



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

Ministers: All of us

Lead Minister: Emmanuel Menyereye

Music: Jodi Allen

Music Director: Mavis Peters

Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk

Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Dorothy Busby

Scripture Readers: Cheryl Sproule, Gina McAvoy

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**June 23, 2019**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost - Year 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:**

Out of an awesome thankfulness for the gift of our world, and for the gift of life itself,

**We gather to praise your name, wonderful Creator God.**

Out of profound thankfulness for the gift of the church, and for the faith community in this place,

**We gather to hear your Word for us, Living God.**

Out of a humble thankfulness for the gift of your Chosen One, Jesus Christ, and the opportunity to serve him faithfully,

**We gather as his followers, and will work in his loving Way, Eternal God.**

**HYMN (VU 220)** *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**OPENING PRAYER:**

In a spirit of joyful hope we offer our prayers to you, O God.

**You accept us as we are; you hear our deepest concerns.**

In a spirit of gentle compassion, we offer our prayers to you,  
O God.

**You open our hearts to the suffering ones and equip us to meet their needs.**

In a spirit of common participation, we offer our prayers to you,  
O God.

**You alert us to our common responsibilities; you enable us to meet challenges together.**

In a spirit of justice, we offer our prayers to you, O God.

**You will not let the powerless be walked over; you will encourage us to stand beside those who have the least.**

Fill us with awe and wonder as we worship.

**HYMN (MV 154)** *"Deep in our hearts"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:** *(in unison)*

**God of mercy, as the scriptures are read this morning, we will hear that there is no longer Jew or Greek, enslaved or free, male or female and that all are one in Christ.**

**We confess that we are far from realizing this vision and that we often take refuge in the tribalism of nation or race or religion or sexual orientation or gender identity.**

**We find it hard to let go of our fear of "the other," and we find it easy to justify our fears and suspicions.**

**After all, "the world is a dangerous place."**

**We need your forgiveness and your help. God of mercy, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.**

**We pray in the name of the one who came, not to condemn the world, but to save it - Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

*(Written by John Moses, Pentecost. 1 2019  
Year C Gathering, page 42).*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

You belong to Christ and are heirs  
of the promise of freedom.

In full assurance of justification by grace  
through faith, by the authority of God's  
beloved Son, I declare to you the absolute  
forgiveness of all your sins. In the name  
of the blessed Trinity, one God.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 15) "Holy, sacred Spirit"**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"You Raise Me Up"* – Graham/Loveland  
- Mavis and Bernice

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

### **ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**HYMN (VU 624) "Give to us laughter"**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

### **RESPONSIVE READING:**

**PSALM 42-43 (VU pp.768-769):**

*As a deer longs for the water.*

### **HEBREW READING:**

**1 KINGS 19:1-15a:**

*Elijah hears God in the sound of  
silence.*

### **EPISTLE READING:**

**GALATIANS 3:23-29:**

*No longer Jew or Greek, male or  
female; all one in Christ.*

### **GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 8:26-39:**

*Jesus heals a man filled with  
demons.*

### **SERMON:**

## OUR RESPONSE

### OFFERING:

**OFFERTORY HYMN (VU 538)** *"For the gift of creation"*

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

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for your  
gifts of compassion and mercy.**

**Now we offer gifts to you - gifts of time, talent,  
effort, and treasure - gifts that are not flashy  
or perfect, but gifts that we pray may reflect  
your compassion and mercy to a hurting world. Amen.**

### PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

Creating God, may all our words be filled with silence: a space broad enough to pray for the world's needs, and a place deep enough to meet you in it *(pause)*.

We place a silence here for all conflict, where words can never heal, only the witness of peace-filled living, and the touch of love. *(a moment of silence)*.

We place a silence here for all hurt, where words can never repair, only the witness of grace-filled living, and the touch of love. *(a moment of silence)*

We place a silence here for all injustice, where words can never break through, only the witness of truth-filled living, and the touch of love. *(a moment of silence)*

We place a silence here for all victims, where words can never say sorry, only the witness of compassion-filled living, and the touch of love. *(a moment of silence)*

We place a silence here for all people, where words are confusing and confused, and only the witness of patient living, and the touch of love, speaks. *(a moment of silence)*

Creating God, may all our words be filled with silence: space broad enough to pray for what the world needs, and a place deep enough to meet you in it. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

### SENDING FORTH

**HYMN (VU 606)** *"In Christ there is no east or west"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Go in peace to care for those who cross  
your path, to give voice to those who need  
your help, to notice what is beautiful and  
what is amiss, to counter injustice and  
guard what is good, and to rest and work,  
mindful of God's desire for your health and faith.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace  
and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and  
give you peace.

### **CHORAL BLESSING (VU 963)**

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### PRAYER RESOURCES:

*\*Seasons of the Spirit- Seasons FUSION Pentecost 1 2019;  
Prayers to Share Year C, Responsive Prayers for each Sunday of  
the Church Year; Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C,  
Volume 2 Trinity Sunday Through Reign of Christ Worship  
Companion; The United Church of Canada Pentecost. 1 2019 Year  
C Gathering Resources for Worship Planners.  
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### NEXT WEEK'S (June 30, 2019) READINGS:

*2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.*

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**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**

Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
@ 10 am – Pastoral Care

**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.

**Naomi Unit Meeting – Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Naomi Unit UCW is going to the Melfort Golf Course for lunch on the 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am. All unit members are welcome!

**Summer Church Hours**

The church office commences its summer hours effective July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It will be 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>.

**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 26th, 2019** . The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, Oct 3rd.

***Stewardship Seconds***

*Go forth proclaiming God's goodness through our generosity!*