



## 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: Glenn George  
Scripture Readers: Lorne Anderson, Imogene Schick

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 13, 2019  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
*Creation Time 6 in the Season of Pentecost*

### 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:**

Praise be to God who created the Earth and gives us harvest.

**God provides all that we need.**

Praise be to God who surrounds us with love, and strengthens us by the Holy Spirit,

**God's care never ends.**

People of God, let us give thanks.

**Praise be to God!**

**HYMN (VU 516)** *"Come, you thankful people, come"*

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

Creator God, you have painted our fall picture in colours of gold and bronze and maple red.

**The glory of autumn enriches our sight and delights our spirits.**

Sustaining God, you have given us earthly potatoes, yellow corn, and free-flowing grain.

**This gracious harvest is ours for nourishment, for enjoyment, and for sharing.**

Loving God, you bring us together as family and friends around the Thanksgiving table.

**In reunion and remembering, in laughter and in looking forward, we celebrate your presence.**

Eternal God, you have brought us together as an active faith community.

**We encourage each other, we serve within this city, we support communities far from here, and in these ways, we express our thanksgiving.**

*[Written by David Sparks,  
Worship for All Seasons II Year C, page 259]*

**HYMN (VU p. 820) "Make a joyful noise"**

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

**"Give us more," has been the plea:  
more money, more power, more material things.**

**Your world has forgotten your promise  
that you will provide us with all that we need.**

**Forgive us for not trusting  
in your promise of abundance.**

**Instead of sharing, we have hoarded;  
instead of reaching out, we have turned away;  
instead of sowing seeds of peace,  
we have joined in the war.**

**Forgive us, O God of Mercy.  
Enable all to move to live within  
the abundance you have given  
and leave fear of scarcity behind. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

We have all that we need: the breath of the Spirit,  
the peace of Christ, and the promise of everlasting life with  
God. God also provides loving forgiveness of our sins.

Praise to God the Creator for abundant blessings!

*[Prayer for Guidance and Words of Assurance*

*Written by Cheryl Hutchcroft,*

*Pentecost. 2 2019 Year C Gathering, page 46].*

## **PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 81) "Love us into fullness"**

- **All verses**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM: "O Give Thanks" – J. Martin**

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

## **ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

## **HYMN (MV 188) "I thank you, thank you, Jesus"**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

## **MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

### **RESPONSORIAL READING:**

**PSALM 100 (VU p.822):** *sung*  
*All people that on earth do dwell.*

### **HEBREW READING:**

**DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11:**

*Bring tithes; a wandering*  
*Aramean was my ancestor.*

### **EPISTLE READING:**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9:**

*The peace of God that passes all*  
*understanding.*

### **GOSPEL READING:**

**JOHN 6:25-35:**

*Give us bread from heaven for*  
*eternal life.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

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

**Vineyard of our Delight,  
you yield abundant fruit for all to share,  
and invite us into your chamber  
to feast and celebrate.  
As we present our gifts,  
fill us with your passion to feed the world,  
that, leaving no one poor or hungry,  
all may dwell with you in peace.  
In your name we pray,  
Source of Plenty, Staff of Life, Spirit  
of Generosity. Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

For the beauty and wonder of creation,  
**we thank you God.**

For our daily food, for our homes, families, and friends,  
**we thank you God.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,  
**we thank you God.**

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,  
**we thank you God.**

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
**we thank you God.**

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,  
**we thank you God.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**we thank you God.**

Today we give thanks especially for this our church family, for all its members, for the children, the young and senior, for the choirs and members of the choirs, all our music ministry leaders, for all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

**we thank you God. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (MV 185)** *"Every day is a day of thanksgiving"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

May God, who clothes the lilies of the fields,  
and feeds the birds of the sky,  
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,  
lead us, feed us, and change us  
to reflect the glory of our Creator,  
to whom we offer praise and thanksgiving,  
now and through all eternity. **Amen.**

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

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\*Celebrate God's Presence, A Book of Services for the United Church of Canada (2000); Worship for All Ages, Services for Special Sundays- Includes Drama;  
The United Church of Canada Worship for All Seasons II, Selections from Gathering - Year; and Pentecost. 2 2019 Year C Gathering Resources for Worship Planners.  
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### **NEXT WEEK'S (OCTOBER 20, 2019) READINGS:**

*Amos 5:6-7, 10-15;  
Psalm 90;  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31.*

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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**

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Church Office and Reverend Emmanuel's office are closed.

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

@ 10:30 – Bible Study

@ 4:15 – Bell Choir

**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.

**FundScrip**

The next FundScrip order date will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Flu Clinic Dates**

@ Kerry Vickar Centre

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1pm – 7pm

October 30<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 3pm

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 1pm – 7pm

December 11<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 1pm

**Fall Supper**

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00-6:30 pm

Adults \$15.00

Children (6-12) \$10.00

Preschool FREE

Family \$ 50.00

Take-Out Meals: \$ 15.00

For take-out meals call 752-2288 by  
Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3pm

***Old Time Country Christmas***

**The Scott Woods Band**

Saturday, November 16th @ 7pm

Adult \$30, Child (age 6–12) \$15

Children 5 & under free

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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***

*When God's promises take root in our heart, there is  
always a bumper crop of faithfulness*