



Melville United Church
 Sunday, January 20, 2019
 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

** 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: *(based on Psalm 36:5-10)*

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens,

God's faithfulness to the clouds.

God's righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

God's judgments are like the great deep.

How precious is God's steadfast love!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

They feast on the abundance of God's house,
 and drink from the river of God's delights.

God is the fountain of life.

Come, let us worship together.

***Hymn:** For the Beauty of the Earth

VU 226 (tune 81)

Opening Prayer:

Holy One, beginning with your wind sweeping
 over the face of the waters, you created the world;

through the waters, you brought your people up out of Egypt,

you sent your Spirit over the waters at Jesus' baptism,

and you revealed the nature of Jesus' ministry

when Jesus transformed water into wine.

You speak, and all Creation bends and blooms.

Help us listen with the attentiveness of the waters,

and help us see the new work

you are beginning in our midst. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession: *(written by Laura Turnbull. Gathering, ACE 2018-19, pg.49. Used with permission)*

Source of Love and Forgiveness,
you wrap us in constant compassion,
you invite us to journey toward the way of wholeness.

Forgive us when we lose our focus.

**Forgive us when we direct our attention
toward goals that fail to bring new life.**

Remind us that we do not walk alone,

For Christ is our constant companion. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

God takes delight in you and rejoices over you.

**God's limitless love has the power
to turn the troubled waters of resentment and fear
into the wine of grace.**

Let us receive and celebrate this good news.

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music:

Time with the Younger Ones:

Hymn: A Place in the Choir

Chorus:

**All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low. Some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.
And some just clap their hands or paws
or any thing they got now.**

**Listen to the bass. It's the one on the bottom
where the bull frog croaks and the hippopotamus
moans and groans with a big t'do,
and the old cow just goes "Moo."**

Chorus:

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle

**while the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles.
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
and the old coyote howls.**

Chorus:

**Listen to the top where the little birds sing
and melodies with the high notes ringing.
The hoot owl hollers over ev'ry thing
and the jay bird disagrees.**

Chorus:

**It's a simple song of living sung ev'rywhere
by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
the grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
the sly raccoon and the turtle dove.**

Chorus:

Children's Prayer:

Dear God,

Help my lips to praise.

Help my hands to serve.

Help my heart to love.

Amen

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 *(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)*
(Different kinds of spiritual gifts but eh same Spirit)

Now dear sisters and brothers, I want to instruct you on the matter of spiritual gifts. Remember how, when you were still nonbelievers, you were drawn to mute idols and led astray by them?

It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, "Curse Jesus"; by the same token, no one can say, "Jesus Christ reigns supreme," unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of

knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)

(YHWH will take delight in you)

For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; for the sake of Jerusalem, I will not rest - not until her integrity shines like the dawn, her deliverance like a flaming torch. The nations will see your vindication, and the rulers your splendor; you will have a new name that YHWH's mouth will bestow.

You will be a garland of beauty in YHWH's hands, a solemn crown worn by your God. Never again will you be called Forsaken. Never again will your land be called Desolate. But you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married.

For YHWH will take delight in you and your land will be joined with God in wedlock. For just as a young couple marry, you will be forever married to this land; as a newly married couple rejoice over each other, so will YHWH rejoice over you.

Scripture: John 2:1-11 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)

(The wedding in Cana)

Three days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration.

At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine."

Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washing, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim.

"Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed.

The caterer tasted the water - which had been turned into wine - without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!"

Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

Message: Water into Wine

***Hymn:** Many Are the Lightbeams

VU 588

Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** We Give You But Your Own

VU 542

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

**Holy Presence, Source of love and life,
with grateful hearts we offer these gifts,
asking that they might be transformed
into compassion for our world,
hope for all who struggle,
and vision for our ministry. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Spirit of the Living God

VU 376 -vs 2

**Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,**

make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love!

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** The Church's One Foundation

VU 332

***Blessing:**

In all experiences and encounters,
may we find the compassion of God.
 In all changes and choices.
may we find the wisdom of God.
 In all reflection and response,
may we find the hope of God.
 In all hearts and homes,
may the peace of God be with us.
Amen!

Parting Song: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
his cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in his love. (Repeat)

Postlude:

Prayer of the Week:

God of the riverbank and the banquet hall, help us hear you and see you when you create, work, teach and heal in new places. We expect you in the hospital room but can forget that you also meet us at the wedding feast. Ready our hearts to welcome you and your work among us.
 Amen.

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