



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Caretaker: Faye Greier  
Today's Greeter: Gerri Wurtz  
Scripture Readers: Lorne Anderson, Imogene Schick

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**July 28, 2019**  
**Seventh 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:**

One day, God's reign will come to pass:

**Love and faithfulness will come together. Justice and peace will be as one.**

A time will come when those who have felt distanced from God will feel at home again.

**Love and faithfulness will come together. Justice and peace will be as one.**

God's glory will dwell in our land, and truth shall spring up from the earth.

**Love and faithfulness will come together. Justice and peace will be as one.**

The time is now! God's reign is here!

**Come, let us worship God!**

*[Words and music: Donald Schmidt Copyright © 1997 Wood Lake Books]*

**HYMN (VU 664)** *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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

**Dear God,  
for these three things we pray:  
to love you more dearly,  
see you more clearly,  
and follow you more nearly  
every day. Amen.**

**HYMN (VU 326)** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

When we speak in anger or hatred, and when our words cause division,

**forgive us, and teach us your way, O God.**

When we treat others with contempt or violence, or simply ignore them,

**forgive us, and teach us your way, O God.**

When we take more than our share of resources, and others must bear the burden,

**forgive us, and teach us your way, O God.**

When we do not live in love and peace, choosing fear and injustice instead,

**forgive us, and teach us your way, O God.**

When we know that you are calling us, and we choose not to follow,

**forgive us, and teach us your way, O God.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

In the letter to the Colossians we read that, through faith in Christ, our sins are forgiven. God overlooks all we have done in the past and invites us into a new beginning.

**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 85 (VU p. 802):

*God restores fortunes and  
pardons sin.*

HEBREW READING:

HOSEA 1:2-10

*Hosea's marriage is a metaphor  
for Israel's relationship with God.*

EPISTLE READING:

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15, (16-19)

*Buried in baptism, raised in faith.*

GOSPEL READING:

LUKE 11:1-13

*Jesus teaches the disciples to  
pray.*

SERMON:

### OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(in unison)*

We give you thanks, O God.

May these gifts of our hearts be used for your work.

Your will be done, your kingdom come,  
on Earth as in heaven. Amen.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

We know, O God, that your creation both grieves and rejoices. Our hearts take courage from your holy word which tells us that you hear our prayers, and never let us be separated from your love.

And so, we offer for your transforming power and blessing all those who suffer for the sake of justice, all those who freely share the burdens of others, all those who speak out on behalf of others. May your love sustain all who do your will on earth, and show us the nature of your reign.

We pray for children, the elderly, prisoners, those without jobs or homes, victims of crime, and people who have every kind of illness. We pray for people named silently now, for recovery and wholeness, for protection and encouragement, for comfort and strength, especially remembering families in crisis, marriages in trouble, children in need, relationships in limbo. We pray for our congregation and for its leaders.

May your holy will be known and embraced in our life as your church, that our witness to your reign will shine like the sun, that your will may be done on Earth as it is in heaven. **Amen**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (MV 18)** *“Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”*

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Once we were no people,

**but now we know we belong to God.**

Once we had no place,

**but now we know we live in the reign of God.**

Once we had nothing,

**but now we know that in Christ Jesus we are raised to new life.**

Go, then, to live and celebrate the love of God in all you do, that truth might spring up from the earth, righteousness look down from heaven, and justice and peace might come together in a holy embrace. **Amen.**

## CHORAL BLESSING (VU 963)

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\*Seasons of the Spirit - Seasons FUSION 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 (August 4, 2019) READINGS:**

*Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43;  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.*

## **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

Reverend Emmanuel is on vacation for the month of July and returns August 1st. For emergency pastoral care during his vacation call Rev. Charles McKenzie @ 306.863.2999.

### **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.

### **Offering Envelope from July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Someone left an offering envelope with Joy Roles name on it. It contained \$20.00 in cash. Whoever it was, please call Denise at the Church Office (752-2288) about it. Thanks!

### **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 using it during the week.**

### **Church Office Closed for Holidays**

The Church Office is closed from August 6<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> while Denise is on vacation.

### **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 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.

### **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>.

### **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.

### ***Stewardship Seconds***

*Is your "stuff" building a barrier between you and God?*