



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

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Today's Greeter: Kim Eskowich

Scripture Readers: Jean Senecal

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 20, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year C
[WORLD FOOD 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:

Our God, Creator and Sustainer of all life

instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.

We come, giving the funds, time, and gifts God has given us

cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure,

trusting that in our upside-down life of the Gospel,

our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away.

We give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God,

to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving.

— Written by Rev. Corey Turnpenny, adapted from Robert Schnase's book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*;
<https://getlitworship.wordpress.com>.

HYMN (MV 12) *"Come touch our hearts"*

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Good and gracious God,

**You are gathering this community from across the earth,
asking us to pour out our lives on behalf of those who hunger.**

For hope, for justice, for daily bread.

**You are asking us to see the earth as you do,
so very, very good.**

**Trees with fruit, bursting with seed. Green plants for food, for
humans and for every living creature.**

**As a holy place for everything that breathes and to whom
you have given life. Yet we see the realities before us and it
takes our breath away: those whose bellies growl every day;
those who consume more than their fair share.**

**Breathe new life into us.... as a global community, as
local congregations gather us together so that we may
remind each other of your intent for this earth.**

**Gather us so that we may pour out our lives
in Christ's name, as Christ does on behalf of those
who hunger.**

— Adapted from WFD prayer on presbyterianmission.org

HYMN (VU 227) *"For the fruit of all creation"*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: *(in unison)*

(based on Mark 10):

**God, you heap your love upon us
like a parent providing for a family's needs,
embracing a child with tenderness.**

**Forgive us when, like spoiled children,
we treat Your generosity as our right,
or hug it possessively to ourselves.**

**Give us enough trust to live secure in Your love
and to share it freely with others**

**in open-handed confidence
that Your grace will never run out. Amen.**

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

(based on Hebrews 4):

Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted in every way that we are, and is now at the throne of grace presenting to God our case for mercy. Therefore, we can approach God's throne in confidence. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

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PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 85)

"Take, O take me as I am"

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Here in the House of the Lord"*

- Besig

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (MV 92) *"Like a rock"*

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNG READING:

PSALM 90 (VU p.806):

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

HEBREW READING:

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15:

Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

EPISTLE READING:

HEBREWS 4:12-16:

Let us approach God's throne with confidence.

GOSPEL READING:

MARK 10:17-31:

The rich and the kingdom of God.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (MV 182) "Grateful"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

**God of Justice and mercy,
The gifts we bring are so small in comparison
to the vast needs in our world. Nowhere near
enough to save the thousands who are
dying of starvation or malnutrition,
or even to meet the needs of the hungry and
homeless in our city. Yet we come with open hands,
bringing what we can. As you once multiplied the
five loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well,
so that, once again, the hungry may receive all
they need, and more. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

Inspiring God, thank you for the diverse world of mountains and rivers, oceans and deserts, wild animals and birds of distinction... thank you for breathing into us the breath of life, and for a diverse, gifted and ingenious humanity.

We recognize that our world is hurting, pristine landscapes lie beneath polluted skies and oceans are poisoned with human trash. Human beings wreak violence upon one another. Though you have given us enough food for everyone, some have too much, and others go without.

Inspiring God, we would be overwhelmed were it not for your good news, the example and teaching of Jesus, and your gift of the Spirit to help us each day. We pray to you for people who mourn, for people who are hungry, for people who have lost their way. We pray to you for the people you send to give comfort, and to share bread and to proclaim your love.

For every human ache, you are a healing balm. For every hunger you are food. For every conflict, your depths and wisdom afford peace. For every yearning, you are dreams fulfilled.

Help us live between our limited mortality and your infinite goodness, grace, peace, and love. Compassion helps us to join the worlds. Doing deeds of justice help us to join the worlds. So help us, God. We pray in the name and spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (VU 642) *"Be thou my vision"*

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING: *(based on Mark 10)*

Go now and invest your lives in the works of faith.

Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion. Fulfill God's holy law by putting love into action as eagerly for others as you would for yourselves. And may God be your defender and provider; may Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or immobilizes you; and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith and loving and merciful in action.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

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CHORAL BLESSING (VU 963)

"May the grace of Christ attend us"

PRAYER RESOURCES:

**united-church.ca/worship-special-days/world-food-sunday;
Pentecost.2 2019 Year C Gathering Resources for Worship
Planners.*

NEXT WEEK'S (OCTOBER 27, 2019) READINGS:

Joel 2:23-32;

Psalm 65;

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;

Luke 18:9-14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 22nd

@ 10:30 Finance Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Women Alive

Wednesday, October 23rd

Church Office Closed

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, October 24th

@ 10:30 – Bible Study

@ 4:15 – Bell Choir

@ 7 pm – Church Board Meeting

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.

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

November 3rd - *"We are the World"* – M. Jackson

November 17th - *"Celebrate this Day Together"*

- Ciereau/Bergen

November 24th – *"The Journey"* – E. Harris

FundScrip

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

Fall Supper

Sunday, November 3rd

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 1st @ 3pm

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Fiddling Around

With the Scott Woods Band

Saturday, May 18 @ 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

Few of us would brag about our mediocrity! Then why do we settle for enough from God, and therefore enough for God?