

Kincardine United Church 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 2, 2018 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 people have walked on this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and of their spirituality.

We begin our worship this morning by acknowledging the unceded territory of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, the Saugeen Ojibwe and, more recently, the Saugeen Metis.

We are all Treaty people,

parties to the Upper Canada, Haldimand, Huron and Niagara Treaties.

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 with all who live and work and worship on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT Prelude J.C. Kittel

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Our God of plenty and of infinite grace surrounds us with blessings.

We come in thanksgiving for there is always enough of what we need.

Tucked beneath the surface, waiting for us to labour to release it – abundance!

We come to listen for how to act with generosity and with grace.

We gather to understand and to hear as we engage with God in prayer:

God, raise our expectations as we worship this morning.

Do not leave us content to settle for a feel-good moment,

for a tidbit of usable wisdom or for a momentary easing of stress.

Instead, usher us into an encounter with the risen Christ,

transforming us into his active, living body for the world.

We ask it all in the power of the surprising, challenging Spirit. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 226** For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We have just finished singing about the beauty of your good creation, O God.

We have just sung about those qualities which make relationships flourish.

Through our hymn, we have just thanked you for the sublime gift of new life.

Open our hearts to be filled with your Spirit.

Open our lives to follow the Way of Jesus.

Within our brokenness, open our souls to your healing

as we commune with you in silent prayer.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SHARING TIME "Nail Holes"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we sing)

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

*MORE VOICES 171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

BIBLE READING Mash-up between Mark 7:1-7, 14-15 and James 1:17-27

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 "Food for Thought or Thought for Food?"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM How Long Has It Been? sung by Ann Windsor

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Bless what we give this morning to become your hands and feet in the world. May you bless our self-giving as faithful action instead of as empty words.

In your blessings, O $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$, may we be blessed in return. Amen.

*VOICES UNITED 508 Just as I Am

*BENEDICTION

*THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Vulpuis Willan



AV MINISTRY TEAM
Dave Leaning

COUNTERS 5 Bernd & Ursula Portz

SEPTEMBER HOUSE LEADERS Joan & Wayne Hartwick

NURSERY ATTENDANT ♦ Thank you

SCRIPTURE READER ☐ Gregg McClelland SLIDE PRESENTATION ◆ Sarah MacKenzie

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ◆ Diane Clubb

WORSHIP I Gord Dunbar