



**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 23, 2020

Last Sunday after the Epiphany Year A

Transfiguration Sunday

[UCW EXECUTIVE INSTALLATION 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 2 Peter 1:19

As a light shining in a darkened place, the day dawns
and the morning star rises in our hearts.

When we still our thoughts, we hear God's voice:

Jesus is the one I love, with him I am well pleased!

The day is new; come, let us worship!

HYMN (MV 154) *"Deep in our hearts"*

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**It is good to be here with you, Holy One.
Grant us peace to center our busy minds.
Grant us grace to cleanse our burdened hearts.
Speak to us as we gather to worship the One you love.
This is our prayer. Amen.**

HYMN (MV 135) *“Called by earth and sky”*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: *(in unison)*

**We have good intentions, O God.
We like to think we understand what you want but end up doing what we want instead. We have grand ideas, but neglect to include you in our planning. Our sins pile up pebble by pebble, barely noticeable until – unconfessed – they become mountains too high to climb on our own. And so, we stay put. We choose the safety of complacency rather than the risk of following where you lead. Pardon our lack of trust and our tendency to remain fixed in our selfish ways. In your mercy, forgive us and embolden us to follow wherever you lead. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Get up! Jesus tells us, and don’t be afraid!

Jesus comes to give us life, not death, and life in abundance.

Open your eyes and see the One sent to save the world.

Let us give thanks and praise to God!

In Christ, we are forgiven!

PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 81) *“Love us into fullness”*

- All verses

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“How Does This Moment Last Forever”* – Rice/Menken – featuring Mavis and Tracey

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (MV 145) *“Draw the circle wide”*

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(see insert)

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

RESPONSORIAL READING:

PSALM 99 (VU p. 819)

God delights in justice.

HEBREW READING:

EXODUS 24:12-18:

God calls Moses up the mountain.

EPISTLE READING:

2 PETER 1:16-21:

The morning star rises in your heart.

GOSPEL READING:

MATTHEW 17:1-9:

Jesus transfigured on the mountain.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (VU 540)

“Grant us, God, the grace”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Beyond our understanding or imagining, you are for us and with us,
O God.

These gifts are a pledge of our loyalty to you.

Grant us wisdom and common sense as we use all you have
entrusted to us;

**that your name may be glorified, the Way of Jesus
carefully followed. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sovereign God, you revealed your love and guidance for us
on Mount Sinai and the Mount of Transfiguration, giving us a vision
of how to live in equity and peace. Trusting in your care for us, we
bring to you our prayers.

We pray for your Church that it may be the light of love for all
people. Fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace. Where it is
corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss,
reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in
want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the
breaches of it and preserve its unity.

We pray for the nations of the world, that their governments
may be wise and compassionate. Save them from lawlessness and
discord, pride and arrogance. In prosperity make them thankful to
you and in the day of trouble may their trust in you not fail.

We pray for those who suffer illness or oppression, that our
care for them may bring your healing and liberation. Look mercifully,
we beseech you, on the sick and suffering, especially those for whom
our prayers are desired, that by your blessing upon them and upon
those who minister to them, they may be restored, if it be your
gracious will, to health of body and mind, and give thanks to you in
your holy church. Be with hospital workers, physicians and nurses
and all who work in healing or health welfare of the nations.

We pray for your creation, that we may be your wise and
obedient stewards. We pray for all those who are in search of you,
that they may walk by the lamp of your Spirit and be at peace in your
light now and for ever.

O God, Lord of all power and might, Preserver of all your
creatures: keep us this day in health of body and soundness of mind,
in purity of heart and cheerfulness of spirit, in contentment with our
lot and charity with our neighbor; and further all our lawful

undertakings with your blessing. In our labour strengthen us; in our pleasure purify us; in our difficulties direct us; in our perils, defend us; in our troubles comfort us; and supply all our needs, according to the riches of your grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For all who grieve the loss of loved ones that they may be comforted and granted the peace of your consolation. We especially name to the Parfitt and Soiseth families who are mourning loss of their parents (their moms).

Joined together in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all majesty and honour are yours, Holy One, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (VU 289) *"It only takes a spark"*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

Christ has been revealed to us
that we might follow him and transform the world.

Go in love; work for peace.

May the self-revealing God

be a lamp on your way

as the day dawns and rises within you.

CHORAL BLESSING *"My Peace"* – K. Routledge

PRAYER RESOURCES:

**Seasons of the Spirit – SeasonsFUSION Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2019-2020; Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1 Advent Through Pentecost Worship Companion; The Book of Common Order of the United Church of Canada; Prayers to Share, Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of the Church Year, Year A; The United Church of Canada Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2019-2020 Year A Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.*

ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 26, 2020) READINGS:

Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

NEXT WEEK'S (MARCH 1, 2020) READINGS:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

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:

Monday, February 24th

@ 2 pm – Naomi Unit

Wednesday, February 26th

@ 12 pm- packed lunch followed by Ash Wednesday Service

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, February 27th

@ 10:30 – Bible Study

@ 4:15 – Bell Choir

Friday, February 28th

@ 10 am – Pastoral Care

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 February

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

The Carillons

Bell Choir starts up again on February 27th and will continue from there on as usual.

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.

World Day of Prayer – Friday, March 6th

This year the Salvation Army Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer. The 2020 host country is Zimbabwe. The theme this year is *Rise! Take your mat and walk!* The service is at 2 pm.
We hope to see you there.