

Kincardine United Church 20th Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 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 invites you to stand as you are able.

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PRELUDE performed by Éclectique

Imagine

Precious Lord, Take Me Home

by John Lennon by Thomas A. Dorsey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT As We Gather/Steadfast Love ...

by Mike Fay/Robert Davidson performed by Éclectique

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF

APPROACH (based on Philippians 4:4-9)

Come to this place we belong, a place of welcome and of witness.

We come to rejoice in the One who celebrates each of us and all of us.

But you're not smiling.... Rejoice, okay?

Rejoice again and again for this is our place, invited by the risen Christ.

We come in thanksgiving for such an unconditional welcome.

Here we discover whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, whatever calls us to excellence.

We come to seek – in word and in action – our place at the table.

We come to praise God in song and now in prayer:

God of welcome, God of love, we come as those you invite to travel the Way.

This is one of the places where we can grow into your heart and you into ours.

In the symphony of your Creation, you call us to rejoice in the harmonies,

to lean into dissonance which eventually resolves,

to encounter major and minor keys and everything in between as your gift of diversity,

to take the rests as they come and to sustain the notes of joy. We praise you for inviting everyone to be born into new life. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN For Everyone Born (see insert for music)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For everyone born you call us to share in equity and in love.

Ah, but it is so very hard, at times.

Your challenge, O God, to strive for equity means we have to share:

water and bread, safe places for growing, the privilege we assume, the pain and the truth-telling, the healing into wholeness.

In trust, strengthened by the Spirit, we share with you our brokenness. (Silent Prayer)

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING TIME "Reach for the Moon, Little Lion"

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

BIBLE READING Matthew 22:1-10 in the New Testament page 24

***VOICES UNITED #457** As We Gather at Your Table

BIBLE READING John 8:2-11 in the New Testament page 100

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 "A Place at the Table"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Shepherd Me, O God by Marty Haugen, performed by Éclectique

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERTORY As I Live

Vosper, Kearns & Walker performed by Éclectique

*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)

Bless what we offer this morning, O God, as symbols of our sharing, as signs of welcoming everyone to sit at the table of life. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED #660 How Firm a Foundation

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE performed by Éclectique

Sailing on a Ship Amazing Grace by Phil Whickham Traditional music/John Newton-lyrics



AV MINISTRY TEAM & Thank you

COUNTERS 5 Don and Angela Hazlewood

OCTOBER HOUSE LEADERS (Chris and Stephanie Hartwick

MUSIC J Éclectique: Catharine Crawford, Rad

Michielson, Sam Wyatt, Ross Sturdy

NURSERY ATTENDANT ◆ Bonnie Cole SCRIPTURE READER ☐ Thank you

WORSHIP TREV. Gord Dunbar