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**Melville United Church
Sunday, November 4, 2018**

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Ruth Cooke

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time

Call To Worship:

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Opening Prayer:

As on the first day you began the work of creating us;

as on the first day you raised your Son from the dead;

so on this first day, O Lord, freshen and remake us;

and as the week is new, let our lives begin again

because of Jesus who shows us your loving power. Amen.

***Hymn:** Just As I Am

VU 508

Call to Confession:

We are people of worth and value. When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation. Let us pray, putting our trust in the accepting grace of Christ.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, as people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts, and ask for your forgiveness:

for opportunities not taken, for care not given,

forgive us, we pray.

For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated,

forgive us, we pray.

For love not offered, forgiveness not extended,

forgive us, we pray.

For those failings we cannot speak aloud,

forgive us, we pray.

Gracious God, we seek your healing grace,

And ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

(We reflect in silence...)

Words of Assurance:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the spirit of Jesus.

Amen!

Ministry of Music: Breathe on me, O Breath of God

Children's Song: It Only Takes a Spark VU 289

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NRSV)

David Anointed as King

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm: Psalm 20

VU 742

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:18-21 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

The Parable of the Yeast

And again he said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: "Dream Small"

***Hymn:** Small Things Count **VU 361**

Offering:

Offering Song: 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:** (Unison)

Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Celebrations and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: God, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary **MV 18**

God, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

pure and holy tried and true;

with thanksgiving, I'll be a living

sanctuary for you. *(Repeat)*

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** For All the Saints **VU 705**

Blessing/Sending Forth:

As we go forth, let us give thanks and glory to God.

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation,

In the church, and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

***Parting Song: We Will Go with God MV 223**

We will go with God, my sisters!

We will go with God.

We will go with God, my brothers!

We will go with God.

On this day of great joy, we will go with God.

On this day of great joy, we will go with God. *(repeat)*

Postlude

Prayer for the Week:

God of Small Things, help me this week to focus on the little things I can do, knowing that as I do so, the big things will take care of themselves. Amen.

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