

Melville United Church
Sunday, March 23, 2014
3rd Sunday of Lent

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: F. Mendelssohn - Song Without Words (Opus 30 / 3)

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather here, trusting in God as our refuge and strength -
assured of God's everlasting care for us.

**All: We have confidence in God's presence with us in every time of trial
and temptation.**

Leader: For everyone who calls on God for help is saved through the
self-giving love of Jesus,

All: Our Lord and our Saviour.

***Hymn:** VU 373 - As Comes the Breath of Spring

GATHERING PRAYER (one)

Loving God, Christ has proclaimed the Church your Children. Yet in the midst of our busy lives we can sometimes forget that everyone we meet today is also your child. We do not know the burdens those around us carry. There are those in our communities who struggle in darkness. Help us, as the Body of Christ, to see with your eyes and rise above our own surroundings to see the good in all we meet. Let us be as Jesus, a Light unto the world. Amen.

Hymn: MV 92 - Like a Rock

Theme Conversation:

Ministry of Music: J. Eilers - My Lord

Scripture Reading:

First reading - Hebrew Testament - Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95 - VU 814

Second reading - Epistle - Romans 5: 1-11

Reader: Mary Lloyd

Gospel - John 4: 5-42

Gavin Williams

Message: "LIVING WATER"

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*Hymn: VU 222 - Come Let Us Sing

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.**

***Offering Prayer:** (one)

Loving God, receive our gifts and our thanks for love that surrounds us during epiphany and always. We commit ourselves again to justice, peace and compassion. Amen.

Joy and Concerns

Prayers of the People, Prayer of Jesus

***Hymn:** VU 421 - Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

***Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there around, within, above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude: F. Mendelssohn - Song Without Words (Opus 62 / 4)

Partners in Prayer: Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Munn's, Oakville

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Linda and Norm Porritt,
Susan Barth, Ken McManus

Counters:

David Gohn (C), Patty Foster
John Duncan