



Melville United Church

Order of Service - Fifth in Lent

March 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. Stanley - Voluntary in d

Call to Worship

Our God is awesome, full of surprises.

God makes rivers flow in the deserts.

God pours out love on all of creation.

Come, let us worship this wondrous God.

Hymn VU 187 The Spring Has Come

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together.

O God, you are the giver of wonderful things. You gave us life.

You have filled our lives with family and friends.

You lavish us with your grace.

You have given us this day to add to the many we have shared. And you have given us Jesus.

Help us grow in our understanding and appreciation of just how much you love us,

and open our hearts that our worship this day might be an act of praise and thanksgiving for all you have done for us. AMEN



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Prayer of Confession

O God, you lavish the universe with life, poured out from the bounty of your blessedness.

You share the aroma of your holiness with all creatures, great and small.

We thank you for Jesus, who poured out his life that we might have the priceless gifts of salvation, forgiveness, and mercy.

We confess, O God, that while you lavish us with unconditional love, we have not always shared that with others.

On the feet of those who hate us,

how often have we poured the aroma of love?

With those who have hurt us,

when have we shared the fragrance of forgiveness?

On those who war with us,

when have we spread the perfume of peace?

On those who are harsh with us,

have we lavished enough the scent of gentleness?

On those who misunderstand us,

how have we offered the bouquet of patience?

On those who love us,

when have we modelled the gentle humility of Christ in us?

We confess, O Creator, that in our humanness, we have not always dared to share your love with others.

Forgive, us, and pour your love into our hearts, that our souls will become fountains of the precious gifts that flow from your grace.

Transform our good intentions into the sweet smell of holiness, that we may bless others with the aroma of love. 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

The God of overflowing mercy has forgiven all our sins.

As we have gone out weeping, God pours upon us never-ending grace.

Know that you are forgiven, and come back to God with shouts of joy.

Thanks be to God! AMEN

Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit"

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: P. Drennon - The Old Rugged Cross

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalm 126 pg. 850, Refrain 1, Voices United

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

The Gospel According to: John 12:1–8

Lay Reader: Art Russell

Sermon: "OUTPOURING OF LOVE"

Hymn VU 129 Said Judas to Mary

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)

Loving God, your gifts to us are beyond measure.

You have given us gifts of life more than we can imagine,

and we owe you more than we can ever repay.

Yet we offer what we can, as a joyous offering of thanks.

Accept these offerings from our hearts, we pray. AMEN

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU960)

Hymn: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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. Stanley Voluntary in d

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: Bethel Mennonite Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Elora-Bethany

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Dorothy and George Collin
Linda and Norm Porritt

Sound: July Miner

Powerpoint: Ian Johnston

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Mar. 28, 2010 - Palm Sunday

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118: Parts 1;3;4, pg. 837, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Philippians 2:5-11

The Gospel According to: Luke 19:28-40

Lay Reader: Graeme Chalmers

Unit Faith meets Monday the 22nd. The roll call response is a bible verse containing the word "green". Cinda Richardson has agreed to speak to us about Grandmothers to Grandmothers. All are welcome to attend---2 p.m

Church Council meets on Wed. Mar 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Thanks to all who supported the annual Irish Stew Dinner. We served over one hundred people, were supported by twenty-five volunteers and realized a profit of \$650.00. Well done everyone!

Study Group meetings are on 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 3 Tues. Mar. 30 and Thurs. Apr. 1; Chapters 3,4

Session 4 Thurs. Apr. 15; Chapters 5,6

Session 5 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.

Study Group is meeting on Wed. Mar. 30 at 2:00 p.m. and Thurs. Apr. 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlour.

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. 519-843-1781 Lorna Bevcar (Fun & Funds Committee)

Bake Sale: next Sunday, March 28. Proceeds to support Melville Family Camp weekend.

Easter Favours: for your Easter Dinner Table or as small gifts, this Sunday (21st) and next (28th), in the central hallway. Also funding the Melville Family Camp.

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. 22 to Sun. Mar. 28, 2010

Mon. 22	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
Tues. 23	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
Wed. 24	7:30	Church Council	Parlour
Thur. 25	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
Fri. 26	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sat. 27	9:30	Joseph Musical Rehearsal	Parlour
Sun. 28	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Palm 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

