



## 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: Tracey Smetaniuk  
Music Director: Mavis Peters  
Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk  
Caretaker: Faye Greier  
Today's Greeter: Gene Woroshelo  
Scripture Readers: Dorothy Busby, Chris Corbett

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**August 18, 2019**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C**  
*[ Membership Recognition Service ]*

### 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:**

*(based on Heb. 12:1):*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.

**HYMN (MV 161)** *"I have called you by your name"*

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

We come before you this day, O God, surrounded  
by a great cloud of witnesses.

As you have been with your people throughout  
history, so we know you are with us even now.

In this time of worship, help us to celebrate your  
presence among us, and strengthen us to continue  
the work you have begun. Amen.

**HYMN (VU 703)** *"In the bulb there is a flower"*

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

Loving God, you provide all we need  
and watch over us. But in response, we have  
often ignored your care, and have not always  
lived in ways you long for. We know that,  
like those who have gone before us, and all  
of your people even now, we at times  
disappoint you, going against your hopes and  
dreams. Forgive us, God. Don't give up on us.

Continue to care for us, that we might do  
your will, producing the fruits of justice and  
proclaiming your praise. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire amendment of  
life. God lifts us from our despondency to rejoice in the company of  
the saints. God acknowledges the forces that separate us, and  
brings us to peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation  
and a life lived in the presence of God.

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 115)**

*"Behold, behold I make all things new"*

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

**ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**HYMN (MV 144)** *"Like a healing stream"*

**MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION SERVICE:**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

**PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19 (VU p. 795– 796 Part Two):**

*Care, O God, for the vine your brought from Egypt.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 12:49-56:**

*Jesus comes to bring fire and division with households.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

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

**Like countless others before us, O God,  
we offer ourselves to you.**

**Take all that we have and are, and use that for  
the work of making your reign real on earth  
as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

Gathered as your people, we offer the concerns of our life and the world and hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the universal church. May discord among us and among denominations yield to unity and a common commitment to share the good news of Christ.

We pray for the world. Prod us to engage in acts of mission and service that further the kingdom and honour the care that God has given us.

We pray for those who hold authority in government. Enable policy-makers to enact justice, transforming places of violence and conflict into havens of respect and peace.

We pray for all those in our community who are suffering the burden of illness, distress, or any kind of pain.

We remember all those who have died and joined the great cloud of witnesses in heaven.

Heavenly Creator, you inspire us to trust in the things we cannot see and to ground our faith in your promises to us. Give us the clarity of your vision, and make us ready to serve you as we await your return.

We pray for freedom to give from deep within, to bear one another's stories and burdens with respect and dignity, to laugh and cry and travel together into new realities of hope and renewal. In all these things, help us to be your saints, loving God, who do not disappoint you but glorify your name in all we do.

Tender and mighty God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the grace and wisdom to accept your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

### **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 713)** *"I see a new heaven"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BLESSING:**

May God bless us in our invitation to others to share the life in Christ that is ours.

May God challenge us in our living to be witnesses to the truth we have discovered in Jesus Christ.

May God sustain us in our discipleship until God's peace and justice are known:

in our hearts, in our homes, in our church,  
in our community, and in all the world

that God loves and cares for. **Amen.**

*[Written by Bob Root, 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.  
Prayers to Share Year C. Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of  
the Church Year; 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 Planners. Used with  
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### **NEXT WEEK'S (AUGUST 25, 2019) READINGS:**

*Psalms 71:1-6;  
Luke 13:10-17.*

## **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.

### **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>.

### ***Stewardship Seconds***

*A long distance runner manages fatigue by seeing the race in small, manageable chunks. The same is true for the marathon churches: "But as for you...do not grow weary of doing what is right."*