



Melville United Church
Order of Service - Fourth in Lent
March 14, 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: W. A. Mozart - Menuetto

Call to Worship

We gather in this place to worship you, living God,
who was, and who is, and who will be forever.

We gather in this place in wonder and confusion,
**in hope and longing,
doing the best we can to find our way.**

Be with us, God, touch and warm our hearts
**that we might be a blessing.
Come, let us worship God.**

Hymn VU 409 Morning Has Broken

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together.

**Waiting God - welcoming presence in the doorway,
listening for the footfall,**

**the squeak of the floorboard -
open your aching heart to us,**

**those who look hopefully for a small light of hope to guide us home.
Greet us with a loving embrace once more, we pray.**

AMEN



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Prayer of Confession

Even as we approach your holy love in faith, O God,
we know how often we turn away
and refuse your generous welcome.

**Sometimes we doubt that we really are forgiven.
We determine the limits of your mercy
by measuring our own.**

We look at ourselves and fear that we are hard to love.

**We believe that we should go through more pain
before we ask for your kindness,**

or feel that one more stumbling in our human journey
is too many for you to understand and forgive.

We sigh in sadness and stop before we reach your outstretched arms.

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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

In faith, let us move towards a God of love, who is already moving in grace
towards us. All are offered the peace of God. Come into the home of
healing, forgiveness, and comfort.

May the peace of God, who is our Loving Parent, be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Praise: You are my King - (Amazing Love) The Band

Covenanting for Church Council Members (see insert)

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

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

Anthem: By the Waters of Babylon - E. Daley

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

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, 11-32

Lay Reader: Bob Foster

Sermon: "EXTRAVAGANT LOVE"

Hymn VU 135 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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)

**Extravagant God, you lavish us with love and acceptance and ask that
we love and accept others. In offering these gifts, we express our
commitment to your way. May they bring hope and shalom to this
congregation and to this world. In the name of Christ, we pray.**

AMEN

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Hymn: VU 556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

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. Brahms: Choral prelude on O Welt Ich Muss Dich Lassen

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), 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: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fergus
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Dublin Street, Guelph
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Mary Lloyd, Rozlyn Oates
David Gohn, Karen Smillie
Sound: Jeff Pletch
Powerpoint: Diane Lank

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Mar. 21, 2010 - Fifth in Lent

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 pg., Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Philippians 3:4b-14

The Gospel According to: John 12:1-8

Lay Reader: Art Russell

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Clay. Dorothy passed away peacefully on Tues. Mar. 9 and her funeral service was held at here at Melville United this past Saturday.

Finance Committee meeting Mon., Mar. 15 2010 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

UCW Unit Joy meeting will be held on Tues. Mar. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Study Group is meeting on Wed. Mar. 17 at 7:00 p.m. or Thurs. Mar. 18 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

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.

SPRING GARAGE SALE: has been booked for Fri. May 7th and Sat. May 8th, all day, in the Fellowship Hall. As you do your spring clean-up, please keep us in mind. We can use anything and everything!!! For now, please store your items, as we have limited space. For enquiries, call the Church office. 843-1781 Lorna Bevcar (Fun & Funds Committee)

A note from Stewardship - There are still vacancies on the following committees:

Stewardship (5)	Fun Funds & Fellowship (2)
Finance (1)	Property (1)
Christian Development (1)	Kids Church (1)
Mission & Outreach (1)	Presbytery Rep. (1)

If you can offer some time or talent please consider and speak to Lori Wright or Hugh Mahoney or a committee member you know.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Mon. 15	7:00 Finance Committee	Choir Room
Tues. 16	9:00 am Quilting	Choir Room
	7:30 Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 17	7:00 Study Group	Parlour
Thur. 18	10:00 a.m. Study Group	Parlour
	6:00 Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00 The Band	Parlour
Fri. 19	10:00 Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 21	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