



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**August 13, 2017**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A**

**Food Bank Sunday**

### **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:**

**HYMN (VU 395):** *"Come In, Come In and Sit Down"* - James K Manley - 1984

**Refrain:**

**Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.**

**We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

1. You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.
2. God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family.
3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family.
4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come let us sing to God our song.

**We come to sing of our faith.**

Come let us sing of God's great love.

**We come to sing that we are loved.**

Come let us hear the words that God's love is for all people.

**We come to hear and be challenged by that song of the Great Love.**

Come let us learn how to proclaim this love.

**We come to listen, and to learn to sing new songs in new keys.**

*[Beth W Johnston, Kings United P.C. eastern and central Kings Co. P.E.I. used with permission.]*

### **MEDITATION:**

**HYMN (VU 409):** *"Morning Has Broken"* – Eleanor Farjeon  
– 1931

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3. Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

### **NARRATION:**

She is well known for her contribution to children's literature.

### **Cats**

Cats sleep, anywhere,  
Any table, any chair.  
Top of piano, window-ledge,  
In the middle, on the edge,  
Open drawer, empty shoe,  
Anybody's lap will do,  
Fitted in a cardboard box,  
In the cupboard, with your frocks-  
Anywhere! They don't care!  
Cats sleep anywhere.

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

**We come together with gladness and gratitude, Loving God,  
that you have chosen humanity to receive your mercy and  
compassion. We come to praise you and confess our love for  
you in song, thankful for the ways that your Spirit has touched  
the hearts of lyricists and musicians who put our thoughts,  
concerns, and dreams to music that we can offer back to you.  
Between the notes, Listening One, hear our stories that we  
weave among the words that touch our lives through song.**

**Amen.**

*[Karen Bolvin, Carp/Dunrobin P.C. Carp, Ont. Used with permission, Gathering  
Pentecost 1 2013]*

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

The words for this song were written by Charlotte Elliot in 1835. It has been set to at least 4 hymn tunes.

### **HYMN (VU 508) – “Just as I am” - (remain seated)**

Charlotte Elliott – 1834

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fighting fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## **NARRATION:**

### **PRAYER FOR CONFESSION: (*in unison*)**

Loving God, as we worship this day, it would be easy to grumble and complain. Our hearts are often hardened to stone by the troubles of the world and our lives. Open us to your flowing Spirit, refresh us with your joy, and break down all that separates us from being with you. Amen.

[Heather McClure, Wesley U.C., Montreal, Que.]

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **PRAYER RESPONSE (VU 266): “Amazing Grace” –**

*Versus 1 & 2* – John Henry Newton - 1719

Who was John Newton? He was the composer of a hymn which many people consider to be the most popular hymn in the world today—Amazing Grace. Almost everyone knows the first verse from memory.

*(in unison)*

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.**
2. **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**NARRATION:**

*(in unison)*

3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me, this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
5. **When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d just begun.**

**NARRATION:**

**HYMN (VU 624):** *“Give To Us Laughter”* – Rev. Walter Farquharson

1. **Give to us laughter, O source of our life.  
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.  
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.  
Laughter and love are the true coin of wealth.**

2. Give to us laughter as a sign of deep joy;  
let us in laughing find Christian employ,  
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,  
laughing and praising and sharing delights.
3. Why do we worry that we will lose face?  
Why act like king for the whole human race?  
Often in family, and often with friend,  
laughing at pride causes anguish to end.
4. Even in sorrow and hours of grief,  
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.  
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,  
joys of your presence among us increase.

## NARRATION:

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

## MINUTE FOR MISSION:

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Colossians 3:16-17

*The old life and the new.*

**PSALM 100 (VU p. 820):** *"Make a Joyful Noise"*

Refrain:

**Make a joyful noise all the earth!**

**Worship your God with gladness.**

**Make a joyful noise all the earth.**

**Come to this place with a song!**

1. Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God that we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song!
2. Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.

**Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song!**

- 3. Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song!**

**NARRATION:**

John Wesley's Directions for Singing (VU p. 720) - Written in 1761

**NARRATION:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly" – (remain seated)  
(in unison) - William L. Thompson**

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain:  
Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?**

**Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.**

**OFFERING INVITATION:** (in unison) (p. MV 191)

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say?  
What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring  
my love. I'll do my share.

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

Music from our lips, gifts from our hands, love from our  
hearts. Receive all these, O God, as holy gifts. We ask it in  
Jesus' name. Amen.

*[Kate Crawford, First St. Andrew's U.C. London, Ont. Used with permission]*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

For those who ache today, hold them in your tender embrace,  
God.

For those who weep, comfort them. For those who find  
themselves on shifting sands, be their rock and firm  
foundation.

For those who are frightened, be a light in their shadows.

For those who search, be with them on their journey.

We pray today in the strong name of Jesus, who is guest,  
host, and stranger, the One who invites us to the banquet.  
We pray together now as we are taught to pray singing, Our  
Father ...

(Lord's Prayer- sung VU 959-960)

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 575):** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

- African American Spiritual

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**NARRATION:**

**COMMISSIONING & BLESSING: (*in unison*)**

And now with a song in our hearts, our faith strengthened, and our community stronger for our presence in it, let us leave this time and place of worship to be God's people in all the places life calls us to be. May the music of our lives bring God's praise and glory. Amen.

[Bob Root, Mark St. U.C. Peterborough, Ont. Used with permission]

**NARRATION:**

**CHORAL BLESSING (VU 964): "Go Now In Peace" – N. Sleeth**

Go now in peace, go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you every-where,  
Every-where you may go.

**Next Week's (August 20th) Reading (s):**

*Genesis 45:1-15*  
*Psalms 133 (VU p. 856)*  
*Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32*  
*Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*We welcome you all to worship, especially our visitors or guests. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please remember to sign our guestbook at the entrance of the church.*

*Please stay back for a cup of coffee and conversation at the CE Centre immediately following the service.*

### THIS WEEK AT MELFORT UNITED CHURCH

**For Pastoral Care Emergencies during Emmanuel's Vacation**  
**(August 1 – 31<sup>st</sup>) Contact:**

Charles McKenzie and Carol Beal McKenzie @ 306.863.2999

### **Coverage for Summer Services**

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> – M&P

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – CE

Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Property Committee

### **Women's Retreat – Camp Tapawingo**

Ladies - you are invited to join in the Women's Retreat

– August 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>,

Register by August 15<sup>th</sup> – call Anne McIntosh @ 306.752.4042 or Mary Mohn @ 306.749.3446

### **UCW General Meeting**

The UCW General Meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm (Potluck supper).

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### **Fall Newsletter**

The Fall newsletter will be coming out in September. All people wishing to contribute to the newsletter are asked to get their submissions in by 9am on Tuesday, September 5th. Submissions can be dropped off at the church office or emailed to [melfortuc@sasktel.net](mailto:melfortuc@sasktel.net).

### **Stewardship Seconds**

*We can be generous not only when we feel joyful and blessed, but also when we feel neglected and deprived.*