



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Ministers: All of us

Worship Leader: Cheryl Sproule

Music: Grace Wilton

Music Director: Mavis Peters

Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk

Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Doug Lyon

Scripture Readers: Yvonne Stevenson, Jeanette Stevenson

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 7, 2019

Fourth 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:**

God invites us to listen for God in unexpected prophets.

**Come and listen for God.**

God invites us to hear God's voice in unexpected moments.

**Come and hear God's voice.**

God invites us to speak God's name in unexpected places.

**Come and speak God's name.**

God invites us to come with God into every nook and cranny where the unexpected is hidden in every yet-to-be.

**Come, and worship God.**

**HYMN (VU 374)** *"Come and Find the Quiet Centre"*

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

O God, we come to the river's edge  
for we need your touch, your healing,  
your restoration, for the journey we  
make through this world is long.

O God, we come to the water's edge,  
for there is no other place to go.

We are broken, and we need wholeness again,  
for the journey we make through  
this world is lonely.

O God, we meet you here,  
where truth and story meet;  
where earth and heaven tangle;  
for the journey we make through this world  
is ever with you. Amen.

**HYMN (MV 154)** *"Deep In Our Hearts"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

O God, whom have we ignored? Endless questions from a child...  
Uninvited advice from an elder...Cries from the margins... We  
never expected the words of heaven to come from their mouths.

**We had closed our minds, God. Open our hearts.**

O God, whom have we ignored? People from a different culture...  
Someone speaking a different language... Those we condemn by  
association to religion, politics, income, appearance...

**We had closed our minds, God. Open our hearts.**

O God, whom have we ignored? The ones who we do not want as  
neighbours... Those of different genders, different lifestyles, and  
different opinions...

**We had closed our minds, God. Open our hearts. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

In our confession, God hears us and forgives us.

**We go now with open minds to listen for God.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 85)**

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"Danny Boy"* - Soloist Megan McAvoy

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSIVE READING:**

**PSALM 30 (VU p. 757):**

*God turns my mourning into dancing.*

**HEBREW READING:**

**2 KINGS 5:1-14**

*Naaman comes to Elisha for healing from leprosy.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20**

*The mission of the 70 who carried nothing.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

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

**Holy God, Your generosity to us calls  
out of us a response:**

**in this place and in these plates, we offer a  
portion of our treasure, our talents, our time...  
even our very selves. Please bless our offerings.  
Use them to further your work among us,  
our community, and our world. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

Let us pray to God – first in silence – thanking God for those things that the Spirit lifts up as we mediate – and listening for God to speak to us about who we are and those things we need to be about.

Loving God, your thoughts are greater than our thoughts, your ways, vaster than ours. Yet you love us and call us to the fullness of your peace. You bring the Kingdom close to us and call us to enter it. You provide solutions to our problems and ask us to receive those solutions – and to trust in you and do what you ask us to do. Indeed, you lead us by your word to new life – asking only that we follow and so thereby enter that life. We praise and thank you Lord. We praise you for being so mindful of us and we thank you for coming unto us. Help us to recognize you and your word always, and to apply it to our lives by our thoughts and our actions.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you Lord, for your church and its' mission, the mission you have entrusted to us. Help us to be bold for you in the face of evil and injustice, knowing you will keep us safe. Show your healing power in those places which are willing to receive your peace. Bless us that we may indeed be a blessing and bring praise and honour to your name.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you Lord for our country. Make our nation one known throughout the world as an example of tolerance and love, of sharing and peace, of justice and compassion, not only toward its citizens, but to all other nations.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you Lord for the persons and situations that you have placed upon our hearts this day. Intercede, O Lord, and bring new hope, new joy, new life where it is needed.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of glory and love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promise to us of salvation, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

## SENDING FORTH

**HYMN (VU 595)** *"We are Pilgrims"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

We set out on the journey once more,  
**taking only what we need.**

We travel the streets of this town,  
**offering peace with every step.**

We will share what we have with the people we meet,  
**offering them God's blessing in every word.**

**And we go now as God's own people,  
unknown to the world but named in heaven,  
with good news on our lips,  
and renewed strength in our souls. Amen.**

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

*"Go Make a Difference" (Chorus)*

### 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 (July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019) READINGS:

*Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.*

### **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.*

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### **THIS WEEK AT MELFORT UNITED CHURCH**

Rev. Emmanuel is on vacation July 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is 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>. Mark your calendars. More details to follow.

**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>.

***Stewardship Seconds***

*We may not be able to help everyone, but each of us can make a difference to somebody.*