



**Kincardine United Church**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday and White Gift Sunday**  
**November 24th, 2019 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** Paperless Music

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,  
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part**

**because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

**a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.**

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,  
we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging  
the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

**We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.**  
Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –  
with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,  
walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,  
while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **GOD GATHERS US**

**INTROIT** Dundee

Willan

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Come into this place where neighbours and friends gather as one.

**We come to worship God's reign in community.**

Come into this space where strangers are embraced and celebrated.

**We come to worship the One who unites us.**

Come into this space where those who are "othered" are now called friends.

**We come to worship the Spirit who lives within us all.**

In our worship, let us join together in prayer:

**In Jesus, O God, we find our Way.**

**We come to follow and to learn, to question and to understand,  
to seek and to find, to love and to grow.**

**May we reflect in the world the Spirit's power and love,  
good news for a yearning world and for an uncertain people. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 213** Rejoice, the Lord Is King

**SHARING TIME** White Gift Sharing

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,  
may your name be made holy, may your dominion come,  
may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;  
and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors;  
and do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.**

**For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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

**BIBLE READING** Luke 1:68-79

Hear what the prophet Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit, announced:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

**God has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
in the house of God's servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered God's holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before God all our days.

**And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

**\*VOICES UNITED 325** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**BIBLE READING** Luke 23:33-43 from the New Testament page 89

**DOXOLOGY** Maker, in Whom We Live #321 Voices United  
**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon your love.  
When heaven and earth have fled before your glorious face,  
may all the saints your love has made sing everlasting praise.**

**MEDITATION** Who'd Have Think It?

## **GOD SETS A TABLE OF BOUNTY**

### **INVITATION**

The Way of Jesus is God's reign in our hearts and in our living.

**Jesus meets us along the Way: in our times of prayer,  
in our times of blessing, in our times of worship, in our times of sharing.**

Come, then, as a family of faith united in Christ!

Come as those seeking and as those who feel God's touch,  
as those doubtful and as those submitting to Christ's reign.

**We come to this table at Christ's invitation,  
sharing all that we have, all that we are,  
for the love of our neighbours, for the healing of creation,  
and for the hope of the world.**

**We come.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God is with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God, Creator of all the universe!

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

We do praise you, loving God!

From the beginning of the beginning,  
when there was nothing at all, but your Presence,  
you called creation into being.

**You said, “Light!” You said, “Earth!” You said, “Heavens!” You said, “Stars!”** You said,  
“Creatures of the water and air!”

You said, “Creatures of the land!” And you said,

**“This is good. This is very good.”**

It is good! Thank you, loving God.

**Thank you, loving God!**

We give you thanks for our ancestors –

those of our bodies, and those of our faith –  
who have taught us what it means to be your people:  
Sarah and Abraham, Miriam and Ezekiel,  
Ruth and Naomi, Zechariah and Elizabeth.

All those who have shared your stories of new life within your good Creation.

**Thank you, loving God!**

Even as we thank you,

we remember that we have not always lived out Christ’s call.

**We have turned away from you in thought, word, and action,  
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**

At times we have not loved you with our whole heart –  
or loved our neighbours as we love ourselves.

**We have maintained systems that give power to those who already have it,  
and that take away what little some people have.**

We have turned away when your love would have had us turn toward.

**Receive the prayers of our hearts:**

**for the brokenness of parts of our lives**

**and for the brokenness we have created in the lives of others.**

*(Silent prayer)*

Forgive us, we pray.

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

As a forgiven and forgiving people, we pray for all those who are in need,  
whoever of us is silently suffering, whoever of us is lonely or lost.

**We ask, God, that you would help us to be agents of healing and of hope  
to all who are hurting, all who are afraid, all who are broken.**

Receive the prayers of our hearts, for the people we know.

*(Silent prayer)*

Blessed are you, loving God.

**In prayer and celebration, we give you thanks –**

**for Jesus, the Christ, for his life among us, for his teachings,  
for his laughter, for his compassion, for his tears.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION****RECEIVING THE SPIRIT’S BLESSING**

Let us join our spirits as one as we pray:

**Holy One, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
that they, and we, might truly be Jesus' body and blood,  
alive in the world!**

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion will be served at the front of the church.*

*The ushers will direct you forward using the centre aisle to receive the bread,  
to receive the small glass of grape juice,  
and to prayerfully partake of each in turn.*

*Please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

***Gluten-free crackers are available separately from the bread.***

*Please let an usher know if you wish to be served in your seat.*

*An appropriate response when receiving the bread or grape juice is "Amen."*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Fed and nourished by God's grace, let us pray:

**For the bread we have eaten, for the fruit on our tongue,  
for the life we have received, thank you, loving God.**

**May what we have done here touch us so deeply,  
that it will always remain in our hearts –  
sending us out to live Christ's reign in love. Amen.**

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM** Majesty

Jack Hayford

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**What we have, we freely share, loving God.**

**Blessed by your love, may we be a blessing in your world.**

**May what we offer always be used  
in service of your grace, of your peace, and of your love. Amen.**

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

### **\*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** Darwall

Willan



<b>AV MINISTRY TEAM</b> 📺	Stu Mowry, Dave Leaning, Jim Zarubick
<b>COUNTERS</b> 💰	MaryAnn and Ralph Knowles
<b>NOVEMBER HOUSE LEADERS</b> 🏠	Catharine Crawford & John Thompson
<b>MUSIC</b> 🎵	David Hamilton, KUC Choir
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b> ♦	Thank you
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> 📖	Doug Holtby
<b>SLIDE PRESENTATION</b> ♦	Judy Zarubick
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER</b> ♦	Catharine Crawford
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b> ♦	Brent, Wendy, Nathan, Lauren Williams
<b>WORSHIP</b> ✝️	Gord Dunbar

## Our gifts for Mission & Service support ministries that offer programs for those on the margins of society.

Our gifts for Mission & Service support ministries like Our Place Society in Victoria, British Columbia, which offers programs for those on the margins that make everyone feel like family.

One of the proudest moments of the Victoria Pride Parade was when a young pre-op transgender woman said that she never felt brave enough to walk in the parade until the day she marched with the staff and family of Our Place.

It says a lot about the unique downtown centre for Victoria's most vulnerable that this woman felt included in Our Place's definition of family. It is one thing to preach hope and belonging, but quite another to live it.

Loving our neighbours is at the core of Our Place, as all who come through its doors become family.



If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.