



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Ministers: All of us

Lead Minister: Emmanuel Menyereye

Music: Grace Wilton

Music Director: Mavis Peters

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Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Yvonne Stevenson

Scripture Readers: Judy Meier, Sue Amundrud

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**August 11, 2019**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C**

### WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*As we gather for worship today we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory. We honour the Cree and Métis people for whom this place has been a homeland for thousands of years. We respect the sacredness of our home and the ground on which we walk and we are grateful to gather here in peace and hope.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES & CONCERNS:**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come everyone, all ages and stages. Come worship together!

**We are here to show our love to God.**

Come worship, everyone, you who are made in God's image, an image reflected in all shapes, sizes and colours.

**We are here to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our dreams.**

Come, let us worship, for God is with us, in this place.

*(Susan Lukey, High River U.C., High River, Alta. Used with permission).*

**HYMN (VU 559)** *"Come, O fount of every blessing"*

**OPENING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**God of eternal promises,  
you have been with your people in all times  
and places. You have called us, and we have  
responded. Open us to your life-giving grace.  
Empower us with the faith that supports us  
when we feel unsure, that dares to challenge  
things that need to change, and that always  
reminds us you are never, ever far away.  
Amen.**

**HYMN (VU 356)** *"Seek ye first the kingdom"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:** *(in unison)*

**Forgive us, God, when our worship is hollow,  
when our holy days have lost their meaning,  
when our thoughts are not on your will but  
instead on serving our own desires.  
Forgive us when we ignore your teaching.  
Forgive us when we think that paying you  
lip service will make up for all we have  
done wrong. Call us back.  
Give us another chance to serve you: to do good,  
to seek justice, to rescue the oppressed, to plead  
for those who are silenced.  
Wash us clean, and make us new.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Know that God's forgiveness is beyond our perception and understanding but is as real as the air we breathe. God is not ashamed to be called our God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 90)** *"Don't be afraid"*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US**

**ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**HYMN (MV 149)** *"Peace for the children"*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

**PSALM 50:1-8, 22-23**

**(VU p. 775):**

*God the Almighty has spoken.*

**EPISTLE READING:**

**HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16:**

*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 12:32-40:**

*Do not worry about what to eat or what to wear.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

**OFFERTORY HYMN (VU 538)** *"For the gift of creation?"*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** *(in unison)*

**We bring our offerings,  
as a token of our faith and as a sign of our  
commitment to work together for the good  
of your community, O God.  
Bless these gifts, and bless us, as we dedicate  
all that we have and all that we are to help  
make your promises real. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

Eternal God, you have had many friends on Earth, those who heard your promises, and shared them with their neighbours; those who have done the things you have asked, working and speaking out for justice.

Let us, too, be your friends on Earth, living by faith, believing in your promises.

Through the voice of the prophets you call us to account: help us to cease doing evil, and learn your ways; to seek justice with those who are oppressed; to speak out with those whose voices have been silenced; to journey alongside our sisters and brothers that we might bear one another's burdens with compassion and seek healing for a hurting world. In the midst of these struggles and commitments we trust in your promises and ask you to work through us to build your city, a holy dwelling place for all people. In the ministry of this congregation we pray for courage and strength, for creativity and joy. May we come to see each other – young and old alike, differently abled and gifted with a variety of talents – as people who are signs of faith-filled living. May we embrace one another's stories and celebrate one another's lives. Let us grow and minister, by faith, as did our spiritual ancestors.

We pray for those who are sick or suffer any need, that they would know your healing strength and find comfort through our faithful care.

We remember those who have died and look to that heavenly city where with you and all your saints we will enter the everlasting heritage of your faithful sons and daughters.

Holy God, steadfast and true, on you our hope is founded. Receive the prayers of your faithful people for our hearts are gladdened by our trust in you. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

### **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 663)** *"My faith looks up to thee"*

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Go forth into the world, among all people,  
and let your love shine upon stranger and  
neighbour that all may know whose you are -  
for you are Christ's!

*[Written by George Allan, Pentecost.1 2019  
Year C Gathering, page 51].*

## **CHORAL BLESSING (VU 963)**

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\* Seasons of the Spirit - Seasons FUSION  
Pentecost 1 2019; Feasting on the Word, Liturgies  
for Year C, Volume 2 Trinity Sunday Through  
Reign of Christ Worship Companion; The United Church of Canada  
Pentecost .1 2019 Year C Gathering Resources for Worship  
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### **NEXT WEEK'S (AUGUST 18, 2019) READINGS:**

*Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;  
Luke 12:49-56.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### *Welcome:*

*Welcome to worship here today. Whether you are worshipping with us today for the first time or you have been here before or longer than you can remember, you are welcome to be here and to participate however you feel comfortable. Sometimes you may be invited to stand and you want to stay sitting, or you might feel comfortable standing but no one else is. Do what feels right and comfortable for you. We each bring something of ourselves to worship, and it enhances the experience for each of us. Regardless of*

*your age, stage, gender, sexual identity, or how great or small you feel your faith is, God, through us, welcomes you to worship.*

*Please remember to sign our guest book at the entrance of the church, and stay back for a cup of coffee and conversation at the CE Centre immediately following the service.*

### **THIS WEEK AT MELFORT UNITED CHURCH**

The church office is closed for holidays and reopens on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Rev. Emmanuel's Office Hours & Contact Information**

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Office Number: 306.752.4312 Cell Number: 306.930.4093

For emergency pastoral care call 306.930.4093

### **Confirmation / Transfer or Applying for Membership**

If you want your child to be confirmed or you wish to transfer or apply for membership in our church, please contact the church office or a member of the Membership Committee.

### **Membership Recognition Service**

There will be a membership recognition service on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Those of you wishing to be recognized as full members of Melfort United Church please contact Rev. Emmanuel or a member of the Membership Committee.

### **Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

A congregational meeting to discuss the Community of Faith Profile will be held Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service. Members of the JNAC committee and Dave Whalley (Living Skies Regional Council) will be present.

Do you have questions about the report? We welcome and encourage you to submit them beforehand. If you choose to, you can email your question(s) to Don Meier ([don.meier@gmail.com](mailto:don.meier@gmail.com)) or the church office

([melfortuc@sasktel.net](mailto:melfortuc@sasktel.net)), or drop them off at the church office by August 21<sup>st</sup>. We encourage everyone to attend.

### **Fall Newsletter**

The Fall Newsletter will be coming out soon. All people wishing to contribute to the newsletter are asked to get their submissions in by 9am on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Submissions can be dropped off at the church office or emailed to [melfortuc@sasktel.net](mailto:melfortuc@sasktel.net).

### **Fall Service Announcements**

Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School resumes. Noon lunch (ham, baked potatoes and yummy, seasonal vegetables will be served).

Sunday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - "Gather in September"- a special Sunday to welcome those who have been away during summer months.

Mark your calendars.

### **Fall Garage Sale**

Friday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 9- 5 & Saturday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 -12

The volunteer signup sheet is on the easel in the CE foyer.

### **FundScrip**

The next FundScrip order date will be Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Parking Lot Across the Street**

We can no longer use the parking lot across the street for parking **except on Sundays!!!**. The new owners asked us **not to use it during the week.**

### ***Stewardship Seconds***

*Sometimes, all we can do is hope. But sometimes, we can be the hope for someone else.*