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May 19, 2013
Pentecost Sunday

Welcome to Melville United Church
May 19, 2013 Pentecost Sunday - Holy Communion

MINISTERS: The People of the Congregation

*You are invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

Our Mission

We seek, we pray, we act knowing that Jesus is amongst us.

Our Vision

Knowing we are not alone on our spiritual journeys, Melville United Church seeks to be an open, compassionate and inclusive Christian community; honouring and serving the living Christ in all that we do.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Music

The Life and Work of the Church

PRELUDE: Improvisation

TIME OF QUIETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

One: We light this candle to remind us of the presence of God.

All: **May the light of love surround us.**

INTROIT VU 951 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, my heart my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the word: You are holy, God. (X2)

Call to Worship

When the day of Pentecost had come,
the followers of Jesus were all together in one place.

And suddenly there was from heaven

a rush of a violent wind

and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...

(everyone rub your hands together to make the sound of the wind)

As we gather in one place together,
let us wait with anticipation
for the renewing of God's Spirit.

CHILDREN: Come Holy Spirit, revive this place.

CHILDREN AND TEENS: Come Holy spirit, revive this place.

ALL: Come Holy Spirit, revive this place.

(Return to the rubbing hands and sounds of the wind)

ONE: Let us begin worship by sharing the peace of Christ
with one another

ONE: Peace be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

OPENING SONG: MV 23 Come, O Holy Spirit

WE APPROACH GOD

Opening Prayer (together)

Come and be present with us now, Holy Spirit.

The world waits and we wait

for the wonder of the gifts which you bring.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Amen.

Prayer of Reminder

Spirit of God,

your power blows in the world,

across the Earth,

and into our lives (pause).

Forgive us when we do not

receive your Spirit with gratitude

Spirit of God,

you bring light to the world,

energize the Earth,

and inspire us with goodness (pause).

Forgive us when we snuff out

your presence with our uncaring ways

Words of Assurance

Sing together MV 173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Put peace into each others hands

and like a treasure hold it,

protect it like a candle flame,

with tenderness enfold it.

Jesus said, "Peace be with you,"

and then breathed out his spirit.

Receive the Spirit of God

and may the fresh winds of forgiveness

blow freely within you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Song: VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

LEARNING TOGETHER

The Story of Pentecost

BLESSING WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds that as the scriptures are read

and the word proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us

today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Gospel Reading

Acts 2:1-21

One: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION: *WINDS OF CHAOS*

Valerie Pitt

Song of Response: VU 372 Though I May Speak

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**Offering Invitation****Ministry of Music:** Anthem - Fall on Me - Douglas Nolan

Offering: MV 191 What can I do?

What can I do? What can I bring?**What can I say? What can I sing?****I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.****I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Offering Prayer (together)

Holy Spirit, help us to feel your warming fire every day.**Please accept these gifts as our way of sharing
your power and grace with others. Amen.**

SONG: VU 457 As We Gather at Your Table.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Communion Prayers:

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the God of life.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

One: Your Spirit, God, blows among us as the winds blow among the trees that surround us, or as a billowing breeze brings into fullness the sails of a boat on the Great Lakes. Your presence, God, is all around us - though we may not always see it, we feel your presence through the actions of others; we see your presence in the beauty of nature; we experience your presence in the faithfulness of communities of faith here and elsewhere.

ALL: On this feast of Pentecost, we give you thanks and praise for your many gifts, joining with all your people as one body we proclaim your love.

One:

On the night before Jesus died,

he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said,

"Take and eat, whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and said,

"This is the new covenant: drink this, all of it, and remember me."

ALL: We do remember.**We remember Jesus' life of love,****his friendship with others,****his example for others. and****his teaching and preaching that transformed others.**

One: In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith. Bless and transform these simple gifts O God, so that we may experience your presence in our midst. As you continue to transform us, so may you transform the world through those who seek the assurance of your spirit-breath on our lives, now and always.

Let us share the words that Jesus taught us:

(The Lord's Prayer, a paraphrase, p. 916 of Voices United)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven;

The hallowing of your name echo

through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done

by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our home and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we experience from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 And remind us that you are the God of love.
 now and for ever. AMEN

One: Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life (bread is broken)
 Jesus Christ, the True Vine (cup is raised)
 The gifts of God for the people of God - Come, for all is ready.

Communion will be served at the front - ushers will guide you forward,
 or where needed, indicate to the servers those who wish to be served
 in their seat.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer (one)

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life
 we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have shared
 here this morning may remain our hearts. Grant that we may grow in
 Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives filled of
 faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

CLOSING SONG MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

SENDING AND BLESSINGS

On our hearts and on our house

The blessing of God.

In our coming and our going.

The peace of God.

In our life and our believing,

The love of God. Amen.

Choral Benediction: Melville Benediction

**Let's go out from here and take our place,
 Respect creation, sharing all God's grace.
 Treasure the past and things we have done,
 Open our minds to new things yet to come.
 God will be with us within, around, above,
 Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!
 Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!**

Matthias Schmidt

POSTLUDE: Prelude in D - D. Buxtehude

OUR WORSHIP - OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

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May gentle breezes prevail on your journey

Partners in Prayer: Alma United Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Sheridan, Mississauga

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Joan and John Cuming

Mary Lloyd, Susan Barth

Counters:

Ruth Sproule (C), Marlene Mahoney

Hugh Mahoney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 19, 2013

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome! Please sign
 our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

Today we honour and hold in our prayers the donor and his/her family,
 who said "Yes" and provided the liver for Ken McManus' transplant 16
 years ago, May 10th. We wish to acknowledge the donor, the skilled
 staff in the Transplant Unit of London University Hospital and all the
 professionals who have helped to give Ken 16 more years of precious
 memories to store. Please pray for the donor's family and all families
 who make this difficult decision so others can live. God give them
 strength and peace. -- Ken McManus.

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A big thank you goes to Eleanor Johnston for looking after the office while the Secretary was away!

Next weekend is the annual meeting of Hamilton Conference. Valerie Pitt and Lorna Bevcar will be attending representing Melville. Please hold the delegates of conference in your prayers. Thank you.

Unit Joy Meeting: in the Parlour on Tues. May 21, at 7:30pm. Megan Smith will be presenting her trip to El Salvador, for us! This will be really interesting, as Megan is still very enthusiastic about her venture.

Church Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wed. May 22 in the Heritage Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Friends and Food and No Strings Attached Potluck Lunch on Sat. May 25th at 12:00 noon in the Heritage Hall. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Doreen 519-843-1998. If you need a ride, please call Art Russell at 519-4140.

The Spirituality Circle will meet on Monday, May 27 at 10 in the parlour.

Our Spring Garage & Bake Sale was a huge success, thanks to everyone who donated and helped out, one way or another! We are pleased to announce that it raised \$2582.66 (of which \$450.00 was earned at the Bake Table! Thanks for all the baking donations!). We announced that our goal was to "Burn the Bills", so the monies are being put to the General Fund, to be used wisely!

Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell will be speak in Guelph on Friday, May 24, 2013, 7:30 to 8:00 pm at St. George's Church.

John Philip Newell, is an ordained Church of Scotland minister with a passion for peace among the great wisdom traditions of humanity. In his presentation he will be drawing on the ancient wisdom of the Celtic world and the emerging insights of new science.

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Mark your calendars! Family Camp weekend at Camp Edgewood will be June 22-23rd, 2013. All are invited to join us in Eden Mills for fellowship, food, workshops for the adults, and games, activities and crafts for the young. So bring your kids, your grandkids, or any other loved ones for a great time. Come for a day, part of a day, or the whole weekend.

Registration will begin Sunday May 19th. Please note: Our main worship will be held at Camp Edgewood at 11 a.m. on Sunday the 23rd, followed by lunch and traditional Sunday School Picnic activities. Carpooling will be available from Melville's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to the camp. There will also be a small gathering for worship in the Chapel at Melville for any who are unable to make the trip out to camp.

The Centre Wellington Food Bank is requesting 250 ml jars of Jam as well as, small containers of condiments such as mustard, ketchup, relish, etc. Thank you!

Melville Church Celebrates 168 Years -- The public, as well as members, are invited to a tour of Melville United Church on Sunday, May 26 at 12:15. People wishing to take the tour should meet in the worship centre following the morning worship service. There is no cost to this tour. We want to share our beautiful, historic building with you. You will see the organ and its workings. Matthias Schmidt, the organist and organ builder, will provide this part of the tour. Historian, Graeme Chalmers will include as his guest, "old" Andrew Melville to provide some of the history of the building. Neil Dunsmore will take you into some of the less known and hidden places deep within this historical building.

Join Us For a Prayer Shawl Creators Gathering at St. James Anglican Church, 171 Queen Street East Wednesday, June 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Butterfly Hall and Garden. There will be a Special Service/Displays/Discussion/Sharing Ideas/Refreshments. An opportunity to meet parishes involved in this special ministry and/or learn how to start a group at your church. RSVP to Anne Warner, 519-843-5687, by June 21st - afwarner@bell.net

It will soon be time for the summer newsletter. If you have something interesting you would like to contribute please let Eleanor Johnston know. johnston.e@sympatico.ca

30 days + 30 amazing United Church leaders and over a dozen posts by special guests (Shane Claiborne, Lois Wilson, Dennis Gruending, Donna Sinclair, Fulata Lusungu Moyo, our Moderator and more...) = one of the coolest, free (yep free) social media based Bible studies ever.

FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF JUNE, join spiritual seekers coast to coast to rock the Bible from various perspectives and have a rockin' time doing it. Get ready! Join the Facebook Group "Rock The Bible" today.

Three Willows United Church - a concert on Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. There will be A Joyful Celebration with Donna Trifunovich and friends, including the Burlington Welsh Male Choir. Donna Trifunovich attended Melville with her family when she was a child and Three Willows thought perhaps there may be church members who remember Donna. For more info on the upcoming concert - costs, etc. - please call Wilda at 519-700-9390.

On Friday, June 7, the Pastoral Care group is holding a communion service for our seniors who are unable to attend church on Sunday mornings. This 11 am service will be followed by a lunch, served by the UCW ladies. If you are able to help with rides, please contact the church office or Alison Rainford. We would also like to invite other members of the congregation so that there is fellowship offered to each other.

The Executive of the General Council approved the recommendation of the General Secretary, General Council concerning the budget for 2013/14. The General Secretary has been authorized to implement the decisions associated with the budget. Last week, staff in the General Council offices were informed of those decisions and a number of staff have lost their jobs. Please hold staff and management in your prayers and especially those who will be informed that their employment will come to an end. As well, as those who have lost their jobs in Hamilton Conference office as the budget cuts have filtered downward.

Rev. Michael Blair, Executive Minister,
Church in Mission, The United Church of Canada

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team is pleased to announce that Ken McManus has agreed to be a co-ordinator for rides and drivers for the congregation. If you are ever in need of a ride or are willing to be a driver please let Ken know either by phone(843-3710) or email (ken@kenmcmanus.com).

Unit Faith will be meeting Monday May 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Hall for a pot luck dinner. For more information please call Barb Lynden 519-843-7127 or Peggy Dickie 519-843-1690. Everyone welcome!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. May 20 to Sun. May 26, 2013

Tues. 21	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 22	7:00	Church Council	Heritage Hall
Thurs. 23	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 24	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Spiritual Meditation	Library
Sat. 25	12:00	Friends and Food Potluck Lunch	Heritage Hall
Sun. 26	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary