

**Welcome** Life is exhausting sometimes, isn't it? Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by everything that we have to deal with. There are too many things on our plates. Come into this Sanctuary and allow God to take away some of your burdens.

**Lighting of Christ Candle** by Gord Dunbar, Kincardine PC, Kincardine, ON

L: The Spirit whispers to our hearts, to our longing, to our seeking. It encourages, inspires, dares, unites, and equips.

**P: The Christ candle is lit and our spirits respond with similar tiny flickers. Reaching out for signposts to guide us, we gain a perspective of all those flickers among us, the light of Christ in our midst.**

**Acknowledgement of the Land** I was asked the other day why we start some services every month with an Acknowledgement of the Territory. It's interesting that some, not all, Indigenous Nations in Canada, when they are visiting another Nation's Territory, the visiting person would do some version of an Acknowledgement when they greet their hosts. This is a sign of respect.

When the Truth and Reconciliation Report came out in 2015, the United Church came out in support of the document and the 94 Calls to Action. The Acknowledgements are meant to: recognize the Treaty Land or unceded Territory that the non-Indigenous population inhabits. But it's not supposed to stop there. Call to Action #59 states, "We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement (that's us) to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history, and legacy of residential schools." So, another important part of an Acknowledgement is to have a couple sentences of history or other information in the Acknowledgement so that non-Indigenous people have an opportunity to learn, un-learn, and then act.

**Ministry of Music** Wake, O My Soul

## Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God.

**P: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

### Gathering Hymn Make a Joyful Noise, VU # 820

Refrain	Know that your God has made you.	Enter these gates thanksgiving.	Ages through endless ages,
Make a joyful noise all the earth!	Know it's to God we belong.	Enter these courts with praise.	Seasons of endless years,
Worship your God with gladness.	And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.	Sing thanks to God and bless the holy Name.	the love of our Maker ever shall endure
Make a joyful noise all the earth!	Worship your God with a song!	Worship your God with a song.	Worship your God with a song!
Come to this place with a song!	Refrain	Refrain	Refrain

### Gathering Prayer

**P: O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months. May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to be grateful for your provision and to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. In the wonderful name of Jesus, Amen.**

### Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful, VU # 291

All things bright and beautiful,	Each little flower that opens,	The purple-headed mountains,	The cold wind in the winter,	The rocky mountain splendour,	God gave us eyes to see them,	All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,	Each little bird that sings,	The river running by	The pleasant summer sun,	the lone wolf's haunting call,	And lips that we might tell	All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,	God made their glowing colours,	The sunset and the morning	The ripe fruits in the garden,	the great lakes and the prairies,	How great is God our Maker,	All things wise and wonderful,
In love, God made them all.	God made their tiny wings.	That brightens up the sky.	God made them every one.	the forest in the fall.	Who has made all things well.	In love, God made them all.

### Offering Invitation & Prayer

## Children's Ministry & Prayer

HE>i (He is greater than I) -Pastor Don talked to the children of all ages about how good God is to us. They read the story of Jesus walking on water.

## Lord's Prayer (spoken)

## Scriptures

### Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning - the first day.

### John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Isaiah 43:18-19

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

## Hymn Open My Eyes That I May See, VU # 371

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.	Refrain Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!	Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Refrain	Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Refrain
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## Message NOTHING!!

-In his message Pastor Don started again with the passage from Genesis: "In the beginning . . ." there was nothing and God created it all. At some point in each of our lives we find a state of nothingness: failing health, finances, heartache, loneliness, hit a brick wall, but God makes a way for us to see it through -in Genesis God made something out of nothing -gave examples of encouragement for us

-in John 1 "The Word (Jesus)

-when there is nothing -God is up to something -be patient!

-empty out to make room for what God has planned -God is good -always in charge

-what did God do to save his people: parted the Red Sea, saved Daniel from the Lion's den -saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire -God was with them all the way

-Hebrews were slaves in Egypt -God sent Moses to save them

-Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life -no one comes to God except through Jesus

-some of the miracles of Jesus: calmed the storm -storms come into our lives but Jesus calms the internal storm

-regardless of what we are handed in life remember "from nothing comes good" -allow God to do something.

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## Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us lift our grateful hearts in faith to the One who hears all prayers and be assured that in love and compassion God holds close all those in need. (silent prayer)

Grateful for God's provision: for those in our circle of family & friends; for this church family, it's leaders and minister; for our community; for our country; for the world; for self. Lord, hear our prayers and in your love answer. Amen.

## Parting Hymn Teach Me, God, to Wonder, VU # 299

Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see; let your world of beauty capture me.	Refrain Praise to you be given; love for you be lived, life be celebrated; joy you give.	Let me, God, be open; let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. Refrain	Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake; in your world of loving my place take. Refrain	Teach me, God, to know you; hear you when you speak; see you in my neighbour when we meet. Refrain
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## Benediction

## Choral Amen