Kincardine United Church All Saint's Sunday November 3rd, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

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PRELUDE Trio

A. Armsdorff

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Before we arrived as settlers,

there were First Nations here already for thousands of years – peoples with a tradition of stewardship with the land.

They welcomed, sustained and taught us.

Our prayer is that, in love, we find ways to share the land,

celebrating all cultures with those who call this land home.

In our reconciliation journey, we acknowledge that this community – where we work and worship –

is situated on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe. We humbly respect their culture, traditions and stewardship of the land. May we live in friendship, peace, and a spirit of reconciliation with all our First Nations neighbours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all And also with you

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Our Father in Heaven

G.P. Telemann

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here this morning in God's presence and in the midst of the communion of saints

to remember all those who have died this past year,

to do more than remember,

Together, we acknowledge the loneliness we still feel,

We come to give thanks for the lasting influence they have in our lives,

hoping that we are able to carry on the caring work begun by them in God's name.

Let us join our hearts as we worship God together this day.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN Shall We Gather at the River VU 710

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Mary Parsons, Munn United Church)

We are all saints and sinners, both. For we have all performed acts with compassion and courage, and yet we all have regrets. Let us come before God, asking for God's grace and forgiveness.

Holy One, you know us so well, just as you have known our parents, our grandparents, and all those who have come before us. We have not always followed the teachings of Jesus. We have not always loved as you have loved us. Too often we neglect and ignore you rather

than reaching out to you. Yet you forgive us. Receive now our silent words as we open our hearts to you.

(Time of silence) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (Sue Carleton, Shallow Lake United Church)

SHARING TIME -

THE LORD'S PRAYER Sung (*Voices United* #960):

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

BIBLE READING: John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha,

the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

DOXOLOGY #315 (verse 4) Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty" Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

REFLECTION

HYMN For All the Saints VU 705

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Bob Root, Peterborough)

As the saints did before us, so we live by the faith that is ours, as fully as we can. Help us to share the gifts you have given us, for the good of all creation. Receive our gifts, bless them, use them and use us to be your presence everywhere. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM Anxious For Nothing

Joe E. Parks

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS (Carol Frost, Minnedosa United Church) We pray for the saints from ancient times who lived humbly, serving others, facing hardships, and faithfully following the Way.

God of love and mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for the saints in our world today who face hardship in defending justice, working for peace, and caring for those suffering in the midst of war, violence, oppression, hunger and fear.

God of love and mercy, receive our prayer

We pray for the saints no longer living among us, who supported and encouraged us in our faith development by helping us grow in our love for God through Jesus Christ.

God of love and mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for the saints living among us today, companions on our journey of faith, connected to one another by Christ.

God of love and mercy, receive our prayer.

We pray for ourselves that we may be the saints you call us to be, companions to each other as we follow the Way of Jesus.

God of love and mercy, receive our prayer. Amen.

THE PLACING OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

IN MEMORIAM (Gord Dunbar, Kincardine United Church)

*HYMN One More Step All the World I Go VU 639

BENEDICTION (Carol Frost, Minnedosa United Church)

SONG OF COMMITMENT VU #481 Sent Forth By God's Blessing With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell