



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

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Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Marion Heavin

Scripture Readers: Mavis Peters, Jean Senecal

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 21, 2019

Sixth 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:

The response for this call to worship is adapted from Psalm 52:9b.

In the presence of the faithful, let us proclaim God's name.

In the presence of the faithful, I will praise your name, O God.

In times of joy and pain:

In the presence of the faithful, I will praise your name, O God.

Whether serving at table, or in the streets, or on the mountaintops:

In the presence of the faithful, I will praise your name, O God.

In our learning and teaching, and all of our growing:

In the presence of the faithful, I will praise your name, O God.

Come, let us worship God.

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HYMN (MV 10) *"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"*

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Come into our lives, Jesus.

Help us to be faithful listeners.

Help us to be faithful servants.

**In all that we do, may we welcome you
and serve you as disciples. Amen.**

HYMN (VU 288) *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:

God of love and patience, we take this moment to pause and confess those times when we are too busy for you, for one another, and for ourselves. *(Pause.)*

When we are too busy to spend time in prayer and listen in our hearts for your word in our lives,

forgive us, God.

When we are too busy to notice the needs of others and ways in which we can be present with them,

forgive us, God.

When we are too busy to stop what we are doing and help one another, or laugh with one another, or simply notice one another,

forgive us, God.

When life becomes overwhelming, and we do not even take time for our own needs,

forgive us, God.

Help us to listen to your voice within our hearts, calling us back to centre our lives with you. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, making peace with all things, on earth, and in heaven. This same God offers us forgiveness for all our sin. We are invited to dwell in God's house, to grow in God's garden, to sit at Jesus' feet.

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 52 (VU p. 777):

Why do you boast of evil?

HEBREW READING:

AMOS 8:1-12

*God will turn feasts to mourning
and songs to lamentation.*

EPISTLE READING:

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

Paul, the servant of the gospel.

GOSPEL READING:

LUKE 10:38-42

Jesus visits Mary and Martha.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(in unison)*

We bring you the fruits of the earth, the work of our hands,
and the gifts of our hearts, O God. And with them,
we bring a yearning for justice, a passion for good,
and a commitment to do your will. May our words and our
works help to declare your goodness, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

With every confidence, we come before God in prayer:

For mild and pleasant weather, for rain at the time it is needed, for
healthy and gentle winds and for the seasons to follow one another
to our advantage, we pray to the Ruler of the universe.

Hear our prayer, O God.

For those persecuted by rulers who wield their power unjustly, and
those harassed by enemy action, we implore our Sovereign and
Saviour:

Hear our prayer, O God.

To those whose faith moves them to relieve the wants of those in
need, we pray for God to show mercy.

Hear our prayer, O God.

Bodies dead to sin and souls alive by faith:

Grant us, O God, grant us.

Holy justice and true love:

Grant us, O God, grant us.

Lives that please you, deaths you can approve of:

Grant us, O God, grant us.

Angels to bring us peace and saints to assist us:

Grant us, O God, grant us. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (VU 371) *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

Go from this place in peace to the place where God asks you to
serve this week. The blessings of God, our host and our guest,
bless you in all tasks that are yours.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL BLESSING (VU 963)

"May the grace of Christ attend us"

PRAYER RESOURCES:

**Seasons of the Spirit - SeasonsFUSION Pentecost 1 2019;
Worship Ways (United Church of Christ Worship Resources);
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 28th) READINGS:

*Hosea 1:2–10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6–15, (16–19; Luke 11:1–13.*

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. 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 is on vacation for the month of July.

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

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 6th – 22nd.

Parking Lot Across the Street

We can no longer use the parking lot across the street for parking **except on Sundays!!!**. The new owners are opening soon and asked us **not to use it during the week**.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 25th

A congregational meeting to discuss the Community of Faith Profile will be held Sunday, August 25th. 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) or the church office (melfortuc@sasktel.net), or drop them off at the church office by August 21st. We encourage everyone to attend.

Fall Service Announcements

Sunday, Sept 8th – Sunday School resumes. Noon lunch (ham, baked potatoes and yummy, seasonal vegetables will be served).

Sunday, Sept 22nd - "Gather in September"- a special Sunday to welcome those who have been away during summer months.

Mark your calendars.

Don't Be A Victim

Recently there have been a couple of thefts from cars left unlocked outside the church. Remember to lock your doors and take your keys with you. Do not leave valuables in sight.

FundScrip

The next FundScrip order date will be Thursday, September 26th, 2019. The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, October 3rd.

Stewardship Seconds

How do you know when you have enough?

Maybe you have enough already.