



## 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: Bernice McCosh & Mavis Peters

Music Director: Mavis Peters

Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk

Caretaker: Faye Greier

Today's Greeter: Cheryl Sproule

Scripture Readers: Cheryl Sproule, Gina McAvoy

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**September 22, 2019**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C**

*Creation Time 3 in the Season of Pentecost*

**GATHER IN SEPTEMBER 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.*

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

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Loving God, we gather —

as infants in our parents' arms,

as children with our snacks and crayons,

as youth whispering with our friends —

**we're just learning what it means to worship.**

Gathering God, we gather —

as young adults trying to find our place

within the church, as parents caring for our children,  
as mid-life people with mid-life questions,  
as older adults wondering why the questions haven't  
stopped —

**we're just learning what it means to worship.**

Creator God, we gather —

as people with lives too busy or not busy enough,  
bursting with energy or already looking forward  
to that afternoon nap, content, discontent, or somewhere  
in between —

**we're just learning what it means to worship.**

We come before you today with our unique personalities  
and experiences, ready and not yet ready for this time together.

**Draw us by your Spirit into your embrace. Turn our  
thoughts and voices to thankfulness and praise. Amen.**

**HYMN (MV 1)** *"Let us build a house"*

### **OPENING PRAYER:**

The church bells ringing sweet and clear call to people far and  
near:

"O come to church; come to sing, pray and worship God this happy  
day."

**God of all people and all ages,  
we come together here to think and learn about  
your greatness, your goodness and your love.  
May our prayers reach out and be pleasing to you;  
may the words of the music we sing and the scriptures  
we read this day help us to feel that your Spirit is  
present with us as we worship. Amen.**

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

### **PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:**

*(based on Psalm 8:4)*

God of untorn ozone and uncluttered space, of smogless days and  
star-filled nights;

**What are we that you are mindful of us?**

God of arable land and drinkable water, of acid-free lakes and slick-free seas;

**What are we that you are mindful of us?**

God of spruce and pine, of maple, beech and oak;

**What are we that you are mindful of us?**

God of passenger pigeon, of buffalo and blue whale;

**What are we that you are mindful of us?**

God of salmon, deer, and geese, of chicken, pig, and cow;

**What are we that you are mindful of us?**

O God, you are mindful of us in your dominion exercised in Christ over us; make us more mindful of your works in the dominion you gave us in trust; God of patience and mercy,

**Forgive our thoughtless ways.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

We are children of the Most High; Children of the One who said:

**“I am the One who writes off your transgressions,**

I will not remember your sins; we can be assured not only that God is mindful of us;

**but that what we have confessed here is now forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God Most High! 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 62)** *“There is room for all”*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSORIAL READING:**

**PSALM 148 (VU 871):**

*Praise God from the heavens;  
give praise in the heights.*

**EPISTLE READING:**

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-20:**

*The person and work of Christ.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**JOHN 6:41-51:**

*The bread that came down from  
heaven.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

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

**All that exists is yours, great God.**

**Now we give a portion to your church  
to continue doing your work in the world.**

**Take these gifts and use them to meet  
the needs of your people.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

Creator God, you have made an awesome world: a place of rocks and minerals, trees and grasses, plants that feed us and flowers that please us.

We pray now for those who are unable to experience the fullness of Earth's beauty and majesty. We pray, too, that we might find ways to preserve the dignity, value, and beauty of this fragile planet.

God of the universe, you have made oceans, brimming with life in so many exotic forms. We discard plastic and oil and human waste in the sea, and we pray now that you will move deep within us to change us. Let us turn from destroying to preserving, that the

oceans, the coral reefs, the precious islands threatened by rising sea levels, might live without fear, and know that they have a future.

Mysterious God, you made the sky beyond us. Let it be a reminder to us of the need to dream, to stretch our minds to think and hope far beyond the day-to-day.

As we gaze tomorrow at stars as yet unknown today, remind us that you are always revealing new worlds in our very midst. May we not be scared of them, and want to run and hide, and deny them, but open us to praise you for the ongoing work of creation, and inspire us to join you in it, always. We pray together for our homes and families near and far.

**HYMN (VU 557)** *"A Prayer for Homes and Families"*

### **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 556)**

*"Would you bless our homes and families"*

### **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

Knowing the love and grace of God,  
go out and share it with your neighbours,  
through example and through action,  
today and every day.

*[Written by George Allan, Pentecost 2 2019  
Year C Gathering, page 43].*

### **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; Adapted intergenerational Call to Worship  
by April Yamasaki ([www.aprilyamasaki.com/2013/09/30](http://www.aprilyamasaki.com/2013/09/30))  
accessed September 17, 2019; As Children Worship;  
Before the Amen, Creative Resources for Worship;  
Gifts of Worship, Prayers, Meditations, Bulletin Inserts,  
Hymn Suggestions, Short Worship Services on the theme*

*of stewardship; The United Church of Canada Pentecost .  
2 2019 Year C Gathering Resources for Worship Planners.  
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**NEXT WEEK'S (SEPTEMBER 29, 2019) READINGS:**

*Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15;  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;  
1 Timothy 6:6-19;  
Luke 16:19-31.*

**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**

Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 2 pm - Naomi Unit

Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

@ 10:30 am – Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

@ 4:15 pm – Bell Choir

@ 7 pm – Church Board Meeting

Friday, September 27<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.

### **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](mailto: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!

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**Flash Mob - Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Flash Mob – Choir is singing at Culture Day,  
Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p, at the KVC.

**Hymn Sing - Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Hymn Sing @ 10:15

**FundScrip**

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

***Stewardship Seconds***

*Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful  
also in much.*