

Kincardine United Church
All Saints Memorial Sunday

October 31, 2021 10:30 a.m.

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 Miniature Suite for organ: Prelude *Healey Willan*

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered
on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples –
Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters
for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith
on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation,
giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning
of our journey toward reconciliation,
toward healing of all our relations
with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love
into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Prelude in E Minor *J. C. Kittel*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from "The Pattern of Our Days:**Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community" p.43)*

Bright, so bright is Christ's own flame, the fellowship of saints remain.

No plague can blight, no foe destroy, because, in love, how deep our joy.

Set free are we who come as one, to witness what the saints have done.

For rich the gifts by which we thrive, embraced by Spirit full alive.

In truth Christ's body all are we, as gathered folk he sets us free.

So let us well remember them and share their holy diadem.**LITANY OF THE SAINTS** *(Adapted from "The Pattern of Our Days:**Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community" p.50)*

Open our hearts, God of Abraham and Sarah.

Be among us now.

Claim our hearts, God of Moses and Miriam.

Be among us now.

Teach our hearts, God of Andrew, Peter, James and John.

Be among us now.

Receive our hearts, God of Mary of Magdala and Paul of Tarsus.

Be among us now.

Embrace us in the commonwealth of the saints, now and evermore.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *(Adapted from "The Pattern of Our Days:**Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community" p.45)*

Let us pray:

We come to you in prayer, O God,**we who inherit the work of our ancestors,****reaping from what others have sown.****May you bless us as you blessed all our mothers and fathers,****teaching us to love and serve by the Way of Jesus,****inspiring us to till the soil of this faith community,****planting seeds from which generations yet unborn may benefit.****May your will flourish within us,****sustaining our witness so we continue to make a difference. Amen.*****VOICES UNITED 245** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet**ASSURANCE OF GRACE****PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Silent Prayer)***SHARING TIME** "Ruth: Moab to Bethlehem" *Judy Zarubick***LORD'S PRAYER****O Divine Womb,****birthing forth the river of blessing which runs through all,****soften the ground of our being,****and hallow in us a space for the planting of thy presence.****In our depths,**

sow thy seed with its greening power
 that we might be midwives to thy Reign.
 Then, let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with thy desire.
 Impart to us the wisdom to bring forth the gifts of the earth
 and share them daily according to the needs of each being,
 and restore what has been usurped by injustice to its rightful owners,
 as we restore to others what is not our own.
 Do not let us be diverted from our purpose,
 but make us sensitive to the moment at hand.
 For from thy fertile soil is born the creativity,
 the life-energy, and the dance, from birthing to birthing. Amen.
 (based on the work of Neil Douglas-Klotz in *Prayers of the Cosmos*)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10 in the Old Testament page 581.

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
 with my voice I make supplication to the LORD.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them;
 who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
 who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;
 he upholds the orphan and the widow,
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

***VOICES UNITED 707** For the Faithful Who Have Answered

BIBLE READING Mark 12:28-34 in the New Testament page 49.

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the

understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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 A Human Pyramid

ANTHEM Back to the Church in the Wildwood *Mary McDonald*

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

A TIME TO REMEMBER THE SAINTS OF OUR LIVES

Today is All Saints Sunday.

This is the Sunday we mark to remember all Christians both past and present.

It recognizes that we stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. This day we affirm that we are not alone.

Instead, those who have died before us,

these saints who journey with us each moment of each day,

these saints help us as we live the Way of Jesus.

As it is written in Hebrews 12:1 from the paraphrase *The Message*,

"Do you see what this means –

all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on?

It means we'd better get on with it.

Strip down, start running—and never quit!"

Just as scripture implores us to harvest the wisdom of these saints,

we cherish their company,

even though we cannot reach out and touch them physically.

Instead, heart to heart, we cherish our memories of them,

remembering how they have taught us to live a life of faith.

DEDICATION OF THE LEGACY GIVING TREE *Legacy Giving Ministry Team*

Cherishing the memory of our pioneers is more than just reminiscing.

Instead, this Legacy Giving Tree represents the concrete ways

the generations before us sustained and grew this community of faith.

As it is engraved on the plaque beside our Legacy Giving Tree,

let us say these words together:

"We honour, with deep gratitude,

the generosity of our legacy donors since 1851,

whose gifts enable this community of faith to sink deep roots,

growing a strong trunk and sturdy branches."

What a gift and what a heritage to inspire us to give as they gave.

In prayer, let us ask God to invite us to joyful generosity:

Living, loving God, who thrives within the bounty of relationships,

may your Spirit move within us as it moved within our forebearers,

opening our understanding to the worth of your mission –
 proclaiming in Jesus' name that all are celebrated in your embrace.
**We dedicate our hearts to you, in concert with those who came before,
 pledging to listen and to leap in faith where you lead. Amen.**

Let us, then, dedicate this Legacy Giving Tree:

**We dedicate this symbol of faithfulness to your glory, O God,
 celebrating your mission alive and thriving in this congregation.
 May it ever remind us that no gift is lost in your reign,
 for you transform each gift to make a difference in the world.
 May it ever be so. Amen and amen.**

THE PLACING OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Our memory is more than just for those who gave donations of money.
 We also remember those who's very living touched us and changed us.
 We remember those we cherish who have died this past year,
 grieving their loss to this community of faith,
 lifting them to God through love everlasting.
 All of these names we are about to read are part of this community of faith –
 either because they are members or because they are connected to members.
 Once each name is read,
 a white carnation will be placed in the vase on the communion table.
 Let us remember these souls who are now part of the great cloud of witnesses,
 embraced within God's loving, restorative arms.

Wilma Jean Robinson
 Maisie Harrison
 Ron Leroy Elliott
 Dorothy Coombs
 Elizabeth "Beth" Anne Healey
 Eleanor "Ellie" Luella Ann Taylor
 Virene "Vi" Elva Thompson
 Beverly Christena Brandt
 Barbara Ann Cavers
 Douglas John Storrey
 Shirley Jean Christena "Chris" McLean
 David Jack Leaning
 Donald Bruce Swift
 Denis Alexander Ross
 Evan Keith Tufford
 Joan Marie Leaning
 Robert "Bob" Murray Forrest
 Shelley Jeffrey Stuart
 Ann Gordon
 Doris Jean Bradley
 Murray Leighton Johnson
 William "Ken" Kenneth Willoughby

MEMORIAL AFFIRMATION

In life, in death, in life beyond death, you are with us, O God.

God of all saints,

**we thank you for the blessing of wisdom these souls have given,
as we thank you for the cherished memories of those we love.**

BEING BLESSED BY THE SAINTS AMONG US AND A BLESSING FOR OTHERS

(Paper Carnations)

For those here worshipping in person, you already have your paper carnations.
For those at home watching through live stream or those watching this recording,
you may have received a paper carnation sent by email on Friday.
If you didn't receive one, please get a piece of paper and a pen or pencil.
On the back of that paper carnation or on the piece of paper,
please take some time to write the saints you cherish
who have been a gift in your life.

These are the people we consider part of the great cloud of witnesses,
of the saints surrounding us within God's embrace.
As you write, let us take some time for silent reflection.

SILENT REFLECTION**PLACING OUR CARNATIONS**

*Starting from the back of the sanctuary and coming up the middle aisle,
please place your paper carnation on the communion table,
returning by the side aisle to your seat.
Those of you worshipping at home,
feel free to hold your paper carnation to your heart,
symbolizing how you cherish their time within your life.*

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**OFFERING INVITATION****PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

Take the gifts we offer, O God, planting them as acorns in Christ's name.

From these seeds of generosity,

**may you bless them to grow into legacy trees of compassion,
branching into the world to make a difference. Amen.**

***VOICES UNITED 697 O for a World**

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 we praise your name, O God.**

POSTLUDE Miniature Suite for organ: Finale *Healey Willan*