

## Melville United Church

Order of Service  
Fifth after Epiphany  
February 7, 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:** F. Schubert - Impromptu

**Call to Worship**

One: I give you thanks, my Creator

**All: with my whole heart, I sing your praise;**

One: I bow down to you and give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

**All: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

One: Let us worship God.

Song of Praise: Psalm 19 Let the Words of My Mouth                      The Band

**Opening Prayer**

One: You call,

**All: We answer.**

One: You come close,

**All: We are enfolded in love.**

One: You go deep.

**All: We are caught by the surprise of your grace.**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

One: In the midst of our business as usual, you come close, you draw us in and invite us to go deep.

**All: You assure us that, in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance.**

One: You ask us to trust and to take risks – to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community where we will find our true selves and be empowered to serve.

**All: We hear your invitation but we do not always respond in faith. Because of fear, habit, and closed hearts, we hold back and do not follow your lead. When we recognize how we have fallen short, we can be tempted to run away.**

One: What you offer is exactly what we need, yet we often reject your love with negative self-talk and resistance.

**All: Search for us again, O Love of our hearts, and may we be mindful of who we are in your love, so we can become all you have created us to be.**

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**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

(Liturgy taken in part from “Seasons of the Spirit”)

**Welcome/We Share of Joys and Concerns****Minute for Melville**

**Children’s Choir:** Whole New World of Winter                      J. Eilers Bacak

**Children’s Hymn:** VU 563    Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Message for Youth

(Children leave for Kids’ Church)

**WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG****SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138 (VU p. 860)

Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Gospel According to: Luke 5:1-11

Lay Reader: Elsie Smith

Message: “*WHAT A CATCH!*”

Diane Lank

Hymn VU 562    Jesus Calls Us

**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 provides abundantly. We will live without fear. God has filled our nets to bursting. We will live in joyful gratitude. God has a great purpose for us all. We will follow God’s lead. Let us trust in God who has been ever steadfast. We will be bold and answer God’s call.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn VU 264    Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response: **Sent out in Jesus' Name (MV 212)**  
**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now**  
**to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**  
**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain**  
**into a world of love, of justice and peace.**  
**The task is ours to do, to set it really free.**  
**O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.**

Postlude: K.H. Boehme - Prelude

**We pray for all those in need this day, for those who are either in the hospital or at home:** Marguerite Martin, Bill Dickie, Ella Broderick, Brenda Falk (Beckham), Ann House

**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:** Grand River Community Church  
**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference** Caistorville, Merrits, Sinclairville  
**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Ken McManus, Susan Barth  
 Bob Zirk, Eleanor Brown  
**Ushers/Counters:**  
**Sound:** Cameron O'Leary/Ralph Rainford  
**Powerpoint:** Diane Lank  
**Nursery:** Michelle & Jason Swan

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:**  
 Feb. 14, 2009 - Last after Epiphany  
 Melville Youth will be doing the Service  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a  
 Lay Reader: Youth

**Our sympathies are extended to Barb Stewart-Schieck and family** on the loss of Doug Schieck who passed away peacefully on Fri. Jan. 29. A memorial service is being held here at Melville this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

**Our sympathies are also extended to Eileen Beal and family** on the loss of Howard Beal who passed away on Sat. Jan. 30. His funeral was held this past Wed. Feb. 3 at the Graham Giddy Funeral Home.

**Wear a Heart for Haiti -- on February 14<sup>th</sup>.** There is a jar with small red hearts in it in the church. The idea is that if you wish to donate some change for Haiti, then the money will be sent to Haiti with our church's contributions. Take a heart out of the jar when you put your money in it and "Wear your Heart for Haiti" for Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th. (Larger donations should be channelled through Gerri.) The jar will be located on a flower stand in the Sanctuary on Sundays and then Gerri will have it on the office shelf during office hours. For more information contact Susan Barth 519-843-3710.

**Transfer of Membership!** If you are not a full member of Melville United and would like to be, please contact Rev. Shelley at 519-843-1781.

**From Feb. 4 - 12, Rev. Shelley Smith will be on study leave.** For Pastoral Emergencies please call Rev. Kate Gregory at the Belwood-Metz Pastoral Charge - 519-843-1227 From Feb. 4 to Feb. 10 and for Feb. 11 and 12 call Rev. Greg Smith-Young at 519-846-0122.

**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

**There are still quite a few Observer magazine subscriptions which have not been 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.

**Big Brother Big Sisters Bowl for Kids.** Would you like to be part of Melville's bowling team? Please email [Jen@melvilleunited.org](mailto:Jen@melvilleunited.org) or leave a phone message at the church.

**Secret Pen Pals** - Have you figured out who your pen pal is? Find out for sure on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Join your pen pal, and all the other participants for lunch following the service.

**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.

**From your church library - Suggestions for February are:**

"His Banner Over Me" By Jean Little

"Stories Seldom Told" By Lois Wilson

"Stories in My Neighbour's Faith" By Susan Scott

Anyone who has enjoyed one of our books and would like to tell others about it is welcome to submit a short write-up to the office. Please put it in an envelope labelled "Church Library".

**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 go to support THE DOOR YOUTH CENTRE.

**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

**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](http://www.guelphchamberchoir.ca)

**Mary Condren, Director of the Institute for Feminism and Religion,** and a teacher at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, will be in Guelph this coming weekend. On Feb. 12, from 7-9 pm, she will be giving a talk titled Brigit of Ireland: Spirit of Old Europe, at Harcourt United, 87 Dean, Guelph. On Feb. 13, she is leading an all-day experiential workshop from 10 - 4 at Norfolk United, 75 Norfolk St., Guelph. The workshop is titled Brigit: Birthing a New Spring for our Time. In Ireland women-centred spiritual traditions bubble under the surface awaiting new forms, interpretations and embodiment. Brigit's stories and the traditions of her wisdom, excavated by Mary, awaken ancestral memories. Come and hear stories, make crosses, and chant the songs and rounds used now to weave the rituals of the Festival of Brigit in our time. Cost: \$20 for Friday evening; \$70 for Saturday. Sponsored by the Guelph Seminar and the Sacred Wisdom Centre. For further information, see Diane Lank.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Feb. 8 to Sun. Feb 14, 2010

Tues. 9	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
Wed. 10	7:30	Stewardship	Parlour
Fri. 12	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 14	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		Lunch after the service	
		- presented by Youth	Fellowship Hall
		After Lunch Joseph Musical Rehearsal	