



## 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: Tracey Smetaniuk

Music Director: Mavis Peters

Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk

Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Gerri Wurtz

Scripture Readers: Bea White, Chris Corbett

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**November 3, 2019**

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Year C**

*[REFORMATION 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:**

Throughout the decades and centuries,  
we have been led by truth-tellers and justice-seekers.

**They heard the challenge. They accepted the costs.**

We are indebted to courageous leaders of bygone eras.

They followed Jesus' path of radical love.

**Love, peace, and justice is not just the way of the past,  
but also the way into the future.**

*[Written by Laura Turnbull, Pentecost. 2 2019 (Year C), page 48].*

**HYMN (MV 161)** *"I have called you by your name"*

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

O still speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your way.

Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts and grow in love for each other and understanding of the many ways we may continue to serve you.

Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; enable us to rejoin you in your suffering and baptism. We desire to be your children and we claim these blessings in your name. Amen.

**HYMN (MV 1)** *"Let us build a house"*

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

Surprising God, our lives are grounded in you, and you show no favour except to those the world would not expect.

But we find ourselves grumbling when you welcome the "sinner," and dine with those the world would leave to hunger.

When the world pushes someone to the periphery, you meet them and accept their hospitality.

Teach us to do the same, to reach out to those who are scorned, to show mercy where others plant hate, and to be happy to welcome you and to recognize you when you come to redeem our own brokenness. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

*(based upon Luke 19:9–10):*

Jesus said,

"The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

If we are lost in the brokenness of ourselves or of our society, we can trust that God parades through those broken streets calling to us because, indeed, God wishes

to stay with us this day and to share divine love and grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 81)**

*"Love us into fullness" – all verses*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *"We are the World" – M. Jackson*

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

**ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**HYMN (MV 62)** *"There is room for all"*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSORIAL READING:** PSALM 119:137-144 (VU p.841):  
*God's judgments are just.*

**GOSPEL READING:** LUKE 19:1-10:  
*Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

**OFFERTORY HYMN (MV 182)** *"Grateful"*

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

**Truth-seeking God, we praise you in song and action.  
We present our offerings so that your way of peace,**

**justice, and hope is known by your people.**

**We thank you for courageous visionaries of our past who have dared to speak out on issues of inclusion and welcome. May we continue along the path they have trodden. Amen.**

*[Written by Laura Turnbull, Pentecost. 2 2019  
(Year C) Gathering, page 48].*

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Righteous God, whose vision for the world we saw in Jesus' ministry, we pray for your church. When injustice blurs and complacency shutters, grant us clear eyes and voices, that we may serve not the rulers of this age but your reign. Grow our faith and increase our love for one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of ants and elephants, of fields and mountains, you treasure all sizes. Sustain every part of your creation and make us conscious of our interdependence. God of tadpoles and caterpillars, you treasure change. Teach us the beauty of new perspectives. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all the nations, each nation has its own brand of violence. Where war rages, shelter victims and provide refuge. Where false peace reigns, give courage to those who protest and resist. Use our laws to curb our shortcomings and to lift up the downtrodden. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Healer of our every ill, while sickness and suffering often teach us to see in new ways, do not leave us in lonely or isolated places. Be present and fill us with your peace. When our ails are invisible (to others and even ourselves), shake loose our understandings. Help us to be part of healthy communities: weeping with those who weep, rejoicing with those who rejoice, loving our neighbours as ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for the faithful departed, their witness in every age, and the ways they shaped our faith. Hold those who mourn in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God who sees us, so many we love are wracked by pain, in body, mind, or spirit; so many. many more we do not know yearn for healing and care. Pour out your healing spirit upon them, and make us agents of your blessing. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all those whose burdens are carried in secret, and for our own needs, we pray.... (*A time of silence is kept*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Our hearts, our hands, our voices are yours, O God. Increase our faith, sustain our hope, and send us out to do your work and show your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is our all in all. **Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 567)** *"Will you come and follow me"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

May the grace of Christ attend you,  
and the Holy Spirit keep you this day  
and forevermore.

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

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\*Seasons of the Spirit-Seasons FUSION Season of Creation. Pentecost 2 2019; Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year C Volume 2, Trinity Sunday Through Reign of Christ Worship Companion; Worship Ways (www.ucc.org); The United Church of Canada Pentecost 2 2019 (Year C) Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.*

### **NEXT WEEK'S (NOVEMBER 10, 2019) READINGS:**

*Haggai 1:15b-2:9;  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;  
Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17;  
Luke 20:27-38.*

## 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

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

@ 7 pm – Women Alive

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

@ 4:40 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

@ 10:30 – Bible Study

@ 4:15 – Bell Choir

Friday, November 8<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.

**Changes to Contact Information**

If you've changed your address or phone number please advise the Church Office so that we can keep your information current.

Thank you!

**Remembrance Day Service – November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Royal Canadian Legion Melfort Branch #30 Remembrance Day Service will be held in the

**G. T. Anderson Auditorium of M.U.C.C.**

**On MONDAY, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Starting at 10:45 am.**

**Galapagos Adventure – Anne McIntosh**

You're all invited to attend Anne's presentation on her recent trip the Galapagos. It is on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. It is being hosted by Women Alive.

**Music, Music, Music – Don't Miss a Sunday!!!**

November 17<sup>th</sup> – "Celebrate this Day Together"

- Ciereau/Bergen

November 24<sup>th</sup> – "The Journey" – E. Harris

**FundScrip**

The next FundScrip order date will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last FundScrip order in time for Christmas.

**Renewal time for your subscription for the Observer**

Stop by the office by November 27<sup>th</sup> to pay the \$25 annual subscription fee.

**Winter Newsletter**

Please submit your report/submission for the winter newsletter by November 27<sup>th</sup>; either to the office or by email to [melfortuc@sasktel.net](mailto:melfortuc@sasktel.net). Thank you.

**Old Time Country Christmas - The Scott Woods Band**

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Adult \$30, Child (age 6–12) \$15

Children 5 & under free

Purchase Tickets (cash only) at:

George Home Hardware, Backstage Music  
or at the Melfort United Church

For Visa/MasterCard call the

Scott Woods Band Office @ 1.855.726.8896

**Stewardship Seconds**

*God is the God of the living, and the God of all those things that come most alive, like acorns on the forest floor, geese flying V-formed south for the winter, and God's people celebrating God's presence.*