



## 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: Don Meier

Scripture Readers: Yvonne Stevenson, Eileen Brooks

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 6, 2019

**World Communion Sunday - Year C**

*Creation Time 5 in the Season of Pentecost - Sustain me!*

**[HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE]**

### 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.*

### **GREETING & WELCOME:**

A warm welcome to you on this World Communion Sunday. We come to worship the one who sustains us and sustains the whole world.

As we gather, we listen to where creation is yearning to be cared for, where people are waiting longingly for God's grace, and where Jesus is calling us to serve with him so all peoples are nourished and sustained.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES & CONCERNS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you;  
**encircle us with your love.**

Bless us with your sustaining presence;  
**surround us with your grace.**

Draw us 'round your living Word,  
**and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,**  
whose Spirit is in our midst. **Amen.**

**HYMN (VU 296)** *"This Is God's Wondrous World"*

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

**God, we give thanks for the beauty that surrounds us. We sense the smell of the food that sustains us. We feel hugs and greetings that nurture us. We hear laughter and song that nourish us. Remind us to listen to your world, the moans and joys.**

**Teach us to care for and treasure your body, your world, as we do our own. We pray in Jesus' name, who offers us the bread of life, Amen.**

**HYMN (VU 580)** *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

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

**Each moment of this worship, we are preparing to gather at your table, O God.**

**We lift our prayers of joy and adoration that you are with us,**

**that you love and understand us.**

**Now we pause and place before you those things we need to let go of:**

**guilt, anger, resentment, fear, prejudice, contempt, hatred, indifference; these things weigh us down and keep us from moving and growing.**

**You long for us to know you and the healing your love offers. Help us in our confession; hold us close as we open our hearts to you.**

*(A time for silent reflection)*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

*(based on 2 Timothy 1:9-10)*

God is the one who showers us with grace  
unending, no matter what we have done.

God shares with us a purpose and calling  
so that the world may know grace  
as revealed in Christ.

Death has been destroyed.

Life reigns forever.

Alleluia! **Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 99) *"Stand, O Stand Firm"***

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

**ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**HYMN (MV 145) *"Draw the Circle Wide"***

**A NEW CREED (VU p. 918):**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSORIAL READING:**

**PSALM 37 (VU p.763):**

*Commit your way to God.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 17:5-10:**

Faith as a mustard seed; we've  
done as we ought.

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

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

**Abundant God, full of surprises!**

**A simple loaf of bread becomes food for a hungry world.**

**A chalice of unfermented wine becomes hope for the young and not so young. Today, we join hands with siblings in Christ all around the world.**

**Today, we share our offerings, knowing that they, like the loaf and cup, will help to bring new life to this congregation and to the world that you so love.**

**Receive them with delight, we pray. Amen.**

*[Written by Laura Turnbull,*

*Pentecost . 2 2019 Gathering, page 45.*

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

**HYMN (VU 467) "One Bread, One Body"**

**COMMUNION LITURGY:**

God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts;

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God!

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise!**

Though creation sometimes weeps,

**we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them:

you cast sunbeams, open flowers, and feed insects.

You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans,

and inside each grain of wheat.

You could sustain all of your creation,

**but you will not, without us.**

Thank you for the wonders of creation and for

your great trust in us. Though humanity sometimes weeps,

**we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For you smiled on an outcasted Hagar,

blessing her descendants,

you guided the doubtful Israelites, leading them to freedom,

you spoke through the Judges and the Prophets,

providing words of wisdom, you lived among us as a teacher,  
healer, and friend, giving us a sacred path to follow.

You could have made us self-sustaining,

**but you did not, your love sustains us.**

Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples,

who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation.

### **Sanctus and Benedictus (MV 203) sung "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

In Jesus, love incarnate, you provide all we need for each day:

**his words comfort the weary;**

**his actions challenge the contented;**

**his touch heals the sick;**

**his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls.**

In Jesus and in his feast you provide for us the sustenance we  
need to respond to the cries of creation.

The bread of life

**nourishes our deprived bodies.**

The cup of blessings

**revives our thirsty souls.**

The gathered community

**strengthens our growing faith.**

### **Memorial Acclamation (MV 204) sung "Christ has died"**

Though the church sometimes weeps,

**we wait lovingly for you, God.**

For centuries Christians of different customs have gathered to commune with you and each other through the sharing of this feast.

**In their partaking you have been with them,  
just as you are with us now.**

And so we join with our siblings around the world by remembering that on the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

“Take eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

God, we remember and give thanks for your son, and we ask that you bless and pour your spirit on these simple things, bread and wine:

**Make this broken bread whole in our taking.**

**Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.**

With these elements nourish and sustain us, our way, our truth, our life; our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer. Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

**“Great Amen” (MV 205) sung**

### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP (DISTRIBUTION):**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, for all things are now ready.

Please say:

**“Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life”** as you share bread.

**“Jesus Christ, the Cup of Blessing”** as you share the cup.

## **COMMUNION ANTHEMS:**

**HYMN (MV 202)** *“Bread for the Journey”*

**HYMN (VU 471)** *“Eat This Bread and Never Hunger”*

**HYMN (VU 469)** *“We Gather Here”*

**HYMN (VU 480)** *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** *(in unison)*

**Holy One, may we who have been fed at this table remember that we are the body of Christ in the world today.**

**May our hearts be open, our words be grace-filled, and our actions be life-giving.**

**May all that we do and say reveal the presence of Christ who has met us at this table. Amen.**

*[Written by Dianne Astle, Pentecost. 2 2016 (Year C) Gathering, page 46. Used with permission].*

## **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (MV 595)** *“We Are Pilgrims on A Journey”*

## **COMMISSIONING & BLESSING:**

We have seen, smelled, and tasted the grace God offers to all peoples!

Go into the world knowing your faith of ordinary acts works to transform God's extraordinary world.

Go into the world waiting longingly to see God moving and growing. Go into the world ready to be sustained and eager to offer the treasure within you.

May the grace of God's abundance surround you, the gift of Jesus' service inspire you, and the movement of the Spirit stir within you. **Amen.**

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

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

*\*Seasons of the Spirit - Seasons FUSION Seasons of Creation. Pentecost 2 2019; Gathered for Worship, A Sourcebook for Worship Committees, Leaders, and Teams; Flames of the Spirit, Resources for Worship Like Bread for the Journey; Worship for an Easter People, Volume 2; Before the Amen, Creative Resources for Worship.*

### **NEXT WEEK'S (OCTOBER 13, 2019) READINGS:**

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100;  
Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35.*

## **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**

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

@ 4:40 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

@ 4:15 – Bell Choir

Friday, October 11<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.

### **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>.

### **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

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***Stewardship Seconds***

*Grateful living leads to transformed lives.*