



Melville United Church
Order of Service - Third in Lent
March 7, 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. Eberlin - Toccata in D

Call to Worship

One: Hear God calling:

All: "Come to the waters."

One: Everyone who thirsts,

All: all who are hungry,

One: You who need a welcome,

All: you who are longing for home,

One: "Come to me," God says.

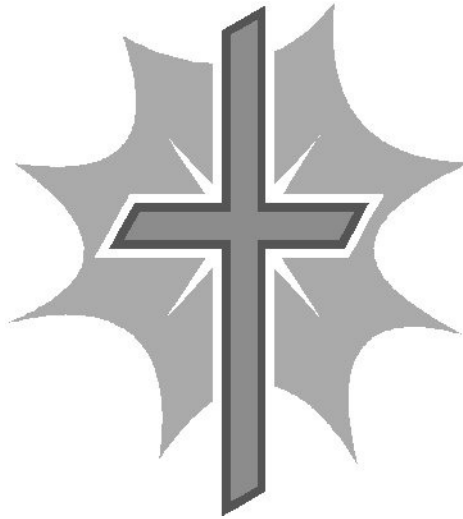
**All: "Come, come to the waters,
Come to the waters of life."**

Hymn VU 234 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together.

O God, we seek you and our souls thirst for you. Wash away the dryness and weariness in our lives and revive us with your glorious presence, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that there are times when we are distracted by what is not lasting and can never truly satisfy.

There are times when what seems easy and fun, or flashy and expensive, distracts us from what is real and meaningful.

Sometimes we long for flattery and self-conceit over truth and integrity:

We prefer style to substance, and we can be scared off by the challenges that come with loving from the heart.

Forgive us the fears and distractions that prevent us from journeying with you into Jerusalem. 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**

Assurance of Pardon

We are invited to seek God, who is waiting to be found, and to call out to God, who is near at hand; for God is merciful, and eager to pardon.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit")

Welcome

Hymn VU 574 Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: J. Stainer - God So Loved the World

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalm 63:1–8, pg. 781, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

The Gospel According to: Luke 13:1–9

Lay Reader: Ken McManus

Sermon: "LIVING A FRUITFUL LIFE"

Hymn VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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)

You have made of life a rich feast for our souls, filling our hearts with joy. Grant that we too, through these offerings and all that we do,

may be a source of joy to others. AMEN

We Share of Joys and Concerns

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

Hymn: VU 658 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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: B. Marcello - Psalm 18

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
Dorothy Clay, Ella Broderick, Brenda Falk (Beckham), Myrtle Black

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 Road Christian Fellowship
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Delhi
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Isobel Glennie, Bob Zirk
Eleanor Johnston, Eleanor Brown
Sound: Les Frayne
Powerpoint: Jeff Pletch

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Mar. 14, 2010 - Fourth in Lent
Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith
Hebrew Lesson: Joshua 5:9–12
Psalm 32 pg.759, Voices United
Letters to the Early Church: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21
The Gospel According to: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32
Lay Reader: Bob Foster

Pastoral Care meeting on Wed. Mar. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Joseph Musical Rehearsal on Sat. morning, Mar. 13 in the in the parlour.

Please wear your button. Name buttons are still available in order for us to learn everyone's name. Order forms are on the bulletin board in the photo copy room across from the office.

Study Group meetings are on Wed. nights at 7:00 p.m. or Thurs. mornings at 10 a.m. in the parlour. The group will be discussing the book entitled The Last Week – What the Gospels Really teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus J. Borg.

Session 2 Wed. Mar. 17 or Thurs. Mar. 18; Chapters 1,2
Session 3 Wed. Mar. 30 or Thurs. Apr. 1; Chapters 3,4
Session 4 Wed. Apr. 14 or Thurs. Apr. 15; Chapters 5,6
Session 5 Wed. Apr. 21 or Thurs. Apr. 22; Chapters 7,8
Session 6 To Be Announced. Wrap-up

Midweek Lenten Services are being held at noon every Wed. from Feb. 24 to Mar. 24 inclusive. at St. James Anglican Church in Fergus. Please bring a bag lunch - soup, rolls, coffee and tea will be provided.

There are Chicken pies available for sale. The cost is \$3.50 each. Contact the office at 519-843-1781 or Doreen Ecclestone.

The Irish are coming! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our annual "Irish Stew Supper" **this Friday**, March 12th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. For more information please see hand out or call Ralph Rainford 519-843-3841.

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.

From Sun. Mar.7 in the p.m until Fri. Mar. 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 Mar. 9 - 12.

Coffee please. Volunteers are needed to set up and serve coffee after the worship service. If you are able to help, please sign the paper on the easel in the parlour.

Welcome to Melville. If you are interested in being a Welcomer on Sunday mornings and have not been asked, please speak to Ralph Rainford.

Sounds fine to me! Helpers are needed to do sound on Sunday mornings. If you think you would like to get involved with this, please speak to one of the men presently working the sound system. Free training is available.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Tues. 9	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
Wed. 10	7:00	Pastoral Care	Parlour
Thur. 11	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
Fri. 12	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	5:00	Irish Stew night	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 13	9:30	Joseph Musical Rehearsal	Parlour
Sun. 14	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Holy Week Services at Melville - Mar/April 2010

Sun. Mar. 28



Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Service - Communion

Thurs. April 1



Maundy Thursday

Pot Luck 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Join us in the "Upper Room." There is food/manna aplenty for our physical and spiritual hungers!

Fri. April 2



Good Friday Service-

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlour
10:30 a.m. - Service

Sun. April 4



Easter Sunday Service

"Celebration of the Resurrection"
10:30 a.m. - Service