ward Howe performed by Howlin' Dog Vintage Jazz Band

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

William Kirkpatrick performed by Howlin' Dog Vintage Jazz Band

*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**

We are gathered as your family of faith – diverse, different, devoted. Bless the gifts of time, talent and treasure we offer this morning that they may reflect the wonderful diversity of your family worldwide, that our beating hearts connect with our human family everywhere. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 562 Jesus Calls Us

*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 The Saints Go Marching In

Traditional performed by Howlin' Dog Vintage Jazz Band

