



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Today's Greeter: Eileen Brooks
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 27, 2019
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YEAR C
[PEACE SABBATH]

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:

Sisters and brothers, enter into this space together to worship the Holy One. Let us rejoice, for God offers us freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ and gives us the Spirit to be children of God and to live free from fear and of insignificance.

We come to walk with Jesus; the same way Jesus walked down the streets of Jerusalem and throughout the countryside. We come to remember the simple act of walking as defiance against oppression, and the simple act of writing as calling attention to injustice;

**each creates the peace and love that Jesus teaches us.
God we come!**

*[Inspired by the Dec. 10, 2007 Human Rights Liturgy by the
World Student Christian Federation—Asia-Pacific]*

HYMN (MV 27) *“Creator God, you gave us life”*

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

**Holy One, Creator and Spirit of Life,
we thank you for the gift of this day
and this gathering of your people.**

**We have come with our joys and our brokenness.
We have come with our certainties and our confusion.
We have come with our insignificance and our power.**

Teach us. Reach us.

Nourish us.

**Then set us forth to walk, to talk, to write,
to live your message of peace in our corner
and through all the lands. Amen.**

HYMN (MV 169) *“When hands reach out beyond divides”*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:

Eternal God, save us from weak resignation to violence and jar us from the persistent underestimation of our abilities to help others. Help us to remember that the faceless ones and our enemies

eat food the same as us, are hurt by weapons the same as us, are lonely behind walls the same as us, and have children with dreams the same as ours. Forgive our excuses, forgive our indifference, forgive our lack of solidarity...

(Silent meditation)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the good news: Christ is our peace.

Christ has united those who were separated.

Christ has broken down the walls of hostility.

Christ has given wings to our steps on the path of justice.

Rejoice in the Lord, the kin(g)dom is at hand! **Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 85)

"Take, O take me as I am"

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (MV 149) *"Peace for the children"*

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

RESPONSORIAL READING:

PSALM 85 (VU p.802):

God, show us your love.

HEBREW READING:

EXODUS 14:11-16:

A step forward.

EPISTLE READING:

ROMANS 12:9-21:

Life in God's service.

GOSPEL READING:

LUKE 18:1-9:

The parable of the widow and the judge

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING INVITATION:

Peace is generosity, not a silence.

The risk is ours to take. We choose to act and share our time, talents, and treasures.

We choose to step with God into the obstacles so that peace becomes the path to walk.

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (MV 182) "Grateful"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (*in unison*)

**Enable these gifts, Gracious God, to be a source
of peace: between person and person,
between community and community, between
nation and nation; in the name of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

*[Written by David Sparks, Worship for All Seasons II Selections
from Gathering - Year B, page 274. Used with permission.]*

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

Holy One, we know that we are not alone, we live in your world.

We know that you call each of us to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil. We know that each of us carries
within our self your vision of all creation healed and restored.
Because we are partners with you in caring for this creation and the
worldwide community of people, Holy One, listen to our pleading
hearts...

(a moment of silence)

You are the peace, O God, so take us in hand, we pray, and make
of us - each of us, and all of us, the home where your peace may
abide, the channel where it may freely flow, the seedbed for its
planting and growth, the womb for its gestation and birth, the voice
for its singing, the hands for its nurturing, building, and sharing.

(a moment of silence)

Gracious God, your love knows no limits. Fill our hearts with your
compassion, open our eyes to your presence in the world and
enlarge our minds to understand your will. Take our hands and
minister through them. Speak through our words and direct our feet
in the path of peace, that Christ may be revealed in us and the
world may believe. **Amen.**

*[Final stanza from International Church Action for Peace
in Palestine and Israel, 4-10 June 2008, a joint advocacy initiative
convened by the World Council of Churches.*

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SENDING FORTH

HYMN (MV 173) *“Put peace in each other’s hands”*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

“PRAYER FOR PEACE” (Voices United 692)

May we now take that one step into the world
and embrace it as you have embraced us.
Know that the blessing of God—Creator, Christ,
and Spirit—is with us this day and always. **Amen.**

*[Adapted from a service originally written
by the Rev. Tiina Cote for the United for Peace Campaign]*

CHORAL BLESSING *“My Peace”* – Keith Routledge

PRAYER RESOURCES:

**[united-church.ca/worship-special-days/Peace Sunday](http://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/Peace%20Sunday).*

NEXT WEEK’S (NOVEMBER 3, 2019) READINGS:

*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4;
Psalm 119:137-144;
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12;
Luke 19:1-10.*

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

Monday, October 28th
@ 2 pm – Naomi Unit Meeting
Wednesday, October 29th
@ 7 pm – Choir
Thursday, October 30th
FundScrip Deadline
@ 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.

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!

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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

Old Time Country Christmas

The Scott Woods Band

Saturday, November 16th @ 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

*On this, the eve of All Saints Day, we remember that people of faith have been the key to some of the most incredible social changes in our society: and that includes **you!***