

Melville United Church
July, 2014

* Congregation please stand as you are able.

Bold print invites congregational response.

Prelude

Announcements

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 299 Teach Me, God, To Wonder

Opening Prayer: (as 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.

Prayer for Inner Healing:

Words of Assurance:

Chorus: I Praise You, O God MV 61

I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.

With all the earth I will sing your praises.

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Theme Conversation:

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Message/Reflection:

*Hymn: VU 355 For the Crowd of Thousands

Offering Invitation:

God knows each one of us by name and calls us to live our faith fully.

One way that we respond is in bringing our gifts to God.
Our offerings will now be received.

*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: (in unison)

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

Joys & Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Mother and God

VU 280

**Mother and God, to you we sing;
wide is your womb, warm is your wing.
In you we live, move and are fed
sweet, flowing milk, life giving bread.
Mother and God, to you we bring
all broken hearts, all broken wings.**

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

*Hymn: VU 589 Lord, Speak to Me

*Blessing/Sending Forth

*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.