



Melville United Church
Order of Service - Fourth of Easter - Camping Sunday
April 25 , 2010

WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION



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Visiting with Friends

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Time of quiet reflection.)
Please take this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Entrance of Choir and Worship Leaders

Prelude: J. S. Bach - Pastorale

Call To Worship (based on Revelation 7: 9-17)

Long ago, St. John had a vision.

"Behold, I saw a great crowd of people, from every race, tribe, nation, and language, holding palm branches, coming before the throne of God."

And they were shouting:

Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power and might belong to our God forever and ever.

Day and night, they worship God, and God will shelter them forever.

Come, let us worship God.

Hymn: VU 177 This Joyful Eastertide

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God, shepherd of us all,
we thank you for protecting us, guiding us, feeding us, loving us.
Be with us even now.**

Receive our worship, our praise, and our concerns.

May we rest our hopes in you in this time of worship

that we may truly be led to open our hearts to the blessings

of word and song; and may we worship in spirit and in truth. AMEN

Prayer of Confession

O God of all our days, so often we spend our time in thoughtless labour.

We work to build our own security and to fill our own pockets.

We become as lost sheep, wandering about without purpose.

Help us to find meaning and purpose in our lives.

Infuse our every deed with the mystery and goodness of purpose that attends your grace.

Grant that our hospitality and friendship may extend beyond the circles of privilege and habit, to include all your creation, even the least among us, in your embrace. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

God hears the longing of your heart and will tear down the barriers of fear and distrust that guard your hearts. Therefore, love freely and extravagantly in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit"

Sung Response: I AM A NEW CREATION
I am a new creation
No more in condemnation
Here in the grace of God I stand

My heart is overflowing
My love just keeps on growing
Here in the grace of God I stand

And I will praise you, Lord
Yes I will praise you, Lord
And I will sing of all that you have done

A joy that knows no limit
A lightness in my spirit
Here in the grace of God I stand

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: VU 661 Come to My Heart

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

Minute for Mission**WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG**

Anthem: G. Young - God Is My Shepherd

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Letters to the Early Church: Revelation 7:9–17
Psalm 23 pg. VU 749 (Refrain 2), Voices United
The Gospel According to: John 10:22–30
Lay Reader: Graeme Chalmers

Sermon: "ABUNDANT LIFE"

Hymn: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Offertory Response: **I'll Praise Eternal God** (MV 57) (in unison)
**I'll praise eternal God with all my heart,
and I will recount your marvelous works
and glorify your name.
I'll praise eternal God with all my heart.
I'll make you, my Lord, the subject of my joy.
Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

We are your witnesses, God.

**We demonstrate the reality of your love whenever we care, or share,
or dare to stand against the powers that diminish life.**

**Let our offerings today witness our commitment to be faithful witnesses
for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU 960)

Hymn: VU 625 I Feel the Winds of God

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response: **Melville Benediction**

**Let's go out from here and take our place,
Respect creation, sharing all God's grace.
Treasure the past and things we have done,
Open our minds to new things yet to come.**

God will be with us within, around, above,

**Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!
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Postlude: J. S. Bach - Prelude in G

We pray for all those in need this day, for those who are either in the hospital or at home: Marguerite Martin, Bill Dickie, Ann House
Ella Broderick, Maurice and Anne Marie Beckham,
Myrtle Black, Fred Montieth

Hospitals: If you or someone you know from Melville United is in hospital, please call 1-519-277-3030. Also, if you don't request a minister to visit at the hospital, your name will not appear on the Visiting List at the hospital.

Partners in Prayer: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Elora
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Fonthill
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Eleanor Brown, Eleanor Johnston
Diane Maloney, Graeme Chalmers
Ushers/Counters: Ken McManus, Gwen Swift
Myrtle Baker
Sound: Jeff Pletch
Powerpoint: Ian Johnston

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

May 2, 2010 - Fifth Sunday in Easter

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Acts of the Apostles: 11:1-18

Psalm 148 pg. 871-872, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Revelation 21:1-6

The Gospel According to: John 13:31-35

Lay Reader: Shawna Dunsmore

Mon., Apr. 26 Faith Unit 2 p.m. in the parlour. Marjorie Lister in charge of the Program. Theme: roll of older women in the church. Roll Call: bible passage that names a specific woman and what she did. Lunch in charge of Barb Stewart-Shieck

Finance Committee Meeting on Mon., April 26, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Unit UCW will meet Tues., April 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Speaker: Lorraine Harris - "The Benefits of Tai Chi" - all welcome.

UCW is holding a meeting on Tues. April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour. All women interested in church planning and church work please come and bring your ideas. For more information call Doreen 519-843-1998.

Joint Search Committee meets 7:00 p.m. in the parlour, Wed. Apr. 28.

This Afternoon! Centre Wellington Singers present: Love is in the Air with guests Grete Halwachs and Players from The Elora Community Theatre. Conductor: Louise Elder, Pianist: Betty Weinstein Sunday April 25th at 3:30 P.M. at Melville United Church. Adults/\$12; Children 12 and under/\$5.

Guelpch Chamber Choir – Monteverdi: /Vespers of 1610/, with soloists: Stephanie Kramer, Rebecca Collett, Daniel Cabena, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Chris Fischer, Marcus Kramer, Geoffrey Sirett, Neil McLaren - Orchestra on period instruments – Podium talk 7-7:30 – See and hear the early instruments! Saturday, May 1 - 8 pm, Church of our Lady, Guelpch - Tickets: (519) 763-3000, 1-877-520-2408 or from Choir members. Adults \$25, Students \$10, eyeGO \$5 www.guelpchamberchoir.ca

Garage Sale: Please note our Spring Sale is Fri. May 7th and Sat. May 8th, when doing your spring cleaning. We can use anything and everything.

Joseph is coming to Melville! Please join us on May 15th at 7pm in the Sanctuary for the performance of the Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It will feature lots of talent from within our congregation (Joseph- Cody Rawn; Pharaoh - Don Hess; Narrator - Susanne Schmidt McQuillan; Stage Direction - Glen McGinnis and many more) Admission will be free - We asked that you consider a Free Will Offering.

Play * Eat * Worship

Friday, April 30th from 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Join in some fun for all ages!

- 6:00 Play games & quizzes in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 Eat a meal together
- 7:40 Worship through songs and stories

Don't worry, we'll have veggies & dip during playtime.

Please mark your calendar and bring along your playful spirit.

Your RSVP, by April 27th, would really help food planning!

Last minute is okay too. Call Jane O'Leary (519-787-0880)

Send a Kid to Camp!

Church Camp is an incredible life and faith experience for so many children! Not only is it a place to make friends and play games, but it is also a place where kids can ask questions and witness others' faith journeys. These camps cost money though - anywhere from \$250-\$850! So we have a special fund to help families send their kids to camp. From now until May 16th, you will find special envelopes in the pews that can be placed in box at the back of the sanctuary with your donation inside. If you would like to consider sending your kids or grandkids to camp, please see the brochures for Silver Lake Camp on the table in the parlour, or visit <http://www.united-church.ca/contact/camps> for a list of all United Church camps across Canada (for local UC camps, go to the section on South Central Ontario). We will have subsidies available from our camp fund starting May 23rd, 2010.

Jen Auger - Youth Minister - Melville United Church

Reminder! Our monthly Council meeting will be held this Wednesday, April 28th at 7:30 pm in the Parlour. All committee reps are ask to attend. Please send your report to Marg Frayne right away.

Daffodil Luncheon, April 7th, 2010 at the Fergus Legion, raised \$5000. for the local chapter of the Cancer Society. Thanks to all servers and pie-makers. From Melville Rep: Bunny Russell.

Dinner and Gospel Concert in support of The Door Youth Centre. Doors open on Sat. May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Alma Bible Church 59 Peel St. Alma. Tickets \$25/Adult. For more info call John Cuming 0 519-843-3382

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 26 to Sun. May 2, 2010

Mon. 26	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
Tues. 27	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	2:00	Unit Grace	Parlour
	7:00	UCW meeting	Parlour
	7:00	Finance	Choir Room
Wed. 28	7:00	Joint Search Committee	Chapel
	7:30	Church Council	Parlour
Thur. 29	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
Fri. 30	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	6:00	P.E.W. Night	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 1	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Practice	Parlour
Sun. 2	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Melville's Treasures

M&S Givings at Feb 28 2010: \$4,470 2010 Target: \$ 30,000

Envelope Givings (Par + Non-Par) year-to-date at Feb 28 2010

Actual YTD: \$ 24,989

Budget YTD: \$ 37,326

Difference: (\$12,337)

Net Operating Income or (Loss) at Feb 28 2010: (\$6,304)