



UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM

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Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Kim Eskowich

Scripture Readers: Marion Heaven, Gloria Stushnoff

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C

(Creation Time 2 in the Season 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:

Listen to the pebbles... What are they saying?

They shout for a place to land.

Listen to the leaves... What are their hopes?

They hope to rustle through the wind and glisten through the light.

Listen to the waters... Where are they moving?

They are rushing together, on an endless journey.

Listen to creation... Where is God speaking to us?

God is moving, living, and breathing in everything!

Let us listen to the wisdom of God through creation.

HYMN (VU 291) *"All things bright and beautiful"*

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

**God of wind and rain,
of lightning and snow, of wildfire and flood:
sometimes we are overwhelmed by the forces
of nature around us, that seem to rail against us.
Beyond that, people sometimes say that storms
and disasters are caused by you, and are sent
to teach us things or as punishment.
Help us to discern the truth, and to know that you,
our Creator God, do not seek to destroy us,
but invite us to co-create with you, that the world
might be a place where all can live in harmony
and safety. Amen.**

HYMN (MV 37) *"Each blade of grass"*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE: *(in unison)*

**Great Creator, day by day we become aware
of the havoc that plagues our planet.
We know that we play a part in all that goes
on around here; we know that human actions
often lead to some of the storms and disasters
we so often want to blame on you.
Forgive us, and help us to take better care
of the wonderful and amazing world you
have given us. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God reminds us that to depart from evil is to gain understanding.
So know that whenever we turn away from the things we have been
doing, and turn towards God, we gain insight and understanding,
and we re-align with that of our Creator.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 115)

"Behold, behold I am making all things new"

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“May Your Roads Be Straight And Narrow”* - S. Albrecht and J. Althouse

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (MV 22) *“God of all the world”*

A NEW CREED (VU p. 918):

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

RESPONSORIAL READING:

PSALM 29 (VU p.756):

Ascribe to God all glory and strength.

HEBREW READING:

JOB 28:20-27:

Wisdom and understanding come from God.

GOSPEL READING:

LUKE 8:22-25:

Jesus calms the storm.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (VU 538) *“For the gift of creation”*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: *(in unison)*

We marvel, Holy One, at your power in our midst.

**We marvel at your ability to calm the storms
and bring comfort and strength to us**

**when we feel weak and powerless.
Take now these gifts we offer, and use them
to transform your world. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

Great God of storms, help us to feel your presence in all the different storms we experience.

Help us, also, to be present in storms. May we be rain, to wash and nourish the earth, bringing hope and comfort to your hurting people. May we be wind, to clean and refresh the earth, to blow the power of your justice into the cracks and concerns of our world.

May we be fire, to renew and energize the weak places all around us.

May we be upheaval in places of injustice, calling to account those who wreak havoc on others and who damage the earth without care in the world.

Great God of storms, help us to be your powerful healing and transforming storms in our world. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (307) *"Touch the world lightly"*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

By grace are we born into this world of God's making.

By grace are we given one another, and the good news of Christ.

By grace, then, live out your life as neighbour, friend, steward of the earth, apostle of peace.

**We will share the gift of life, the gift of peace,
the gift of joy with all we meet.**

Go forth in peace and blessing of God. **Amen.**

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; www.united-church.ca/worshipresources;
The United Church of Canada Pentecost.2 2019 Year C
Gathering Resources for Worship Planners.
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NEXT WEEK'S (September 22nd) SCRIPTURE READINGS:

*Proverbs 8:22-31;
Psalm 148;
Colossians 1:15-20;
John 6:41-51.*

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

Wednesday, September 18th

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, September 19th

@ 4:15 pm – Bell Choir

@ 6 pm – UCW pot luck supper and General Mtg

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.

Sunday School Volunteer Leaders Needed

The Sunday School program is looking for volunteer Leaders. A signup sheet is on the table in the CE foyer. Contact Rachelle Heavin (heavin.rachelle@nesd.ca) or 306.921.6495 with any questions.

Funeral Lunch Group Volunteers Needed

The funeral lunch group is looking for volunteers to assist with funeral lunches as we update our lists for the coming year. This is not a huge time commitment but a very caring service for our congregation. All women and men are welcome to volunteer. Contact Robin Miazga @ 306.752.4078.

Scripture Readers Needed

The Worship Committee is reaching out to ask your help with reading scripture each Sunday. Recently several members have stepped down from volunteering so new readers would be truly appreciated. Please contact Jean, Gina M or Dorothy to volunteer. Thank you!

UCW Potluck Supper & General Meeting – September 19th

On September 19th the UCW is having their potluck supper @t 6:00 pm followed by the General Meeting. All UCW members are encouraged to attend!

“Gather in September”, Sunday, September 22nd

"Gather in September"- a special Sunday to welcome those who have been away during summer months.

FundScrip

The next FundScrip order date will be Thursday, September 26th, 2019. The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, October 3rd.

Stewardship Seconds

Stewards are responsible for 100 percent of our gifts and not just the 10 percent tithe.