



**Kincardine United Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017 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

Siciliana

G. Golterman

WELCOME, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Jesus, Our Redeemer

Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Remembering the week that was,

filled with uncertainties, packed with tasks, fraught with stress and worry,

we come to pause, to give reverence, to seek encouragement –

we come to breathe Spirited enthusiasm within the Good News.

Living with doubt, wondering about truths, wrestling with distance,

we come to anticipate, to prepare, to seek, to understand.

In the living presence of our “God of the Gaps,” we come in prayer:

**When life beats us down and we don’t know where to turn,
be our guide and our strength, Divine Companion.**

**When joy and laughter and celebration fill our moments,
be the Holy Mystery who leads life’s dance with abandon.**

**When we gather here in worship wondering if you’re really present,
be our heartbeat and our breath, be our insight and our loving,
be our passion and our surprise. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 220** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We’re really good at judging others, O God,
finding it easy to pick apart the apparent inconsistencies of their lives.
We tut, tut and tisk, tisk at their failings in comparison to our own goodness.
If truth be told, though, we are afraid to be discovered as just as broken.
We are willing to expend far too much energy hiding our selves.**

**In this moment, we dare to open our selves to you, O Christ.
We dare to become vulnerable as you became vulnerable.
Be with us in our daring, we pray.**

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING TIME “Toothpicks, Water and Soap – Separated?”

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 SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

VOICES UNITED 792 Psalm 78 (Responsive Reading – Part 1 only)

***MORE VOICES 88** Over My Head

BIBLE READING Matthew 25:1-13 in the New Testament page 28

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 "Peek-a-Boo!"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Praise God

McAlpine/Besig

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY Voluntary

John Stanley

***OFFERTORY HYMN 540 VU** Grant Us, God, the Grace
Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

***OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We bring our gifts to you, Giver of life,
so those who wonder at your presence, at your loving,
at your healing, may discover your love in and through us. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 635** All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT 558 VU (v4)** We Gather Here to Bid Farewell

POSTLUDE Fugue in C

Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 📺 Thank you

COUNTERS 🗿 Liz and Barry Schmidt

NOVEMBER HOUSE LEADERS 🏠 John Thompson and
Catharine Crawford

MUSIC 🎵 David Hamilton, KUC Choir

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♠ Fran Gannett

SCRIPTURE READER 📖 Angela Hazlewood

WORSHIP ✝️ Gord Dunbar