



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 11, 2017

Trinity Sunday – Year A

[Sunday School Wind up & Sunday School Teacher Appreciation]

Food Bank Sunday

### 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:

#### Call to Worship:

In the beginning, as the spirit hovered over the water;

**God was there.**

As light arose and shone throughout Earth then faded into the night;

**God was there.**

As the waters separated and land was formed; as plants emerged and animals were born; as Earth was filled with the colour and sound of living things;

**God was there.**

As human beings evolved and learned to walk and sing  
and speak and dance and pray;

**God was there.**

God was there, looking upon the goodness of creation  
with love, delighted and so pleased with it all.

**And God is still looking upon this creation with  
the same delight, with the same sense of pleasure.**

And this good creation is still loved and adored by God.

**Let us worship God.**

**HYMN (MV 28):** *"God of the Bible"*

**OPENING PRAYER & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Creator God, with love, Earth was brought into being.

**Together with all the creatures of Earth,  
we are thankful and sing your praise.**

Jesus, human son of God, with love you brought  
salvation to Earth.

**Together with all that lives and breathes  
on Earth, we are thankful.**

Spirit, who with loving breath brings comfort and  
guides us,

**we join with the whole of creation to raise our  
voice, in thanks and sing your praise. Amen.**

**HYMN (MV 135):** *"Called by earth and sky"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

Help us, O God, to make the world a beautiful  
and pleasing place as in the time of creation.

**Hear our prayer and help us.**

Make us thankful for our minds, and for all good  
and lovely thoughts which come from you to make  
the world a better place.

**Hear our prayer and help us.**

Make us thankful for stories of boys and girls, men  
and women who try to work with you in making the

world a beautiful place for everyone.

**Hear our prayer and help us.**

God of all and in all, make us more loving and teach us ways to be helpful to bring about your goodness.

**Hear our prayer and help us.**

Help us to do things we should, to be to others kind and good; in all we do in work or play, to grow more loving every day. **Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Hear this good news, brothers, sisters,  
siblings in Christ!

God, our Creator, loves us!

God, our Redeemer, frees us!

God, our Sustainer, holds us!

Thanks be to God!

*[Written by Kate Crawford. Pentecost. 1 2017 Gathering,  
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**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 115):**

*"Behold, behold I make all things new"*

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Who Will Teach the Children?"**

– A. Page

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

**ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WIND UP**

**&**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION SERVICE**

**FOR CHILDREN'S FAREWELL**

**Tune:** "This is the day" (VU 412)

This is the day, this is the day  
That our church school ends,  
That our church school ends.  
We will be sad, we will be sad  
But we will come back; yes we will come back!  
So on this day we will have some fun,  
Sing praises to God...then some races we'll run!  
this is the day, this is the day,  
That our church school ends.

In Sunday School, in Sunday School,  
We have come to know, we have come to know,  
That Jesus came, that Jesus came  
'Cos he loved us so, 'cos he loved us so.  
In Sunday School we have come to know,  
That in our lives we can always show  
The love of God, the love of God  
'Cos God loves us so!

While we are gone, while we are gone,  
We'll enjoy our days, we'll enjoy our days.  
We'll ride our bikes, we'll ride our bikes  
And we'll play some tag, we will play some tag!  
And while we're gone we will pray for you  
And hope that you'll pray for everyone too.  
We know God's love, we know God's love  
Lasts our whole life through!

*[Written by Maureen McCartney. Lent, Easter/Pentecost 2012 Year B Gathering, page 79.  
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## **FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS APPRECIATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING:** *(in unison)*

**Today we celebrate the children in our lives  
and the child in each of us. We also celebrate the teachers in  
our lives.**

**Today we give thanks to God for being with our children and  
their teachers through learning and teaching from the  
beginning of Sunday school season to this time.**

As our children take leave to enjoy summer holidays, we send them with best wishes and God's blessings:

May God's joy be in their hearts.

May God's love surround their living.

May God's presence strengthen them day and night.

As we grow and learn, in times of joy and sorrow, in all our beginnings and endings, may God keep us and bless us always. Amen.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION:

### PSALM 8 (VU p. 732):

*God, your glorious name.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a:**

*The first story of creation.*

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13:**

*Agree with one another; live in peace.*

**Matthew 28:16-20:**

*Go make disciples.*

## SERMON:

### OUR RESPONSE

## OFFERING:

**OFFERTORY HYMN (MV 191):** *"What can I do?"*

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

**You have called and you have challenged us to respond; and we stand here in response to your love and your call.**

**Use these gifts; use our lives; help us to know and show your love to all people and to the whole of creation. Amen.**

*[Written by Beth W Johnston. Pentecost. 1 2017 Gathering, page 26. Used with permission].*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

We know you as Creator and loving parent, we pray for those who follow the path of creativity – artists, scientists, writers, philosophers, builders, poets, cooks – those who look at the world and think of what can make it more beautiful and more fascinating, those who seek to find the new, those who desire to understand complexity and those who give us their expressions of love of the world.

We see and claim you as Jesus, human and divine, son and saviour. We pray for those who are bearers of the good news that you proclaimed when you walked the earth on human feet, those who bring compassion, healing and blessing to the world – teachers, health professionals, chaplains, social workers, caretakers, political advocates, church leaders, counselors.

Take a moment to pray for those who have been agents of compassion and hope in your life, your community, and the world.

We discover you as Spirit, we pray for those who with your guidance and comfort, restore and sustain us, those who care for and support us, those who hold us in empathetic generosity, who journey with us and call us forward into the goodness of life – friends, community elders, parents, siblings, mentors, wise advisors that your spirit may continue to guide them to do what they do well with patience and persistence.

## **PRAYER OF JESUS:**

With Jesus, we pray together, saying: *“Our Father....”*

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 420):** *“Go the world”*

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Deep in our hearts God calls us.

Deep in our hearts we answer.

Let us go out to live abundantly;  
to live in joy, in peace.

Let us go with God to bless  
this world with our service. **Amen.**

**CHORAL BLESSING:** *“My Peace”* – K. Routledge

## **Prayer Resources:**

Seasons of the Spirit – SeasonsFUSION Lent-Easter 2017; Worship for All Seasons II Selections from Gathering – Year A and United Church of Canada Pentecost. 1 2017 Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.

## **Next Week's (June 18, 2017) Reading (s):**

*2 Timothy 1:3-7.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*We welcome you all to worship, especially our visitors or guests. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please remember to sign our guestbook at the entrance of the church.*

*Please stay back for a cup of coffee and conversation at the CE Centre immediately following the service.*

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

**Church Office Reopens - Tuesday June 13th**

**June 12th to 18th – Rev. Emmanuel is away for Reading and Conference Week**

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

@ 4:40 – Worship Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Choir

**Thursday, June 15th**

@ 4:15 pm – Bell Choir

## **FundScrip for May & June**

The next FundScrip deadline is Thursday, June 22nd.

## **Stewardship Seconds**

*Even when we do not know how to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes and guides us in our actions.*