



Melville United Church  
 Order of Service - Last after Epiphany  
 February 14, 2010

**WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION**



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February 14, 2010  
 Transfiguration Sunday

*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:**

**Call to Worship**

One: We run and we jump, we ski and we spin, we crawl and we limp  
 into God's presence each day of our lives. And in moments like  
 these we come to worship God together.

All: **Let us sing and speak, listen and pray, watch and learn, filled  
 with the life that God gives us.**

**Song of Praise:** The Power of your Love

The Band

**Opening Prayer**

Your face, O God, is light

**Open our eyes, that we may see your face**

Your voice, O God, is truth

**Open our ears, that we may hear your truth**

Your action, O God, is love

**Open our hearts, that we may do your work with love.**

**Prayer of Confession**

Hey God, you are the knitter of my soul.

So today I give you the loose and tattered ends of my body and soul  
 Please, pick up the stitches that I have dropped in my quest to be holy  
 Remake me God so that your light, truth and love are intertwined in my  
 very being. Use me to warm the hearts and hands of those around me.

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**

Forgiven, we live in God's light

Loved, we live in God's grace

**Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome/We Share of Joys and Concerns**

**Minute for Melville**

**Message for Youth:** God's Dream by Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
*(Children are invited to stay in the service following this time.)*

**WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG**

**Anthem:** M. Hayes – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**Intro to the Message**

Jim Baxter

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

**Skit 1:** Giving generously

**Song of Praise:** Go Make a Difference

The Band

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13: 4-6

**Skit 2:** Finding the Middle Ground

**Song of Praise:** God, Grant that We May Be Transformed

The Band

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13: 7-8a

**Skit 3:** Different Strokes for Different Folks

**Song of Praise:** Humble Thyself

The Band

**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)

**We have awoken God to your call to love one another through gifts both  
great and small.**

**We are thankful for your faithful presence,  
We give this offering - a symbol of our faithfulness in return.  
May we use these gifts to bring healing where there is hurt  
Comfort where there is confusion  
And justice wherever it is needed. Amen**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our God, so far and so near, draw us to you.**

**May your love and justice flood the earth.**

**May your divine passion become our own.**

**Give us the food we need each day.**

**Be merciful to us as we strive to be merciful ourselves.**

**Do not abandon us at the crossroads of our lives,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the world is yours, you are at work in it,  
and your light shines upon it, even now. Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU372 Though I May Speak

**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:

**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:** Maranatha Christian Reformed Church  
**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference** Central, Welland & Silver Spire  
**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford**Welcomers:** Megan Smith, Emily Baxter  
Ellen MacLean, Will Mitchell**Sound:** Ian Johnston**Powerpoint:** JulyMiner/Ian Johnston**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:**Feb. 21, 2010 - 1<sup>st</sup> in Lent

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Hebrew Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 pg., Voices United

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

The Gospel According to: Luke 4:1-13

Lay Reader: Paula Bott

**TODAY - Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Secret Pen Pals** - Have you figured out who your pen pal is? Find out for sure TODAY. Join your pen pal, and all the other participants for lunch following the service.**Joseph Musical.** This is an invitation for the first rehearsal of the songs when a "choir" is involved. We will meet on February 14th at around 12.30 or 1 p.m. after the luncheon when we meet our secret pen pals. We would practice for not longer than 90 min. I hope that still leaves the rest of the afternoon to go after all those Valentine's Day Activities.

The next time we will meet will Saturday the 27th of February from 9.30 until 11 am. - Matthias

**Our buy a heart - Wear a Heart for Haiti** on Valentine's Day netted \$66.00. This will be matched dollar for dollar by the government. Thank you to all who gave so generously!**Melville United Church Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, February 16th 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is pancakes, sausage, hash browns, coffee, tea, juice, ice-cream, fresh fruit. Cost: \$7:00 per person / \$20.00 per family (children under 12 years) Sponsored by F.F.F. Committee**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](mailto: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.

**The Pastoral Care Committee will be visiting our seniors this month** with a Valentine Card and TODAY Booklet. If you would like a Church Member added to our visitation list, please speak to Patty Foster.

**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 Personel, Christian Development, Pastoral Care, and Mission and Outreach all have a full compliment. Finance, Stewardship, Fun Funds and Fellowship, Property, Worhsip 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.

**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.

**An Evening with Heart - February 18**, 6:30 pm, Stone Gable Hall - 181 St Andrew St East, Fergus - Dessert & speakers featuring Lori Armstrong, Virginia Ingleby and Mary Lloyd. Limited tickets \$10. with proceeds to Heart & Stroke Foundation. For more information call Mary 519-843-1314 or Virginia 519-546-5411.

**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).

**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 28<sup>th</sup>!

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 15 to Sun. Feb 21, 2010

Tues. 16	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	5:00	Pancake Supper	Fellowship Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 17	6:30	Council Executive Meeting	Parlour
Thur. 18	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	The Band	Parlour
	7:00	AMF	Choir room
	7:30	Can. Bible Society	Chapel
Fri. 19	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	7:00	Youth Group	Youth Room
Sun. 21	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		Youth Group	Upper Auditorium and Youth Rm