

Melville United Church
Sunday, June 3, 2018
2nd after Pentecost Sunday



* Congregation please stand as you are able.
Bold print invites congregational response.
Presiding today: Ruth Cooke

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time

Precious Memories/Hymn to Freedom/Sisters & Brothers

Red Suspenders and Autumn Tones

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer (Responsive):

You will say in that day:

**God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid;
for the Sovereign God is my strength and my song.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day;

**Sing praises to the Sovereign God
who has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

In joy and in trouble, help us, Gracious God,

To trust your love,

To serve your purpose,

And to praise your name. Amen.

*Hymn: Teach Me, God, to Wonder **VU 299**

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**God of love and of grace, you know the secrets of our hearts:
how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others;
how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give for others;
how proud we are of our success,
yet grudging in our praise of others.
Remember, O God, your tender care and love unending.**

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**Do not remember our sins and offences,
but remember us in your goodness,
in accordance with your endless mercy. (A time of silence...)**

Words of Assurance:

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, guiding, forgiving.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

A Time for the Young & Young at Heart:

Children's Song: My Love Colours Outside the Lines **MV 138**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (The Message)

No working on the Sabbath; keep it holy just as GOD, your God, commanded you. Work six days, doing everything you have to do, but the seventh day is a Sabbath, a Rest Day-no work: not you, your son, your daughter, your servant, your maid, your ox, your donkey (or any of your animals), and not even the foreigner visiting your town. That way your servants and maids will get the same rest as you. Don't ever forget that you were slaves in Egypt and GOD, your God, got you out of there in a powerful show of strength. That's why GOD, your God, commands you to observe the day of Sabbath rest.

Psalm: Psalm 81:1-10 (Part 1) Refrain 1 VU 796

Reader: Alison Rainford

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23-3:6 (The Message)

One Sabbath day [Jesus] was walking through a field of ripe grain. As his disciples made a path, they pulled off heads of grain. The Pharisees told on them to Jesus: "Look, your disciples are breaking Sabbath rules!"

Jesus said, "Really? Haven't you ever read what David did when he was hungry, along with those who were with him? How he entered the

sanctuary and ate fresh bread off the altar, with the Chief Priest Abiathar right there watching-holy bread that no one but priests were allowed to eat-and handed it out to his companions?" Then Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath. The Son of Man is no lackey to the Sabbath. He's in charge!"

Then he went back in the meeting place where he found a man with a crippled hand. The Pharisees had their eyes on Jesus to see if he would heal him, hoping to catch him in a Sabbath infraction. He said to the man with the crippled hand, "Stand here where we can see you."

Then he spoke to the people: "What kind of action suits the Sabbath best? Doing good or doing evil? Helping people or leaving them helpless?" No one said a word.

He looked them in the eye, one after another, angry now, furious at their hard-nosed religion. He said to the man, "Hold out your hand." He held it out-it was as good as new! The Pharisees got out as fast as they could, sputtering about how they would join forces with Herod's followers and ruin him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: "The Purpose and the Law"

***Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart **MV 79**

Offering:

Ministry of Music: Song of Spring - Red Earth, and Autumn Tones

Offering Song: As Long As We Follow **MV 140**

**As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
We know God's reign will surely come.
We know this, we know this.
Yes, God's reign will surely come.**

