



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**June 18, 2017  
Conference Sunday  
Pentecost 2 – Year A**

### **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: The Israelites, the disciples and apostles, the matriarchs and patriarchs of our faith – God called them all,

Left Sanctuary: And the call echoes...

Middle Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

Right Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

One: Young and old, in the diversity of our abilities, sexualities, gender identities, ethnicity and race - God continues to call us,

Left Sanctuary: And the call echoes...

Middle Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

Right Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

One: From those who have come before to those who are yet to come, God's call reverberates through time and space,

Left Sanctuary: And the call echoes...

Middle Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

Right Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

One: God calls us to be the church,

Left Sanctuary: And the call echoes...

Middle Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

Right Sanctuary: And the call echoes....

One: As God's church, together let us worship God.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**HYMN (VU 242):** *"Let All Things Now Living"*

**OPENING PRAYER:**

One: Creator God, Holy One, thank you for the blessing of this day. We are grateful for the opportunity to come together as your church to celebrate.

**All: May the Spirit of love inspire us this day.**

One: Creator God, Holy One, as we enter into this time of celebration and worship, we remember that we are called to be a people of love, justice, reconciliation, and hope -

**All: As we have been blessed, may our worship today inspire us to be a blessing for all in need of the healing power of love, justice, reconciliation, and hope in our broken world.  
Amen.**

**HYMN (MV 115):** *"Behold, Behold I Make All Things New"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

Merciful God,

God of wisdom and truth,

You have knit us together in our mothers' wombs  
You know us inside and out,  
**better than we even know ourselves.**

From the dawn of creation,  
**through the matriarchs and patriarchs**  
through the poets and the prophets  
**in creation itself,**

Your call has echoed.

**We hear it,**  
on the wind,  
**on the voice of friends and strangers**

in the life of Jesus  
**in our holy scriptures.**

You ask us to be your echo,  
**to pass on our faith,**  
the truth that has been known in our souls.  
**and someday it seems easy,**  
somedays it feels like the path before us is clear.

**And other days, God,**  
this feels like an impossible task.

**What if we get it wrong?**

What will others think?

**What if we are mocked or scorned?**

And so we hold it in,  
**our lives and words failing to echo your love to the world.**

We stay silent when our voices are needed,  
**because we are afraid, and silence is easier.**

Sometimes, we don't share the love we know in you,  
**for we fear rejection, or scorn.**

Nudge us from our complacency,  
**give us once again your Spirit of power and love.**

**When we have stood still,**  
**Instead of following,**  
**God forgive us,**

*Silence*

God hear our prayer,  
**And in your mercy answer. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Even as we offer our prayers of confession we are already forgiven.

At the empty tomb,  
God declared Life to be stronger than death,  
Love to be stronger than Hate.  
And we are called into this truth,  
into this life of faith.  
To be light bearers in the world.  
When we would be silent, God gives us our voices once again,  
When we would remain still,  
God nudges us ever onward.  
For God continues to lead us towards Life for all.  
For in Jesus Christ we are reconciled back to God,  
And nothing can separate us from a Love like that!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 95):** *"How Deep the Peace"*

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 (VU p. 836)**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

*2 Timothy 1:3-7*

**SERMON:**

## OUR RESPONSE

### **OFFERING:**

#### **OFFERING INVITATION:**

Let us make our offerings to God.

As God has been generous and gracious in gifts to us,

Let us also be generous and gracious in gifts for the work of God's church.

Let us receive the offering.

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

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

**In love and joy we present our gifts and we present ourselves  
that the work of the church may be done.**

### **HYMN (MV 161): *"I Have Called You by Your Name"***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

## SENDING FORTH

### **HYMN (VU 509): *"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"***

#### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

And now we move into God's world,

to continue the work of Christ,

to the places we are called.

Having been loved into being by our Creator

**We go forth echoing that love.**

Having received Grace from our brother Jesus Christ,

**We go forth echoing that grace.**

Knowing we are held and sustained by the Holy Spirit,

**We go forth echoing care and compassion to those most vulnerable.**

So let us go forth with a daring and courageous love.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you today and forever more.  
**Amen.**

**CHORAL BLESSING: "My Peace" – K. Routledge**

**Prayer Resources:**

*This service and message was prepared by Krystal Sheremeta, President of Conference. Work on the liturgy for the Service of Praise also included Conference Personnel Minister Liz Mackenzie, President-Elect Bonnie Morton, and Brenda Curtis.  
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**Next Week's (June 25, 2017) Reading (s):**

*Genesis 21:8-21*

*Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17*

*Romans 6:1b-11*

*Matthew 10:24-39*

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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**

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

@ 10:30 am – Finance Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Women Alive

**Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

@ 10:30 am – Bible Study

@ 7:00 pm – Church Board Meeting

**Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

@ 10:00 am – Pastoral Care

**Grad Recognition Sunday**

We are having our Grad Recognition Sunday on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Grad cake along with our regular church coffee time.

**Special Music**

June 25 – SPECIAL MUSIC for Grads and Baptism Sunday – “Count your Blessings” – solo – Mavis, accompanied by Bernice.

**Join In The Celebration Of Bernice McCosh’s Birthday!!**

Come and go tea – Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the CE Centre. A short musical program will open the tea at 2:00. Please plan on attending to wish our mom a Happy Birthday!!

**FundScrip for May & June**

The next FundScrip deadline is Thursday, June 22nd.

**Financial Flash**

The Scott Woods Concert was another success. We raised \$1,535.00. A special thanks goes out to Gwendolyn and her crew of volunteers.

**Stewardship Seconds**

*Emptying our cups creates a space for God’s love to fill.*