



Melville United Church

Order of Service - First in Lent

February 21, 2010

WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION

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 - Who Trusts in God

Call to Worship

One: Who makes the desert bloom?

All: It is God who makes the desert bloom.

One: Who turns stone to bread?

All: It is God who turns stone to bread.

One: How shall we offer thanks to God?

All: We will offer the best of what we have been given.

One: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn VU 405 New Every Morning

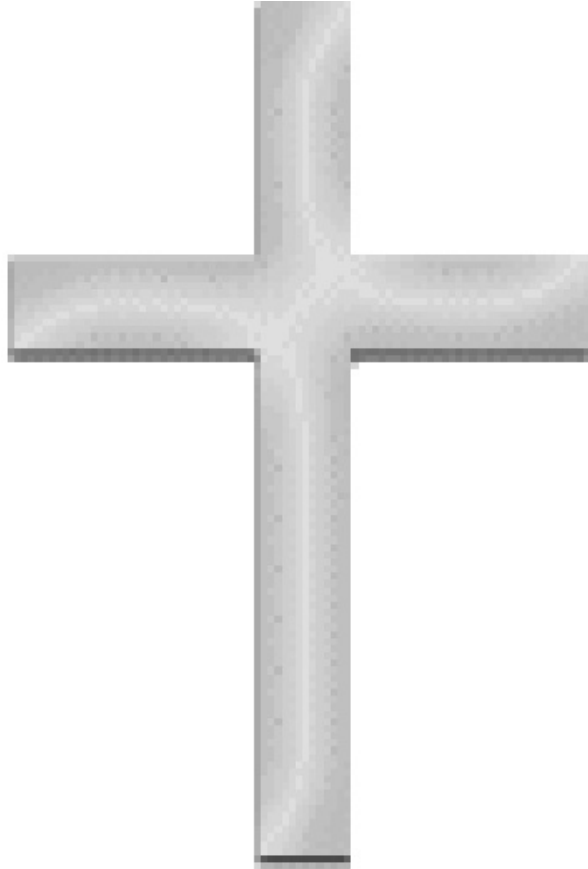
Opening Prayer

God of our salvation, you lead us from the wilderness of despair to life in all its fullness. Make us good stewards of your blessing, so that all the world may share in the abundance which you have shared with us, through Jesus the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge in times of need, you led your people out of bondage in Egypt and set before them the promise of a land of milk and honey. And yet the people grumbled and fell away.

Forgive us, O God, when we have taken your bounty for granted, discarding your offerings and wasting your creation.



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Forgive us, O God, when we have been tempted by the lure of wealth and possessions. We have sometimes forgotten that we were not made to live by bread alone.

Forgive us, O God. Cleanse and renew us, so that we may worship and serve you with our whole hearts. Amen

Sung Response: MV 85

**Take, O take me as I am: summon out what I shall be:
set your seal upon my heart and live in me**

Words of Assurance

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. "With long life I will satisfy them," God says, "and show them my salvation." So, know that God loves you, and will care for you always.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit")

Welcome/We Share of Joys and Concerns

Minute for Melville

Hymn VU 341 Fairest Lord Jesus

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: M. Jonas - On Eagle's Wings (VU 808)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrew Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalms 91, pg. 807, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Romans 10:8b–13

The Gospel According to: Luke 4:1–13

Lay Reader: Paula Bott

Sermon: "TESTING, TESTING"

Hymn VU 113 To the Desert Jesus Came

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Offertory Response: **For the Gift of Creation (VU 538)** (in unison)
**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

God of eternal love, we begin again this Lenten journey ever mindful of all that you have done for us. We rededicate ourselves to journey with Jesus, to remember your promises, and to spread the good news of your never-ending, unconditional love for all people. Accept these gifts and accept our promise, to love, serve and follow in Christ's name. AMEN

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

Hymn: VU 114 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response:

One in love, One in friendship true

One in hope, One in spirit too

One in faith, that God will care for you

'Til we meet together again (x4)

Postlude: J. S. Bach - Who Trusts in God

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, Brenda Falk (Beckham)

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: Elora Canadian Reformed
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Chelsey, Dobbinton
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Mary Lloyd, Rozlynn Oates
Peggie Dickie, Elizabeth Stintson
Sound: Barry Rawn
Powerpoint: Hugh Mahoney

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Feb. 28, 2010 - 2nd in Lent/Annual Meeting

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27 pg. 754, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Gospel According to: Luke 13:31-35

or The Gospel According to: Luke 9:28-36

Unit Faith---Feb.22 at 2 p.m. Theme--matters of the heart/love. Roll call answer: Bible verse containing the word "heart".

Grace Unit UCW meets Tuesday, Feb 23rd, 2010 at 2 PM in the Parlour.
Speaker's subject: Heart Health.

Finance Committee will have regular meeting Mon. Feb. 22. at 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Thank You, Thank You, to our many volunteers and guests who helped to make our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success! We served about one hundred people and made a profit of \$347.00. Well Done everyone!

Your Observer magazine needs to be renewed. If you have not already paid for your renewal, please submit your \$20 for 2010 subscription to the church office as soon as possible.

March Break Kid's Fun - Monday to Friday from 8:45 - 11:45 a.m during March Break. The program is geared towards 5-10 yr. olds. 11 and 12 yr. olds are invited to participate as junior leaders. Cost is \$10 per student. Please email Jen at jen@melvilleunited.org for a registration form.

Beat the Winter Blues Concert on Feb. 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. here at Melville United. Join us for coffee/tea, desserts and the blues stylings of SEED. Tickets \$15 each. All proceeds support THE DOOR YOUTH CENTRE.

Plan to attend World Day of Prayer at Melville United Church on Friday March 5 at 2:00 p.m. "Let everything that has breath praise God." written by the women of Cameroon.

Committees of Melville: As the annual meeting draws closer, the stewardship committee is looking to fill all of the vacancies on Melville's committees. Trustees, Ministry and Personnel, Christian Development, Pastoral Care, and Mission and Outreach all have a full compliment. Finance, Stewardship, Fun Funds and Fellowship, Property, Worship Music and Communications are all in need of more volunteers. We are also looking for a Vice Chair of Council. Melville also needs one more Presbytery Representative. Please prayerfully consider how you may serve the church.

Canadian Bible Society Annual Roast Beef Dinner - March 6, 2010 at 6:30 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Speaker Bob Coghill-- Report on Bob and Ruth's Mission in Asia. Ticket \$15.00 (Advance only).

Guelph Chamber Choir & Orpheus Choir of Toronto present music from Russia, Canada and Latvia, featuring Rachmaninoff's Vespers - Saturday, February 27 - 8 pm, Harcourt Memorial United Church, 87 Dean Avenue, Guelph - Tickets: River Run Centre (519) 763-3000, 1-877-520-2408 or from Choir members - Adults \$25, Students \$10, eyeGO \$5 www.guelphchamberchoir.ca

The Joint Needs Assessment Committee has completed a report

recommending that Waterloo Presbytery declare a vacancy for a continuing full-time Ordered Minister for Melville United Church and authorize the formation of a Joint Search Committee. Council and Presbytery's Ministry and Personnel Committee have reviewed the report and members will be asked to approve it on February 28. A limited number of paper copies of the 18 page report are available at the back of the church. Those who wish, and who are able to receive the report as an e-mail attachment, are encouraged to inform the Church Secretary. Summaries of responses to the Congregational Questionnaire are also available upon request.

Milk Bags Wanted - We are going to be making sleeping mats out of milk bags for children in third world countries. There is a bag located outside of the church office for anyone who could bring in there empty milk bags. For more information contact Kim Bell - 519-787-0209.

Melville's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday Feb. 28th during the church service. Lunch is being provided after church. All are welcome and encouraged to come to this important meeting for Melville. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It's always more fun to share the work ...and the business of Melville is important work. We've done some marvellous work this past year. Looking forward to seeing you there! You can pick up your copy of the annual report today at the back of the church. Please remember to bring it with you on the 28th!

Waterloo Presbyterial - 47th Annual Meeting - Mon. Apr. 12 at St. James'/ Rosemount United Church in Kitchener from 8:30 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Theme: "Honour the Heritage; Claim the Inheritance". For more info contact Bev Anticknap or Unit Leader. Must know before March 1/10.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 22 to Sun. Feb 28, 2010

Mon. 22	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
	7:00	Finance	Choir Room
Tues. 23	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	2:00	Unit Grace	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 24	6:30	"Beat the Blues" concert-The Door	Fellowship Hall
Thur. 25	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
Fri. 26	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	7:00	Youth Group Rec. night	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 27	9:30	Joseph Musical Rehearsal	Parlour
Sun. 28	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service and Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
		Youth Group Upper Auditorium and Youth Rm	

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