



## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE

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Worship Time: 10:30 AM  
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Music: Jodi Allen  
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Office Administrator: Denise Todosichuk  
Caretaker: Faye Greier  
Today's Greeter: Judy Meier  
Scripture Readers: Yvonne Stevenson, Eileen Brooks

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**September 8, 2019**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C**  
***Creation Time 1 in the Season of Pentecost***  
**[SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS]**

### **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.*

### **PROCESSIONAL:**

Psalm 100 "*Make a Joyful Noise*" (Voices United page 820)

### **WORDS OF WELCOME:**

God creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating. God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged. God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.  
Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. (*A Song of Faith*)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(based on Psalm 98):*

With all Earth we gather in worship making a joyful noise to our God,  
**singing a new song, for God has done marvellous things.**

With songs, trumpets, and horns we ring out our thankful praise,  
**singing a new song, for God has done marvellous things.**

With the roar of the sea and all that fills it, we celebrate God's presence,  
**singing a new song, for God has done marvellous things.**

Let rivers clap their hands as we join our voices together,  
**singing a new song for our God has done marvellous things.**

Come let us worship our God.

**HYMN (MV 42)** *"Praise God for this holy ground"*

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

Holy One, through the call of birds  
in the early morning mist,  
we hear your voice singing today.  
Through the rhythm of the seasons,  
the ebb and flow of the tide,  
we feel your melody.  
From dawn until dusk,  
your heartbeat harmonizes the universe  
and birth music in our hearts  
stirring us to sing a new song:  
a song of abundance, a song of hope,  
the song of life.  
Be with us as we worship you. Amen.

**HYMN (VU 563)** *"Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore"*

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

Holy God, we confess that we often do not act  
responsibly when living in your creation.  
We forget that all we have is yours, instead believing  
that it is ours alone. We have not loved creation or our  
neighbours or looked to the generations after us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into the courage,  
the wisdom, and the will to change.  
*(A time of silent reflection).*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Let us receive the Good News.

God has entrusted us to be wise and faithful stewards. In the voice of the bird or the clap of thunder, we understand the message of our faith, calling us to renew our commitment as stewards of the earth. We are a forgiven people.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 115)**

*"Behold, behold I am making all things new"*

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

**ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:**

**WELCOME SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN  
AND THEIR TEACHERS** *(See Insert)*

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

**HYMN (VU 639) (See insert)**

*"One more step along the road I go"*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**RESPONSORIAL READING:**

**PSALM 139:1-6, 13-8 (VU pp. 861-862):**

*God has searched me and known me.*

**HEBREW READING:**

**JEREMIAH 18:1-11:**

*God is the potter; we are the clay.*

**GOSPEL READING:**

**LUKE 14:25-33:**

*You must give up your possessions to be my disciples.*

**SERMON:**

**OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING:**

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

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

Holy One, as first you gave to us,  
so now we give to you.  
Take our gifts and use them  
to support, maintain, and bring about  
the harmony you so keenly desire  
for all our world. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:**

Creator of all, we gather here in your presence, surrounded by the music of your creation –breathing in we feel the warmth of your embrace –breathing out we release all that keeps us from you.

Together with all of your creation we offer you our thanks and praise. Through the splash of the beaver and the mew of the kitten, the swish of grassy plants and the march of the orchestra, we witness your creative spirit. In the whistle of the wind, the crash of the waves, the eerie howl of the wolf, the screeches of the prairie hawk, the quiet of a farmer’s fields, and the crackling of ice on a branch, we experience your grandness and stand in grateful awe.

And yet in the midst of all this beauty we know that your Earth cries out in pain: the gasp of the last woodland caribou, a child’s cough from pollution, the crash of trees falling in the over logged forest.

Compassionate One, breathe life into us that we might work for the places and spaces human greed has destroyed. As your breath brought calm over the chaos of the sea, we pray that we, too, may bring peace and harmony, compassion and justice to all creation through our words and actions.

We pray for the places and people in this world who hear only the sounds of conflict, strife, and violence.

**Response: Pausing in your love, we pray for wholeness, love, and peace.**

We pray for the places and people in this world who can only sing the lament of poverty, oppression, and hopelessness.

**Response: Pausing in your love we pray for wholeness, love, and peace.**

We pray for world leaders that they may change their tune and sing your shalom, working together to restore your creation.

**Response: Pausing in your love we pray for wholeness, love, and peace.**

We mention to you all people in the world who have suffered the fury and devastation of nature's wrath in the Bahamas Island, Florida, and elsewhere. Heal the wounded, comfort the grieving, and console the dispossessed and displaced. Give courage, strength, and peace to all who seek to provide rescue and relief of whatever kind.

**Response: Pausing in your love we pray for wholeness, love, and peace.**

Creator of all, hear these, the prayers of your people; help us hear your wisdom and bless us we pray with the sounds of your grace. May we find new ways to live and work with all of creation. All of this we pray in the name of Love. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

### **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN (VU 567)** *"Will you come and follow me"*

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

God has made us, and all the plants and animals,  
and calls us to care for one another.

So go out into the world in peace,  
and seek ways to get along with others.

Know that God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
will sustain you always. **Amen.**

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

*"May the grace of Christ attend us"*

### **PRAYER RESOURCES:**

\*Seasons of the Spirit - SeasonsFUSION Season Of Creation. Pentecost 2 2019; [www.united-church.ca/worship-liturgical-season/creation-time-1;](http://www.united-church.ca/worship-liturgical-season/creation-time-1;)

*the United Church of Canada Pentecost .2*

*2019 Year C Gathering Resources for Worship Planners. Used with permission.*

**NEXT WEEK'S (September 15<sup>th</sup>) SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

*Job 39:1-8, 26-30; Psalm 104:14-23;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-23; Luke 12:22-31.*

**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**

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

@ 7 pm – Women Alive

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

@ 4:15 pm – Bell Choir

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

@ 9 am – 5 pm – Garage Sale

@ 10 am – Pastoral Care

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

@ 9am – 12pm - Garage Sale

**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.

**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!

**Fall Garage Sale – Volunteers Needed**

Friday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 9- 5 & Saturday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 -12

*The volunteer signup sheet is on the easel in the CE foyer.*

**UCW Potluck Supper & General Meeting – September 19<sup>th</sup>**

On September 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Don't Be a Victim**

Recently there have been a couple of thefts from cars left unlocked outside the church. Remember to lock your doors and take your keys with you. Do not leave valuables in sight.

**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***

*Let go of what is holding you back, to free you for the journey onward and forward.*