Kincardine United Church 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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

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PRELUDE Prelude (Op. 21, No. 7) Gustave Merkel

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Jesus calls us into the world to love one another as we are loved by God. As we came to this land,

First Nations peoples welcomed us, sustained us and taught us.

We did not hear them when they shared their vision. In our zeal to tell them the good news of Jesus Christ, we were closed to the value of their spirituality.

We confused Western ways and culture

with the depth, breadth, length and height of the gospel of Christ.

We imposed our civilization as a condition of accepting the gospel.

As a result, the image of the Creator in us is twisted, blurred, and we are not what we are meant by God to be.

In our journey toward reconciliation, we acknowledge, this day, that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,
as well as the other indigenous peoples who preceded them –
the original nations of this land –
and we acknowledge, with respect,
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude (Op. 156, No. 10) Gustave Merkel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come as a blessed family of faith into this space.

We come to encourage and care for one another joyfully,

to work together for the common good faithfully

and to weave each person's gifts into the fabric of our ministry.

Come to worship as those invited to become the body of Christ in this place.

We come as followers of the Way of Jesus,

as those inspired by the Spirit to worship, to sing and to pray.

Come to join God's heart in prayer:

We snuggle into your embrace, O God, hoping we are your favourite.

We long for a place of meaning and of importance,

assuming that, to make a difference, we need power and prestige.

Teach us that our wholeness in you is greater than the sum of our parts,

that you invite each of us to give freely of our time, talent and treasure,

creating from each of our varied strands

your beautiful tapestry of possibility and becoming.

May your vision become our pathway of love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 248 When Long Before Time

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Silent Prayer)

SHARING TIME Getting Ripped!

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 Mark 10:35-40 in the New Testament page 47.

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

*VOICES UNITED 117 Jesus Christ Is Waiting

BIBLE READING Mark 10:41-45 in the New Testament page 47.

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

DOXOLOGY Praise with Joy the World's Creator #312 *Voices United* (verse 1 only) Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace, source and end of human knowledge, God whose grave shall never cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.

MEDITATION It Adds Up

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Praise God Words and Music: Robert T. McAlpine, arr. Don Besig

WHY I GIVE

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Loving and generous God, you teach us the power of sharing. As we present our offerings for your mission in the world, may you bless us as we grow faith-fully into Jesus' Way, blending each of us into your wholeness. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 688 O Day of God Draw Nigh

BENEDICTION

SONG OF COMMITMENT 431 VU Sing Amen

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God. Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, o God.

POSTLUDE Fughetta in C minor Johan Krieger