

Melville United Church  
Sunday, July 13, 2014  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*  
**Bold print invites congregational response.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship:**

As we greet this new day,

**we come together as one.**

In our differences

**we come together as one.**

In our uniqueness,

**we come together as one.**

In our offering of hospitality to others,

**we come together as one.**

With the Holy One,

**we come together as one to worship.**

Come, people of God, let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn:** God, Whose Love is Ever With Us

**VU 399**

**Opening Prayer:** (unison)

**Holy One, as we gather for worship this day,**

**may we come united in your love.**

**May we seek wholeness in your Spirit.**

**May we find peace in your presence.**

**May we absorb the kindness found in our neighbours.**

**May we come ready. Amen.**

**Prayer for Inner Healing:** (unison)

**Peace-seeking One, we come before you as a sometimes-divided people. We sometimes play favourites when we shouldn't, hold grudges instead of forgiveness, and allow difference to separate us instead of bringing us together. Help us to celebrate the differences that make us who we are. Help us to remember that it was you who made us all and it is you who challenges us to help each other to bring out the best in our selves and each other. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

God cares for each of us, not in spite of difference but rather in celebration of difference. As we reflect God's diverse image to the world, we know that it is God's love that we all have in common.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**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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**Children's Time:** Jacob & Esau (based on Genesis 25:19-34)

**Hymn:** I Am a Member of the Human Race

**Scott Kearns**

**I am a member of the human race, and so (clap, clap) are you. (clap, clap)**

**I have responsibilities and rights and so (clap, clap) do you. (clap, clap)**

**If we know this and we show this and we grow together**

we can make this world a better place  
for ev'ry member of the human race,  
including you, (*clap, clap, clap, clap*) including me. (*clap, clap*)

I am a member of the family and so (*clap, clap*) are you.  
I have a value that's beyond compare and so (*clap, clap*) do you.  
If we know this and we show this and we grow together  
we can make this world a better place  
for ev'ry member of the human race,  
including you, (*clap, clap, clap, clap*) including me. (*clap, clap*)

#### Ministry of Music:

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 119: Part 5 -refrain 5 **VU 841**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:1-11  
(To set the mind on the Spirit is life)

**Message:** The War Continues

**\*Hymn:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God **VU 356**

#### Offering:

**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:

Gracious God, may we recognize all the gifts we've been given.  
May the gifts we freely offer be without expectation for anything in return.  
May you bless the work of these gifts this day and in the days ahead. Amen.

#### Joys and 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:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **VU 333**

##### \*Blessing/Sending Forth

Go from this place finding strength to right any wrongs,  
we go to bring peace to division  
and to be the love that is needed in our world.  
Go in peace knowing God goes with you.  
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)**

**Prayer of the Week:**

Ever-present God, bless us as we open ourselves to the lessons the stories of scripture teach us - stories that are sometimes difficult and which hold tensions, lies, and rivalry. May we wander through them with a heart open to hearing your voice speaking to us through the lives of those who lived so long ago. Let us be ever aware of the ways that your presence, truth, and love are near. Amen.