

Melville United Church
Order of Service - Anniversary Sunday
May 2, 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: E. Elgar - Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

Call To Worship

All manner of people gather here,
seeking the unity that God alone can bring.

Unite us by your spirit, O God.

All creation seeks to praise God.

Unite us by your spirit, O God.

Wherever we gather, God's Spirit is in our midst.

Unite us by your spirit, O God.

United by God's Spirit, let us worship.

Hymn: VU 218 We Praise You, O God

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Let us pray together

God of variety and wonder, we come before you as people bound by our own customs and beliefs. Yet we know that you are far greater than anything we can imagine. Give us the vision to see and know the presence of your Holy Spirit in all things. On God, now and forever.

Amen

Prayer of Confession

We give you thanks, O God, for through your wondrous grace, you turn our despair into rejoicing. You make the ordinary extraordinary.

You bless us with a wonderful variety of gifts and infuse our lives with joy in your holy presence. We pray for those times when we are oblivious to or take for granted the symphony of grace; and we pray for ourselves, for we are too often oblivious to the symphony of grace that plays about us.

We pray for those times when we surround ourselves with colourless habits and routines that dull our senses and cause us to forget the wonder and majesty of your presence.

So often we respond to the infinite variety of your creation, not with wonder and thanksgiving, but with irritation and fear.

Grant us your vision, so that we may rejoice in ways that connect with what you have done for us.

We pray in the name of Christ Jesus who is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Behold! God is here, in our midst, making all things new. God offers repentance, a chance to turn around and begin again, to all people.

Thanks be to God! Amen *Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit"*

Sung Response: I AM A NEW CREATION
I am a new creation
No more in condemnation
Here in the grace of God I stand

My heart is overflowing
My love just keeps on growing
Here in the grace of God I stand

And I will praise you, Lord
Yes I will praise you, Lord
And I will sing of all that you have done

A joy that knows no limit
A lightness in my spirit
Here in the grace of God I stand

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Praise: You Shine

The Band

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: J. Rutter - For the Beauty of the Earth

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Letters to the Early Church: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Psalm 148 pg. 871, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Revelation 21:1-6

The Gospel According to: John 13:31-35

Lay Reader: Shawna Dunsmore

Reflections on Melville Church

David Beattie

- message read by Peggie Dickie

VU 958 Hallelujah

Martha Duncan

- Martha will give a reflection of what Melville means to her

VU 958 Hallelujah

David Ogilvie

- David will share what Melville means to his family

VU 958 Hallelujah

Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Offertory Response: **I'll Praise Eternal God** (MV 57) (in unison)
**I'll praise eternal God with all my heart,
 and I will recount your marvelous works
 and glorify your name.
 I'll praise eternal God with all my heart.
 I'll make you, my Lord, the subject of my joy.
 Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)
**On this Anniversary Sunday, we offer our gifts to you for blessings.
 Bless our time, that we may use it wisely;
 Bless our skills and talents, that we may use them cooperatively;
 Bless our money, that it may bring joy within our local church,
 and peace within our nation and beyond.
 We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Hymn: VU 331 The Church's One Foundation

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response: **Go Now In Peace**
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there within, around, above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
 Amen, Amen, Amen**

Postlude: W. Mathias - Fanfare

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, Maurice and Anne Marie Beckham,
 Myrtle Black, Fred Montieth

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: Unitarian Universalist Association
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Goldstone
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Virginia Ingleby, Ronnie Ingleby
 Karen Smillie, Ralph Rainford
Ushers/Counters: Jane O'Leary, Gary O'Leary
 Chris Harriott
Sound: Cameron O'Leary
Powerpoint: Hugh Mahoney

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

May 9, 2010 - Sixth Sunday in Easter/Christian Family Sunday
 Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith
 Acts of the Apostles: 16:9–15
 Psalm 67 pg.786, Voices United
 Letters to the Early Church: Revelation 21:10, 22.1—22:5
 The Gospel According to: John 14:23–29
 or The Gospel According to: John 5:1–9
 Lay Reader: Ken McManus

After today's Service, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for Lunch and a time of fellowship. Please take time to: sign the guest book and make note of your special memories at Melville; view an extensive pictorial display prepared by Art Russell and a historical display put together by Peggie Dickie and Millie Cumming.

Property meeting on Mon. May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Worship, Music and Communication meeting on May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour.

Stewardship meeting on Wed. May 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Always Moving Forward meeting on Thurs. May 6 at 7:00 in the parlour.

Garage Sale: Please note our Spring Sale is Fri. May 7th and Sat. May 8th, when doing your spring cleaning. We can use anything and everything. Please call Lorna Bevcar 519-787-0570.

Canadian Bible Soc. meeting on Thurs. May 13 in the chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Mission & Outreach meet on Tues. May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Joseph is coming to Melville! Please join us on May 15th at 7pm in the Sanctuary for the performance of the Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by Andrew Lloyd Webber. It will feature lots of talent from within our congregation (Joseph- Cody Rawn; Pharaoh - Don Hess; Narrator - Susanne Schmidt McQuillan; Stage Direction - Glen McGinnis and many more) Admission will be free - We asked that you consider a Free Will Offering.

Have you considered giving Mother a Bible for Mother's Day? We have the E S V International Bible (\$9.95) or for a teen's birthday, the Youth Compact Bible (\$3.95). The Canadian Bible Society has several bibles on display in the church - have a look. See Thelma F. or Ruth Sproule.

Dinner and Gospel Concert in support of The Door Youth Centre. Doors open on Sat. May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Alma Bible Church 59 Peel St. Alma. Tickets \$25/Adult. For more info call John Cuming 0 519-843-3382

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. May 3 to Sun. May 9, 2010

Mon. 3	7:30	Property	Choir Room
Tues. 4	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	7:00	Worship, Music and Communication	Parlour
Wed. 5	7:30	Stewardship	Parlour
Thur. 6	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Always Moving Forward	Chapel
	8:30	The Band	Parlour
Fri. 7	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	8-4:00 p.m.	Garage Sale	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 8	9:30 a.m.	Joseph Practice	Parlour
	8-4:00 p.m.	Garage Sale	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 9	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

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