

Melville United Church
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Trinity Sunday/Father's Day



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** 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:

Where the Maker calls...

Where Wisdom speaks...

Where Spirit moves...

We meet.

Where creation is sculpted from love...

Where wisdom directs us toward eternal peace...

Where guidance speaks out in truth...

We worship.

Here is where we meet God.

Here is where we are guided by Wisdom.

Here is where we build community with Spirit.

Let us celebrate.

***Hymn:** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MV 10

Opening Prayer:

Creating God,

we come to celebrate your creation.

Transforming Christ,

we come to be renewed in you.

Dancing Spirit,

we come to live by your rhythm.

May we find time enough to gaze at the heavens,
and silence enough to wonder at the handiwork of love,

and grace enough to find ourselves

bound together by your Holy Wisdom.

Creator, Transformer, Dancer,

we come to praise, worship and learn together.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Oneness, we read in the psalms
that you have made us a little less than divine
and crowned us with glory and honour.

We often find it difficult to live up to such expectations.

We say that we are “only human,”
that we really can’t do better or be better.

Forgive us for giving up on ourselves so easily;

show us again the goodness

and love for which we are intended.

Heal us, renew us, transform us. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

God’s love is poured into our hearts without limit.

The one who made us also forgives our every mistake.

Be at peace with God! Be at peace with creation!

Be at peace with each other! Be at peace with yourselves!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music: My Wonderful Dream

- C.H. Gabriel

Sacrament of Baptism

Being accepted into the Christian family of faith today is Jonah Christian Giberson-Blanco, son of Shelly Giberson and Carlos Blanco.

Statement of Purpose:

The sacrament of baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God. By water and the Spirit we are welcomed as children of God, we are claimed by Christ, we are united with the Christian community of every time and place and we are commissioned to Christ’s ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Presentation of the One to be Baptized

On behalf of the congregation of Melville United Church I present Jonah

Christian Giberson-Blanco for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

(family comes forward)

Scripture: Galatians 3:27-29 *(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation)*

Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the offspring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

Profession of faith:

Commitment by Congregation *(congregation stands)*

We are to receive this child as part of our faith community. In so doing, we remember our calling to share life together, and to be open to the future that all our children contain. We are also called to support this family and this child with love and with Christian teaching. Are you willing, as you are able to share in this responsibility?

We are willing, God being our helper.

Let us remain standing as we repeat together our statement of faith “A New Creed”.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

VU 918

**We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Water:

Prayer of Blessing:

Baptism

Sign of the Cross and Blessing

Laying on of Hands/Blessing

Prayer

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle:

Sung Blessing: I Have Called You by Your Name

MV 161

Presentation of Baptismal Certificate and Gifts

Scripture: John 16:12-15 (*The Inclusive Bible, the First Egalitarian Translation*)
(*The Spirit of Truth*)

Jesus said: "I have much more to tell you, but you can't bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won't speak on her own initiative; rather, she'll speak only what she hears, and she'll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Within a short time you won't see me, but soon after that you'll see me again."

Words to Inspire: Psalm 8 (*paraphrase by James Taylor- Everyday Psalms*)

My God, my God! How amazing you are!

**I would describe you in terms of the stars of the skies,
the forest or the farthest reaches of the universe,**

But they are your creation, and you are their creator.

You are all creation.

Our weapons, our bombs, our power to destroy,
dwindle into insignificance

compared to the cry of a newborn baby.

On a starry night, with your glory sprinkled across the skies,
I stare into the infinite ends of your universe, and I wonder,

Who am I? Why do I matter?

Why do you care about me?

We humans are less than specks of dust in your universe,

our time frame shorter than a second

in the great clock of creation;

Yet you have adopted us.

You have given us a special place in your family;

you have trusted us to manage your earth, on your behalf -

to look after not just the sheep and the oxen,

but also the wolves that prey on them;

To care for the birds, the fish, and even creatures

we have never seen at the bottom of the sea.

My god, my God! How amazing you are!

Reader: Lynn Lamb

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (*The Inclusive Bible, the First Egalitarian Translation*)
(*Wisdom's part in Creation*)

Doesn't Wisdom call? Doesn't Understanding raise her voice? On the hills along the road, at the crossroads, she takes her stand; beside the city gates of the town, in the gates themselves, she cries out, "Women and men, people everywhere, I'm calling out to you! I cry out to all of humankind!

"YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning before the first acts of creation. I have been from everlasting, in the beginning, before the world began. Before the deep seas, I was brought forth, before there were fountains or springs of water; before the mountains erupted up

into place, before the hills, I was born - before God created the earth or its fields, or even the first clods of dirt.

I was there when the Almighty created the heavens, and set the horizon just above the ocean, set the clouds in the sky, and established the springs of the deep, gave the seas their boundaries and set their limits at the shoreline.

When the foundation of the earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty. I was God's delight day after day, rejoicing at being in God's presence continually, rejoicing in the whole world and delighting in humankind.

Message: Wisdom Calls

Hymn: Who Comes from God (Wisdom 7) **VU 892**

Offering:

Ministry of Music: The Wonder of Life - Scott Kearns

***Offering Hymn:** 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:**

**God of love, these, our gifts, are freely given,
given to do your work in this church,
given to do your work in a needy world.
Receive them and bless them, we pray. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Send Your Holy spirit **VU 370**

**Send your Holy spirit
on our gathered people,
merciful and loving God,
hear us, as we pray.**
(Repeat)

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** Let All Things Now Living

VU 242

***Blessing:**

In God we are conceived.

In the stuff of earth we are formed.

In hope we are born.

In partnership we are called.

In love we live.

In wisdom we are sent.

Go in faith, knowing that the love of God, the peace of the Christ, the companionship of the Holy Spirit is with you - always!

Amen!

Parting Song: Dance With the Spirit

MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

(Repeat)

Postlude:

Prayer of the Week:

Ever-wise God, ever-loving God, it is a pure delight to be aware of your presence, and to recognize your wondrous touch in all the world. Open us to discern you in usual and unusual places, and to celebrate your unfolding presence in our daily lives. Amen.

Western Ontario Waterways: Millbank-Hampstead PC

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Joan and John Cuming,
Mary Lloyd, Diane Maloney

Counter:

Mary Lloyd and Karen Smillie