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Melville United Church

Sunday, August 19, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

13th After Pentecost

* Congregation please stand as you are able.

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Rev. Ruth Brown

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

Sharing the Light: lighting the candles

Call to Worship:

In the beauty of this summer day, may we see God's creative spirit inviting us to share in the eternal goodness of life.

May our minds be open to God's wisdom, our hearts open to God's compassion, and our spirits open to God's transforming grace.

*Hymn: God of the Bible

MV 28

Opening Prayer for inner healing (Unison):

God of all seasons, of all moods, of all people, may we be raised up into a new mood. To be part of a new way of being in the world today. Holy One with us and within, help us to know the fullness of our worth and the blessed gift that is our life in the light of Christ.

We lament the needless suffering and injustice and violence that so plagues our world and our daily living. We lament our own spiritual blindness and ignorance and arrogance that so often brings hurt and harm.

Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing may we yet remember the power of our influence for right relationship. Fed by your Word, may we yet remember our response-ability to cooperate and share and build up for the common good of all. In our sabbath rest and celebration, help us find what we need to keep faith through the unfolding of this new week. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God's love flows like a stream in the ocean of Grace

God's love encircles this world, displaying faithfulness

God's love is patient and kind, bringing wholeness and true peace for each one and all.

All things pass and fade away, yet God's love remains eternal.

Thanks be for God's good gifts given for the life of the world!

Ministry of Music:

Theme Conversation:

***Hymn:** Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

VU 605

Scripture Readings, *The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*

1Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. He had reigned for forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years over in Jerusalem. So, Solomon sat on the judgement seat of David, and his rule was firmly established.

Solomon showed his love for God by following the precepts of David except that he still offered sacrifices and incense at the shrines.

Solomon went to Gibeon to offer a sacrifice since that was the chief shrine—Solomon offered one thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon God appeared in a dream to the ruler during in the night, saying, “Ask what you would like to me to give you.”

Solomon replied, “you have shown great kindness to your servant David, who was faithful, righteous and obedient to you. And you have generously maintained this constant love toward us and now you have appointed a successor to sit on the judgement seat this very day. Here I am in the midst of your chosen people, a people so numerous they cannot be counted. Give me, your servant, a discerning heart, so that I may distinguish good from evil govern your people with wisdom.”

God was very pleased that Solomon requested what he said. So God said to Solomon. “Because this is what you asked for and not for a long life, or for wealth, or for the lives of your foes, but asked for discernment in administering justice. I grant your request. And I give you a heart so wise and so understanding that there has been no one like you before your time, nor will there be after your time. And furthermore, I give you those items which you did not ask for: wealth and glory which no ruler in your time can match. If you keep my ways, keep our laws and commandments as David followed them, I will grant you long life.”

Psalm: Psalm 111

VU 833

Gospel of John 6:51-58

“I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever, the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Temple authorities then began to argue with one another.

“How can he give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus replied, “the truth of the matter is, if you don’t eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Chosen One, you won’t have life in you. Those who do eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Everyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in them. Just as the living Abba God sent me and I have life because of Abba God, so those who feed on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It’s not the kind of bread your ancestors ate, for they died. Whoever eats this kind of bread will live forever.”

Message: The Life of the Age to Come

***Hymn:** I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

VU 575

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.

We know this, we know this.

Yes, God’s reign will surely come.

***Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

In the Spirit of Christ, we present these gifts, and the gifts of our own living, sharing and action, so that all may be fed, God’s heaven come on earth. Amen.

Joys and 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: Shall We Gather at the River**

VU 710

Blessing/Sending Forth:

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

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry 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, within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude:

Announcements:

Prayer of the week:

O God, where hearts are fearful and limited; grant freedom and daring. Where anxiety is infectious and widening; grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window; grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust reshapes every understanding; grant healing and transformation. Where spirits are daunted and dimmed; grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. Amen. (Keri K. Wehlander from "Joy is our Banquet")

Partners in Prayer: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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