



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Year A

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:

This is the place of worship and of praise.

We are glad to be here!

These are friends who are with us in joy and in sorrow.

We rejoice in their presence!

This is the faith community through which compassion and justice become possible.

We will accept the responsibility.

This is the Good News that Jesus proclaimed in deed and word.

O most Gracious and Loving God, we will follow your Way.

HYMN (MV 1) *“Let us build a house”*

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

God of our lives,
to your Beloved Child:
you are always turning the world
upside down, calling us to follow you
into new ventures, new challenges,
new ways to care,
new ways to touch the hearts of all.
When we get tired, or feel disappointed,
remind us that you can bring change
and hope out of the most difficult situations,
so that we may do justice, love kindness
and walk humbly with you always.
Amen.

HYMN (MV 12) *“Come touch our hearts”*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: *(in unison)*

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness
of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind with
all our soul and strength we may seek
your face and be brought by your infinite
mercy to your holy presence;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God’s love is unconditional!
Know that God’s mercy is greater than our flaws,
and God’s mercy washes over us like a never-ending
fountain. We are beloved children of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 115)

“Behold, behold, I make all things new”

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Help Us to Treasure”

– L. Erhardt; J. Oldham/B. Harding

– features Madison and Megan McAvoy

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (VU 701) *“What does the Lord require of you?”*

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

RESPONSORIAL READING:

PSALM 15 (VU p.736):

Who may be a guest in God’s house.

HEBREW READING:

MICAH 6:1-8:

What does God require of us?

GOSPEL READING:

MATTHEW 5:1-12:

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (VU 540)

“Grant us, God, the grace”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(in unison)*

Almighty God, who made us who we are,
we offer all of ourselves to you.

Take our talents, our energy, and our joy,
and use us to share your love.

Take our mistakes, our regrets, and our pain,
and use us to bring your healing.

Magnify the gifts we offer before you today
to spread your peace in the world.

Amen.

*[Written by Gill Le Fevre, A/C/E 2019-2020
Year A Gathering, page 52].*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

As children of God, we are called and claimed by the creator of the universe. Hear our prayers at this moment for ourselves, our neighbours, and the world.

Holy One, grant us the strength to overcome our fears and our weakness that we may be your hands and feet in the world. Help us turn this world upside down, that the norms of society may be broken down, and the grace and mercy of your Kin-dom may flourish. Abide in us that we may be granted your wisdom and vision for how the world ought to be.

Give us eyes to see a hurting world, ears to hear the cries of grief and desperation, and hearts to be moved to action that step by step we may live into the reality of your Kin-dom on Earth. Thank you for our community of faith from which we draw strength from each and every day. As we are blessed by you, O God, may we work toward being a blessing to your Creation and all within. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (VU 684) *“Make me a channel of your peace”*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

Go forth into the world with compassion
and justice in your heart.
Give strength to the weak.

Give voice to the voiceless.

See and hear one another.

Take care of one another.

Love one another.

It's all that easy and it's all that hard.

Now may the grace of God, the love of Christ,
And the power of the Holy Spirit, be with us all,
now and forever more. **Amen.**

CHORAL BLESSING “*My Peace*” – K. Routledge

PRAYER RESOURCES:

**Seasons of the Spirit- SeasonsFUSION Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2019-2020; Prayers to Share, Responsive Prayers for Each Sunday of the Church Year (Year A); Worship Ways (ucc.org) Epiphany Year A; Living the Christ Life, Rediscovering the Seasons of the Christian Year; The United Church of Canada Worship for All Seasons II, Selections from Gathering –Year A and Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2019-2020 Year A Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.*

NEXT WEEK'S (FEBRUARY 9, 2020) READINGS:

Isaiah 58:1-12;

Psalms 112:1-10;

1 Corinthians 2:1-16;

Matthew 5:13-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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:

Tuesday, February 4th

@ 7 pm – Women Alive

Wednesday, February 5th

@ 4:40 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, February 6th

@ 10:30 – Bible Study

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

Transfer or Applying for Membership

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

Changes to Contact Information

If you've changed your address or phone number please advise the Church Office so that we can keep your information current.

Thank you!

FundScrip Deadline for January

The next FundScrip deadline is Thursday, February 27th. The gift cards will be ready for pickup on Thursday, March 5th.

Music, Music, Music, Don't Miss a Sunday

February 9th – “*Forever Praise*” – J. Martin

February 23rd – “*How Does This Moment Last Forever*” –
Rice/Menken – features Mavis and Tracey

Come Celebrate Pat Clark's Birthday

A 90th birthday celebration is being held for Pat Clark. You're invited to the come and go tea in her honour on Saturday, February 15th from 2 – 4 pm at Diefenbaker Place.

Cards for Members

If you have someone that needs a card sent to please let a member of the Pastoral Care team know. The members are Rev. Emmanuel, Marion Heavin, Grace Wilton, Bea Shirran and Ron Nielsen.

Board Members for 2020

Calling for Board Members – please consider serving a term. If you are interested please call Don Meier (863-4379) or Chris Corbett (921-4131). Signup sheets for each board committee are on the easel in the CE foyer.

MUC Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 1st

The annual congregational meeting is Sunday, March 1st. The meeting and service will be followed by a cold potluck lunch.

Official Tax Receipts for 2019

The official tax receipts for 2019 are ready for pick up. Please ask Cheryl or Kim for your receipt!

Stewardship Seconds

In what way can good stewardship practices bring light to your congregation?