



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM  
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Music: Grace Wilton  
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Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk  
Caretaker: Faye Greier  
Today's Greeter: Robin Miazga  
Scripture Readers: Marlene Stevenson, Grace Wilton

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**June 30, 2019**  
**Third 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:**

Through prophets, rulers, and leaders,

**God passes on the story to the world.**

Through disciples and apostles and followers,

**God passes on the story to the world.**

Through saints and reformers and mystics,

**God passes on the story to the world.**

Through you and me and us,

**God passes on the story to the world.**

Come, let us worship God, and continue the story.

**HYMN (VU 436)** *"Abide With Me"*

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

**God of wisdom and wonder,  
we gather in this place as prophets and disciples,  
as people led by your spirit,  
and as humble followers seeking to do your will.**

**Called here by your love,  
we come to be renewed in our faith  
and go from here ready to serve you again.  
Open us to your spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN (VU 288)** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

For freedom, Christ has set us free. Yet at times we use our freedom for self-indulgence.

**Forgive us, God.**

You have called us to love one another, and yet sometimes it seems we would rather snap at one another.

**Forgive us, God.**

Often we would rather be guided by what we want rather than what you want.

**Forgive us, God.**

Transform us by your Spirit and make us new,

**We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

God picks us up, and never wants to let go.

God takes what we cannot let go of and offers us a new purpose.

Go, renewed, with newly affirmed purpose, and a new freedom for life, and pick up what is God's, and never let it go.

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 182)** *"Grateful"*

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20 (VU p. 791)

*I cry to God in my distress.*

**HEBREW READING:** 2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

*Elisha sees Elijah ascend to heaven.*

**EPISTLE READING:** GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

*Called to freedom; the fruit of the Spirit.*

**GOSPEL READING:** LUKE 9:51-62

*Foxes have holes, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Generous God,  
you offer us gifts beyond price:  
gifts of skills and time and love.**

**We gratefully receive these and in turn offer back a portion.**

**Bless our offerings.**

**May they go through this place and out into the world,  
to continue your work of peace, justice, and mercy. Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

When the flame goes out, and we imagine ourselves not good enough, when the way is too complicated, and we can find no one else to lead, when the gifts seem thin, and we feel we cannot find the way ourselves,

**Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence.**

When the questions are too deep, and there is no one else to seek  
an answer, when the mantle is unworn, and we are the only ones to  
pick it up, when the world is tough and your calling even tougher,

**Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence.**

May we find a new way to serve you, may we find a new ear to  
listen, may we find a new adventure to begin,

**Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence.**

May we find a new dream to dream, may we find a new language to  
speak, may we find a new daring within our souls,

**Come to us, O God, and whisper your presence. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (MV 79)** *"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

We could linger in the shadow of Elijah,  
**but justice does not wish us to linger.**

We could linger in the company of yesterday,  
**but truth does not wish us to linger.**

We could linger in the consolation of the past,  
**but the Realm of God does not wish us to linger.**

We could linger in the comfort of the dead,  
**but resurrection does not wish us to linger.**

Let us move out into this day  
**and meet God there.**

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

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\*Seasons of the Spirit - SeasonsFUSION 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019) READINGS:**

*2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30 (VU p. 757);  
Galatians 6:1-6, 7-16; Luke 10:1-1,16-20*

**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**

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

**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 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>.

### **Music, Music – You Don't Want to Miss a Sunday**

July 7<sup>th</sup> - "Danny Boy" soloist Megan McAvoy

### **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.*