



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Ministers: All of us

Worship Leaders: Robin Miazga & Garry Forsyth

Music: Graydon Eskowich

Music Director: Mavis Peters

Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk

Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Ron Nielsen

Scripture Readers: Bryan Wurtz

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Yr 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, neighbours and strangers,  
**prophets and seekers of justice,**  
those who need a helping hand,  
**and those who have something to offer.**  
Whether your faith is weak or strong,  
**come: let us be neighbours in this place,**  
and let us worship God together.

**HYMN (MV 138)** *"My Love Colours Outside the Lines"*

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

**God of love and compassion,  
you call us to be people of compassion, too:  
to experience in our living the lives of others,  
to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows.  
In this time of worship speak to us again your  
words of love and remind us again of what  
it means to be a neighbour.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the ultimate neighbour. Amen.**

**HYMN (VU 684)** *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

God of grace: when we hear prophets calling us to measure up,  
and we turn away,

**forgive us.**

When we see our neighbours in need and turn away,

**forgive us.**

When we assume we are too busy, or too important, to get  
involved,

**forgive us.**

When we try to discredit prophetic voices so that we can ignore  
them,

**forgive us.**

When we fail to measure up to being your people,

**forgive us.**

*(Pause.)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear this good news from the letter to the Colossians: we share in  
the promises God made to all people. God forgives us and sets us  
free to live new lives.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 85)**

*"Take, O Take Me As I Am"*

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

**PSALM 82 (VU p. 799):**

*God judges in the midst of the  
divine council.*

**HEBREW READING:**

**AMOS 7:7-17**

*God holds a plumb line in the  
midst of God's people.*

**EPISTLE READING:**

**COLOSSIANS 1:1-14**

*The word of God is bearing fruit  
in you.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 10:25-37**

*The parable of the Good  
Samaritan.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

**OFFERTORY HYMN (MV 191) "What Can I Do?"**

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

**God of grace and compassion,  
may our gifts enable your church to be a place where  
strangers become friends,  
outcasts are welcomed,  
seekers receive,  
and doubters find faith.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

We give you thanks, O God, for the many mercies of each day, for the kind word given freely, for the smile offered sincerely, for the simple moments when someone loves a neighbour.

**(Refrain) (VU 593)** – *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.**

We remember and pray for people who care for others, all of those whose compassionate attention to detail enhances another’s life.

**(Refrain)**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.**

In a new understanding of being a neighbour, we give thanks for what we receive freely from others who choose to be a neighbour to us, despite differences that may stand between us. We pray for a greater understanding and awareness that everyone is our neighbour.

**(Refrain)**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.**

We give thanks for every opportunity to be a neighbour to others. We pray for justice for those who are mistreated by others.

**(Refrain)**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.**

In the many roads we’ve yet to walk, the journeys still to undertake, may we find our neighbour at every turn, and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel, in the neighbourhood of your reign.

**(Refrain)**

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 595)** *“We Are Pilgrims”*

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Go from this gathering to meet your neighbour with open hands and an open heart, giving and receiving the goodness of God's love!

**We go to love God, and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Amen.**

## **CHORAL BLESSING (MV 209)**

*"Go Make a Difference"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\*Seasons of the Spirit - Seasons FUSION Pentecost 1 2019;  
the United Church of Canada Worship for All Seasons II  
Selections from Gathering - Year A and Pentecost. 1 2019 Year C  
Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.*

### **NEXT WEEK'S (July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019) READINGS:**

*Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.*

## **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**

### **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.

### **Summer Church Hours**

The church office commenced its summer hours effective July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be open Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm.

Reverend Emmanuel is on vacation for the month of July. For emergency pastoral care during his vacation call Rev. Charles McKenzie @ 306.863.2999.

Denise is on vacation from August 6<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **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.

### **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>.

**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.

***Stewardship Seconds***

*Stewardship is as much about nourishing spirits  
as about nourishing bodies.*