

Welcome to Melville United Church

March 31, 2013 - Easter Sunday

MINISTERS: The People of the Congregation

*You are invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

Our Mission

We seek, we pray, we act knowing that Jesus is amongst us.

Our Vision

Knowing we are not alone on our spiritual journeys, Melville United Church seeks to be an open, compassionate and inclusive Christian community; honouring and serving the living Christ in all that we do.

WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION

Are you Looking for Jesus.....drama Roz Oates and Cody Rawn

Prelude: J. Stanley - Voluntary for trombone and organ Brad Halls and Matthias Schmidt.

Lighting of the Christ Candle.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

RESPONSE: VU 958

Halle halle halle lujah!

Halle halle halle lujah

Halle halle halle lujah

hallelujah, hallelujah. (sung several times)

*You are invited forward during the singing
to place a flower in the cross.*

Call to Worship

We believe when the stone rolls,

life is set free, love is reborn, and alleluias dance.

We believe when the stone rolls,

**the Word speaks again, creation sighs once more,
and the land breathes deeply.**

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We believe when the stone rolls,

**love conquers all, grace wins through, and peace can be held
in both hands.**

We believe when the stone rolls,

**alleluias are spoken, dancing is allowed in the aisles, and joy
breaks the silence.**

We believe when the stone rolls,

**the spirit of Jesus is alive, life is returned, and death is
confined to the past.**

When the stone rolls,

we believe.

*Hymn: VU161 Welcome Happy Morning

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Jesus, come and stand among us. roll away the stones,
and bring us peace. In so many ways we lock the doors of
our lives out of fear.**

Yet you have the power to enter in.

Come and be with us in our worship.

Enter into our hearts. Amen.

(Camillia LaRouche)

Words of Affirmation.

Love transforms all hurt

Light redeems all darkness.

Today is the day of life and we are invited to live in it.

Fully,

in the good news of the resurrection.

For ourselves and for the world.

Thanks be to God.

One: Peace be with you.

All: and also with you.

One: Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ

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WE APPROACH GOD

SONG: MV 48 I Can Feel You Near Me - (Jump for Joy)

Theme Conversation

LISTENING

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10: 34-43 Peter preaches at the house of Cornelius

Luke 24: 1 - 12 The Women report the tomb is empty

Reader: Susan Barth

The word of God for the people of God.

Choir Anthem: Run, Mary, Run J. M. Martin

Reflection:

Valerie Pitt

SONG: VU 703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

RESPONDING

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Response: MV 191 What can I do?

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.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**May new life arise from these gifts, O God.
For the suffering, a new hope of healing.
For the downcast, a new hope of happiness.
For the struggling, a new and confident hope,
For the bereaved, a new of people.
New life in the Risen Christ
Thanks be to you , O God.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

*Closing Song: VU 157 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- arranged by John Rutter

Sending and Blessing

One: Now that the morning has come.

All: and the dawn has broken the darkness.

One: Now that the stone has rolled

All: And set free life.

One: Now that Christ is risen

All: Let us go

One : Not quietly
not gently.

All: but with a great alleluia.

One: That lets the world know

All: Life says "YES!"

One: And now many the Christ who has risen, the God who sets free,
and ths Spirit who rolls stones,
be with us and go with us all into this world. Amen.

Choral Response: MV 209 Go and Make a Difference

Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the salt in the earth,

called to let the people see

The love of God in you and me

**We are the light of the world, not to be hidden,
but be seen**

Go make a diff'rence in the world

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POSTLUDE: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

- arr. for trombone and jazz piano by Brad Halls

OUR WORSHIP IS OVER - OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Prayers used in today's service may be from "Seasons of the Spirit" or
"Gathering" Magazine

Partners in Prayer: Bethel Mennonite Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: New Credit-Delaware

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Susan Barth, Virginia Ingleby
Joan and John Cuming,

Counters: Mary Lloyd (C), Kaillie Rawn
John Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 31, 2013

If you are a guest today, please know you are most welcome! Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

The Next Spirituality Circle is on Mon., April 8 at 10 a.m. in the parlour.

Worship & Music meeting on Wed. Apr. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlour.

The Easter Lily in the vestibule is in memory of The Rev. Lorne Brown placed by Eleanor Brown and family.

Thank you, Ron Anticknap and Don Grant, for repairing and rebuilding the floor and replacing the toilet in the ladies washroom in the Fellowship Hall.

The office will be closed on Fri. Mar. 29 and on Tues. Apr. 2. You can call 519-843-1781 and leave a message. Your call will be returned on Thurs. Apr. 4.

Tower Street Door: Just a reminder: due to the bridge construction and since the sidewalk has been closed, please avoid using the door to Tower Street, except as an emergency exit. Thank you

In case of emergency alarm all children and youth will be directed to exit via the fire escape from the Upper Auditorium directly to the parking lot. We ask that in such an event, all parents please make their way directly to the parking lot to meet their children.

Baptism Sunday is April 28th. Please speak to Val if you are interested.

From your Church Library:

It had been good to see how well our church library is being used. We have a great variety of books for all to enjoy, so do take time to come in and browse..

The library is available to everyone whenever the Church is open. It is a "self-serve" library. Just sign the book card and place it in the small container for signed out cards. If an item doesn't have a card, just use the sign-out notebook.

There is no time limit for borrowing books, but we do ask that when you have finished a book you remember to bring it back and place it in the book return box, so others will be able to enjoy it. There are a number of books, including some Christmas ones, that have been out for quite a while, so please check your home shelves

Book Club

There was a very good discussion of the book "I Shall Not Hate". If you still have a copy, please give it to Helen or Val.

Our next book is "The Shell Seekers" by Rosamund Pilcher. If you would like to read the book, just check the library for available copies, and sign your name on the sheet. We will be discussing this book on April 7, after church.

Waterloo Presbyterian Annual Gathering on Mon. Apr. 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Forest Hill United Church in Kitchener. Cost is \$10 from your U.C.W. President or Margot at 519-742-6047

Thank you everyone who supported our efforts in February with small financial donations for margarine purchases for the food bank. A total of \$235 was forwarded to the food bank. For the month of March we have been asked to collect drinking boxes and pudding cups. Melville is continuing to make a difference with our help of the food bank. Your support is truly appreciated, Mission and Outreach Committee.

Spring Garage Sale coming up. Please save your items from your spring cleaning for it. For info call Lorna at 5190787-0570.

There are meat pies for sale for \$4/each. Please contact Bev Anticknap at 519-843-2491.

"PSSST! Who is that?"

"I don't remember his name."

Wouldn't it be nice if more people would wear their name buttons? Please remember to wear yours if you have one. If you need a new name button, please ask Ralph Rainford or call the church office.

Drivers needed. The Pastoral Care Team would like to expand our ministry by offering rides for people who want to get to church or other important events and can't drive themselves. We also need someone who would co-ordinate this ministry. The co-ordinator would take phone calls or emails from those requesting a ride and would keep a list of those who are willing. Please contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team or call the church office.

With the adoption of Melville's vision statement at the annual meeting, we are now ready to form a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC).

Yaay!!! The purpose of the JNAC is to consider and review the ministry and mission of our pastoral charge and our relationship with the community we serve. The JNAC then uses the information to identify the ministry personnel needs of Melville.

This committee's main functions will be to compile the necessary information about Melville and our community, design the ministry model for Melville, prepare a job description and arrange to have the vacancy posted. This work will be taking place in a short timespan; April, May and June.

This committee will also be attending a workshop on Friday evening April 12th and Saturday April 13th in St. Jacob's, to participate in a one-day JNAC process. This looks to be a valuable new process that will assist us in moving forward.

This committee will consist of up to 7 members from Melville plus 1 or 2 Presbytery Reps. Some members of the Ministry Transition Team will be part of this committee. If you would like more information about serving on the committee, or are interested in serving, please contact: Jane O'Leary (519) 787-0880 or Graeme Chalmers (519) 787-1993.

Sunday, April 7th is Mission and Service Sunday.

The Rev. Desmond Jager Parsons will be our guest speaker.

Desmund will also offer a short workshop after the service during a hot dog luncheon with proceeds going to the Mission and Service Fund. Here is a short bio about Desmond.

Desmond Jagger-Parsons (Rev.) is the Minister of Outreach and Christian Development at Trinity-Kitchener. In 2005, he served as short-term (3 months) overseas personnel with the United Church of Canada, in the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) www.eappi.org While there he was part of a group of 20 from 8 countries, 11 denominations and 1 Muslim whose work it was to accompany Palestinians and Israeli peace activists who were participating in non-violent resistance to the Israeli Occupation and the violence it generates. In 2007 Desmond worked as the Middle East Program Coordinator for KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives. www.kairoscanada.org Desmond has also served on the Coordinating Committee for the United Network for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel www.unjppi.org Desmond has also served congregations as a student in Toronto and Saskatchewan. Before entering ministry, Desmond practised law in Newfoundland, from whence he hails.

Easter Blessing to you and your family! May you and your family have a happy and Holy Easter.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 1 to Sun. Apr. 7, 2013

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| Tues. 2 | 9:00 | Quilting | Heritage Hall |
| Wed. 3 | 7:00 | Worship & Music | Parlour |
| Thurs. 4 | 7:00 | Choir | Parlour |
| Fri. 5 | 10:00 | Coffee Hour | Parlour |
| | 11:00 | Spiritual Meditation | Library |
| Sun. 7 | 9:30 | Choir | Choir Room |
| | 10.30 | Mission & Service Sunday | Sanctuary |
| | | Hot Dog Lunch to follow the service - to go to the Mission & Service Fund | |