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Melville United Church
Sunday, June 8, 2014
Pentecost Sunday

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship

God is present in the still of the night,
or the quiet of the morning.

God is present for one and all.

Christ is alive in the gathered community,
or in our acts of service, care, and love.

Christ is alive for one and all.

The Spirit is part of Creation, lives in us, and is with us when we gather in
community.

The Spirit is here for one and all.

**Let us be alive to its call upon our lives,
this day and every day.**

***Hymn:** Come, O Holy Spirit

MV 23

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

**Holy Spirit, diverse and varied as we are, you gather us
together, like a mother bird stretching wide her wings. Today
we draw strength from your life and energy, and lift our hearts
in praise to you. Amen.**

Prayer for Inner Healing: (in unison)

**Pentecost God, diverse and varied as we are, we sometimes let
our differences and diversity cause division amongst us.
Forgive our self-centeredness, Holy One and help us to see our
brothers and sisters as partners in faith and not as competitors.
Empower us by your Spirit to share our gifts for the good of all.
Let the Spirit rule our lives and guide our actions. Amen.**

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Words of Assurance:

Our God is always making all things new; our shortcomings are forgotten and we can begin again and again, with God's Spirit as our helper all is possible. Hear and be glad!

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Chorus: I Praise You, O God MV 61

I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.

With all the earth I will sing your praises. Repeat

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

(The Holy Spirit comes)

Reflection: Flames, wind, language

Song: Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth (Vs 1,2) VU 207

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

(God's Spirit in creation)

The earth overflows with your amazing creations.

What a wildly wonderful world, God!

The deep wide sea brims with fish: sardines and sharks and salmon.

Ships travel on the waters and great sea creatures play in them.

Every creature depends on you for food. You open your hand and they eat from it.

Your send your spirit to sustain and renew.

May the glory of God last forever!

Let us sing to God all our lives.

Praise God!

Reflection: Spirit in creation

Song: A Place in the Choir

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

(One spirit; many gifts)

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Reflection: Gifts of the Spirit

Song: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU 537

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23

(Jesus breathes Spirit on his followers)

Reflection: Spirit in community

***Hymn:** We Are the Church

Offering:

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do?

MV 191

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. (Repeat)

***Offertory Prayer:** (in unison)

**God who is in the spirit of Pentecost, you have given us so much:
Jesus to inspire us, your Spirit to enable us, your love to support us;
and so we bring these offerings that others may be inspired,
enabled, and supported. Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

As we come to this table....

.... are welcome here.

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Turn to God, the source of life.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

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Holy God of wind and fire....

.... to sing your praise:

O holy, holy, holy God, (MV 203)
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!

Remembering Gods boundless love for us in Jesus the Christ, we offer our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith in song:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, (MV 204)
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us....

....Remember us, O God. Strengthen us with your Spirit as we sing together the prayer Jesus taught us...

Prayer of Jesus: Sung - VU 959

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you.

Sharing the Elements:

Post Communion Prayer: (in unison)

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another
is gift and grace. Amen.

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***Hymn:** Pentecost Hymn (tune VU 560)

Spirit of God, draw close we pray.
Help us to follow in your way.
In what we think or say or do
help us to choose to follow you.

Nature is rich, diverse, and rare,
ours to enjoy and guard and share
with other creatures large or small -
water and air are there for all.

Family and friends anoint our way,
strangers in need appear each day.
If we have eyes to see what's there,
we may be called to lighten cares.

Spirit of God, bring life anew,
Shine in our hearts and lead us through.
Life with its light and darksome hues -
May joy endure in all we do.

***Blessing/Sending Forth**

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On fire with the spirit,
we will find enthusiasm.
Encouraged by the Spirit,
we will face our challenges.
Supported by the Spirit,
we will work with our friends.
Emboldened by the Spirit,
we will go beyond our limitations. Amen.

***Parting Song:** Dance With the Spirit MV 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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Prayer of the Week:

Holy Spirit, who came as wind and flames of fire, fan into life the gifts and abilities of people everywhere; unite us in a creative love that includes others, celebrates differences, and brings glory to God. Amen.

Postlude:

Partners in Prayer: Grand River Community Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: St. John's-Stevensville

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Bob Zirk, David Gohn,
Graeme Chalmers, Lorna Bevcar

A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In live, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.