

**Melville United Church**  
**Sunday July 15, 2018**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

**Prelude:**

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Sharing the Light:**

**Call to Worship:**

With song and dance,

**we worship God.**

With heart and mind,

**we worship God.**

With joy and enthusiasm,

**we worship God.**

With our works as well as our words,

**we worship God.**

With the whole of our being,

**we worship God.**

Come, people of God, let us worship together.

**Hymn:** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

**VU 245**

**Opening Prayer:**

At time's beginning and well beyond,

**was Holy One, Holy Three.**

The depth of Wisdom and dance of Spirit,

**Spark of Life and Well of Love;**

Holy One, Holy Three,

**calling all lives that be.**

And in reply our praises ring,

**we turn to fall in awe and sing,**

Holy One, Holy three:

**ever to you, all glory be! Amen.**

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**Prayer For Inner Healing:**

Great Mystery, we all share your love and spirit.

**Forgive us when we forget  
that those who are different from us  
also share your love and spirit.**

God of delight, you give us music and song and dance  
with which to express our joy.

**Forgive us when we forget that all things come from you.**

Remind us that it is only our hands and minds  
that can turn your good things into tools of evil.

**Teach us to sing and dance and rejoice in your love always. Amen**

**Words of Affirmation:**

God knows us so well and God wants us to be happy.

**God has given us the means to enjoy life  
and to spread that joy to all.**

Know that you are a forgiven people. Hear, believe and rejoice!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Ministry of Music:****Theme Conversation:**

**Hymn:** Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord.

**Children's Prayer:**

**Dear God,  
Help my lips to praise.  
Help my hands to serve.  
And help my heart to love. Amen**

**Reading for Reflection:** *(For the month of July a reading other than a Psalm will be offered for contemplation.)*

Blessings of Jesus *(A paraphrase of The Beatitudes from Sounds of the Eternal by John Philip Newell)*

Blessed are those who know their need,

**For theirs is the grace of heaven.**

Blessed are the humble,

**For they are close to the sacred earth.**

Blessed are those who weep,

**For their tears will be wiped away.**

Blessed are the forgiving,

**For they are free.**

Blessed are those who hunger for earth's oneness,

**For they will be satisfied.**

Blessed are the clear in heart,

**For they see the Living Presence.**

Blessed are those who suffer for what is right,

**For theirs is the strength of heaven.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**For they are born of God.**

**Scripture:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

*(David brings the ark to Jerusalem)*

David again called up all the warriors of Israel and picked 30,000 elite fighters. Then David and the whole force set out for Ba'alah' in Judah to return the Ark of God, which bears the name of YHWH who sits enthroned above the cherubim. The Ark of God was placed on a new cart and removed from the house of Abinadab on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio walked before it, while David and all the people of Israel celebrated to their hearts content before God, with songs, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

David went down and brought the Ark up from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When the bearers of the Ark of YHWH took their first six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fatted calf. David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before YHWH with all his might, while he and his whole house of Israel brought up the Ark of YHWH with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the Ark entered the City of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked down through the window and saw David leaping and dancing before YHWH, and his display disgusted her.

The Ark of the Covenant was brought in and set in its place within the tent David had set up for it. Then David made burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH. Finishing the burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, the ruler blessed the people in the name of God. Then he distributed among the people of Israel present - to each woman and man - a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and cake of raisins. And all the people returned to their homes.

**Reflection:** Sharing God, Sharing Joy, Sharing Life

**Song:** Psalm 100 (sung)- Make a Joyful Noise

**VU 820**

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:3-14

*(The mystery of God is revealed in Christ)*

Praise be the Maker of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! Before the world began God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love; God like-wise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be adopted children - such was God's pleasure and will - that everyone might praise the glory of God's grace which was freely bestowed on us in God's beloved, Jesus Christ.

It is in Christ and through the blood of Christ that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favour given to us with perfect wisdom and understanding. God has taken pleasure in revealing the mystery of the plan through Christ, to be carried out in the fullness of time; namely, to bring all things - in heaven and on earth - together in Christ.

In Christ we were willed an inheritance; for in the decree of God - and everything is administered according to the divine will and counsel - we were predestined to praise the glory of the Most High by being the first to hope in Christ. In Christ you too were chosen. When you heard the Good News of salvation, the word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the pledge of our inheritance, the deposit paid against the full redemption of a people who are God's own - to the praise of God's glory.

**Reflection:** Spiritual Blessings

**Hymn:** Praises Singing (tune VU 240) (words-Scott Kearns)

**Praise, my soul, the wondrous beauty  
to discover everywhere:  
painted sunset, morning glory,  
cooling rain, and breezes fair.**

**Praises singing, praises bringing,  
for the wonder that we share.**

**Praise, my soul, the sense of myst'ry,  
knowledge we have yet to find,  
much awaiting our discovery, life's details of every kind.**

**Praises singing, praises bringing,  
for the questing, searching mind.**

**Praise, my soul, the deep compassion  
freely offered, freely giv'n,  
care that reaches past the barriers,  
care that takes the stranger in.**

**Praises singing, our lives bringing,  
joined with all we share a part.**

**Praise, my soul, the sense of justice,  
seeing others equally,  
full respect for rights and honour,  
full respect for dignity.**

**Praises singing, our lives bringing,  
t'wards a whole humanity.**

**Offering:**

**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.  
As long as we act there is a future for creation,  
a future for the universe.  
We know this, we know this,  
Yes, God's reign will surely come.**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**We are God's own people, made holy because God is holy and lives  
in us. These gifts we offer as God's people. Bless them, Holy  
Oneness, and send them as our blessing to share love, hope, peace,  
and joy to others. Amen.**

**Joys & Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude: Spirit of Life VU 381**

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
 Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
 Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
 move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
 Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
 Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

**Prayers of the People:****Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You VU 232**

**\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

Step out into the world.

**We'll step out in faith, guided by the Holy spirit.**

Step out into this community.

**We'll step out in love, following Jesus' teachings.**

Step out into God's embrace.

**We'll step out in hope, blessed by God's grace.**

**Amen!**

**\*Parting Song: Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there around, within, above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Prayer of the week:**

God of blessing, help us hear again as if for the first time, that we are holy, blameless, blessed. May we be the blessing you hope we will be, witnesses to your joy and love. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** Grace Christian Fellowship

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Three Willows, Guelph

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