



Melville United Church
Order of Service - Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day
May 9, 2010

WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION



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May 9, 2010
Fifth of Easter

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: D. Buxtehude - Nun lob mein Seel den Herren

Call To Worship

The song of God's love spreads abroad in all the earth -
to every race and nation.

It dances through barriers of history and prejudice.

Let all the peoples praise you!

The song rises among the silenced and rejected,
the suffering and the longing ones.

Let all the peoples praise you!

The song can be heard on the road of life
waiting to offer hospitality.

Let all the peoples praise you!

The song brings melodies of delight
within the Body of Christ here.

Let all the peoples praise you!

All creation is gathered close
to the heart of its Maker.

Hymn: VU 268 Bring Many Names

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Let us pray together,

**Loving God, you call your people to gather at the river of life,
to come into a new city of everlasting day.**

You promise to live among us forever.

**We know that for thousands of years, your people have
gathered in temples and synagogues, riverbanks and homes,
churches and open fields.**

**In this place and in this time, enliven us with your
presence, we pray. Amen**

Prayer of Confession

Even as we hear the echoes of your voice, O God,
we know there are many who sit on the edges of life -
even the life of the church.

**They wait in hope but the plates on the tables of love
seem to be empty.**

**Often we don't think to visit those
who live across rivers of cultural differences,
with lifestyles and habits that seem strange.**

Sometimes we don't recognize other places of prayer,
because we are not expecting to see them,
especially if the voices there are of those who do
not hold power and influence.

**Forgive us when we are not your faithful
disciples, Jesus Christ. Call us back to your way of life.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Feel the love of Christ -
promised to us from our beginnings and
travelling with us to our endings.

The hospitality of God waits to greet us again.
Come to the table of grace! We are forgiven.

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

Hymn: VU 701 What Does the Lord Require of You?

Message for Youth:

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

Minute for Mission

WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG

Anthem: S. Wexelberg - Work of Art

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts of the Apostles: 16:9–15

Psalms 67 pg.786, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Revelation 21:10, 22.1—22:5

The Gospel According to: John 13: 34,35

Lay Reader: Ken McManus

Sermon: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

Hymn: VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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)

We are the loved people of God.

Together, in our gifts and in ourselves,

we add beauty to life here and beyond us in

a myriad of ways. By the Spirit,

we become part of the tree of life,

for the healing of the nations.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

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

Hymn: VU 556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

Commissioning and Benediction:

Choral Response: **Melville Benediction**

**Let's go out from here and take our place,
Respect creation, sharing all God's grace.
Treasure the past and things we have done,
Open our minds to new things yet to come.**

God will be with us within, around, above,

Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!

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Postlude: D. Buxtehude prelude 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, Maurice and Anne Marie Beckham,
Myrtle Black, Ilene Moore, 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: Elora/Bethany Pastoral Charge

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference Grace, Hanover

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Vivian and Havey Andrews
Cathy and Bob Foster

Ushers/Counters: David Gohn, Gwen Swift
Art Russell

Sound: July Miner

Powerpoint: Jeff Pletch

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:

May 16, 2010 - The Day of Pentecost/Communion

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith

Acts of the Apostles: 16:16–34

Psalm 97 pg. 817, Voices United

Letters to the Early Church: Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

The Gospel According to: John 17:20–26

Lay Reader:

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

Unit Joy is meeting at Marg Frayne's home on May 18 at 7:30 p.m. It is an Open Invitation to a Dessert Party. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Marg at 519-843-3274.

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

Joseph Dress Rehearsal on Fri. May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the parlour and sanctuary.

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.

Hamilton Conference 86th Annual Meeting June 4th and 5th at Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira. The Theme Speaker is The Rev. Otis Moss, III. An invitation is extended to anyone interested to attend the 'Celebration of Ministries Service' at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira at 7:30 p.m. on Friday June 4, 2010. The Rev. Otis Moss, III will preach at this service.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Tournament

Saturday June 12 at Ariss Valley Golf and Country Club

Tee off starts at 1:30 p.m. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

-18 holes, Best Ball format with boxed lunch, dinner, prizes, contests, a silent auction and tax receipt. Come and enjoy a fun event while you support the youth of your own community. For more information or for registration forms please contact Eleanor Johnston 519 843 2558 or 519-994-2558.



The Grandmothers of the Grand invite you to join with us at 10:30 a.m. on May 17th at the Elora Legion in a meeting with Michael Chong, our Conservative MP. We must let him know that we are among the thousands of Canadians who recommend the passage of Bill C-393 without any significant changes so that access to affordable medicines is made available on humanitarian grounds to developing countries. The Grandmothers of the Grand support African grandmothers and the millions of AIDS orphans in their care. For more info call Cinda Richardson at 519-843-1034.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. May 10 to Sun. May 16, 2010

Tues. 11	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
Wed. 12	7:00	Pastoral Care	Parlour
Thur. 13	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
	7:30	Canadian Bible Society	Chapel
Fri. 14	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	6:00	Joseph Dress Rehearsal	Parlour/Sanctuary
Sat. 15	7:00	Joseph Musical	Sanctuary
Sun. 16	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	After Service	Youth Group	Upper Auditorium & Youth Room

Melville's Treasures

M&S Givings at Feb 28 2010: \$4,470 2010 Target: \$ 30,000

Envelope Givings (Par + Non-Par) year-to-date at Feb 28 2010

Actual YTD: \$ 24,989

Budget YTD: \$ 37,326

Difference: (\$12,337)

Net Operating Income or (Loss) at Feb 28 2010: (\$6,304)

*Wishing all the Mothers a VERY HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY!!*