

First United Church

November 12, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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Bulletin Art: "Tea Bowl fixed in the Kintsugi method" (Wikimedia)

- Is a request to stand in body or in spirit

Prelude Andante in F, K.616

W. A. Mozart

Listening as we Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

ONE: Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

ALL: First United Church resides on treaty lands known as the Haldimand Tract, which straddle either side of the Grand River, from Lake Erie all the way to north of Shelburne, and upon the traditional territory of Attawandaron, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee people. We recognize this gathering place where we worship and serve is home to many past, present, and future First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. May our honouring of the land and worship of Creator this day plant a seed that will grow into relationships of justice and healing between settlers and Indigenous peoples in our midst.

ONE: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

- **Introit:** Come Now, O God of Peace (English, Korean, English) VU 34

Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

- **Call to Worship**

ONE: With joy in our hearts and awe in our spirits, let us worship.

ALL: God whispers messages of love, acceptance, wisdom, and welcome.

ONE: The Holy One reaches out to us with melodious sounds, gorgeous sights, delectable smells, and luxurious textures. We are encircled with delights that leave our senses full of awe.

ALL: We hear God's invitation to enter deeply into this worship experience. We are ready!

- **Opening Hymn** God of the Bible

MV 28

Prayer of Approach

Listening For God's Word

- **Hymn** Like a Rock

MV 92

The Story for the Young at Heart

Greg Case

Scripture Readings

Act 9:1-20

(Reader: Rick Chambers)

One: This is the witness of the Church.

All: Thanks Be To God.

Responsive Psalm 30

VU 757

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Ministry of Music - Gallery Choir: With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Reflection: "Embracing Imperfection: Learning from Kintsugi" Rev. Hoeun Lee

- **Hymn** Will You Come and Follow Me

VU 567

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory

Hannah Haworth - Soloist

- **Dedication of Offering** Ay, Ay, Salidumay MV 184

Prayer of Dedication:

All: Loving God, Creator, and Sustainer, may be these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of your creative spirit. Multiply and use them to bring the word and the touch of Jesus to your people in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

- Call to Prayer** There is Room for All MV 62

Prayers of the People

Our Father (and Mother), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- **Sending Hymn** Abide with Me VU 436

Sending Forth and Benediction

- **Benediction Response** May the God of Peace MV 224

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude: Little Prelude and Fugue in Bb Krebs (formerly attr. Bach)