

Welcome to Melville United Church - August, 2013

MINISTERS: All of the People

**The Season of Pentecost**

A Gathering\* Worship Resource Service 2013

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A: August 4, 2013    C: August 18, 2013

B: August 11, 2013    D: August 25, 2013

E: September 1, 2013

**Gathering and Praise**

**Greeting**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Response: And also with you.**

**Opening Hymn:**

A: "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (MV 30)

B: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" (VU 232)

C: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" (VU 245)

D: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (VU 262)

E: "Worship our God" (VU 401)

Welcome Announcements

**Call to Worship**

One: Here is worship, here is peace.

**All: Here is company, here is love.**

One: Here is prophecy, here is truth.

**All: We come here to worship;**

**our lives given to your Life in this hour, O God.**

*Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes UC., Toronto, Ont.*

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**Time of Quieting and Lighting of Candles**

One: We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ.

**All: May the light of love surround us.**

Introit: VU 951 Holy, Holy, Holy.

Prayer of the Day (together)

**Knit us together with all of your creation, O God,**

**joining us as one body in Christ's name.**

**Breathe into us your inspiration for justice.**

**Light our lives with grace-filled self-giving.**

**Fire our hearts with the Good News.**

Unlock our minds with your revelation.

Gift us with your presence, we pray; Amen.

*Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson UC., Burlington, Ont.  
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**Story Time or a Question for Today** Based on today's scripture.

### Hearing God's Word

#### Prayer of Illumination

In a breath, a prayer, a question, we search for you, O God.

In celebration and defeat, in joy and in sorrow, we look for you.

Come to us in your Word today.

Firmly remind us that you are with us, we are not alone. Amen.

*Susan Lukey, High River UC., High River; Alta.  
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Scripture: Herein is wisdom  
**Thanks be to God.**

Reflection:

### Responding to God's Word

Hymn: A: "O Jesus, I have Promised" (VU 120)  
B: "Deep in our hearts" (MV 154)  
C: "Faith of Our Fathers (and Mothers)" (VU 580)  
D: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (VU 374)  
E: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" (VU 356)

\*OFFERING INVITATION

\*OFFERING RESPONSE VU 541 Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow

\*OFFERING PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Hymn: A: "May the God of Hope" (VU 424 v. 1, v. 2, v. 1)  
B: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (VU 288)  
C: "To Show by Touch and Word" (VU 427)  
D: "In Loving Partnership We Come" (VU 603)  
E: "For The Fruit of All Creation" (VU 227)

**\*SENDING AND BLESSING**

\*Choral Benediction: **Go Now in Peace**

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## Scripture Readings for August, 2013

**August 4** Psalm 107: 1-9 VU 831 (part one)  
Luke 12: 13 -21 The rich fool who builds bigger and bigger barns.

**August 11** Psalm 50: 1 – 8, 22-23 VU 775  
Luke 12: 32-40 Do not worry about what to eat or wear.

**August 18** Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19 VU 794 -795 (part two)  
Luke 12: 49 – 56 "I am the vine, you are the branches.

**August 25** Psalm 7: 1-6 VU 789 (part one)  
Luke 13: 10-17 Jesus Healing.

**September 1** Psalm 112 VU 834  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14 Humility and Hospitality

### August, 2013 Bulletin - Announcements

**Summer Sun. Services will start at 9:30 a.m.** on June 30 and will return to 10:30 a.m. on Sun. Sept. 8, 2013. Valerie Pitt will be away from July 22 until August 14. The secretary, Gerri McCullough will be away from July 29 to August 21 inclusive. Jen Auger will be away for the month of July. For emergencies you can phone the office and numbers will be available for you to call.

**For your Pastoral Care Needs while the Minister is away,** please call Alison Rainford 519-843-3841. Call Val at 226-383-5017 until July 14 and after Aug. 15.

**The Spirituality Circle will still be meeting** Over July and August on the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the parlour at 10:00 a.m. in the parlour. Everyone is welcome.

**Over the months of June, July and August** donations to the food bank will continue to be collected. Items of focus are "Sidekicks", tomato sauce, canned pasta and peanut butter.

**Thursday Garden Gatherings.** Drop in between 4-6 p.m. each Thursday over the summer at the Frayne Farm (#6874 1st Line West Garafraxa). Come enjoy a BBQ, some hiking, fun for the kids, maybe a little singing or a bonfire, all while tending to our incredible community garden. Everyone welcome.

**Mark your calendars for Melville Community Weekend.** Sept. 6 - Jazz concert featuring Brad Halls on piano. Sept. 8 Community "Back to School" worship Service (10:30 a.m.) followed by lunch and sponsored swim at Centre Well. Rec Centre. (more info to come).