



Melville United Church

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** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

Prelude: *Improvisation*

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

From generation to generation, we are led by our God.

**we come to contemplate the mystery that loving God
and loving neighbour
is somehow one and the same.**

God is the Creator of our world, the life force of every living thing;

We come, awed by the union of God and God's creation.

God is the Author of time, yet above and beyond all time;

We come, trying to comprehend the intimate nature of Spirit.

God is steadfast in love from generation to generation.

**We come to praise and worship the God who unites us
and all of creation in love.**

Come, people of God, let us worship together.

***Hymn:** Come, Let Us Sing **VU 222**

Opening Prayer:

With our lips we praise you, O God;

**lips that speak of your awesome creation,
and the wonder of your love.**

With our minds we praise you, O God;

**minds to understand the depth of your compassion,
and to work out your way of justice.**

With our hearts we praise you, O God;

**hearts to feel the generosity you offer
and hearts to respond in faithful discipleship. Amen.**

Prayer for Inner Healing:

As we think about beginnings and endings in our lives, Holy Presence, we encounter the pain of sadness and scars of loss, but we also encounter the joy of new possibilities and resurrection.

We may feel afraid of change or hold grudges from old arguments. We may want to hold on to our grieving and not let it out, afraid that everything we have valued will unravel. Or we may simply be afraid to leave the safety of what we have known.

Whatever our fear, whatever holds us back, help us to let it go, God. Set us free. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

God's love is steadfast.

God does not hold our shortcomings against us.

We are loved, forgiven, and set free.

We will let go again and again.

We start over, renewed in love.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Chorus: Alleluia, Praise to God (vs 1)

MV 59

Alleluia, praise to God.

Alleluia, praise to God.

Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Alleluia, praise to God. (Repeat)

Theme Conversation:

Song: O When the Saints

Scripture Reading:

Reader: Helen laCroix

Matthew 22:34-46 (*Inclusive Bible-Egalitarian Translation*)

(Love God; love your neighbour as yourself)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert on the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"

Jesus answered: "'You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.'

"That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two

commandments the whole Law is based - and the Prophets as well."

While the Pharisees were gathered around him, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is the Messiah?"

They said, "David's."

Then Jesus asked, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls the Messiah 'Sovereign'? For he says,

'The Most High said to my Sovereign, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your foot.'"

"If David calls the Messiah 'Sovereign,' how can the Messiah be a descendant of David?"

No one could reply, and from that day on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (*Inclusive Bible-Egalitarian Translation*)

(It is God who gives courage)

And you yourselves know, sisters and brothers, that our coming among you was not without effect. We had, as you know, been given rough treatment at Philippi, and it was our God who gave us the courage to proclaim the Good News to you in the face of stiff opposition. We don't preach because of impure motives or deceit or any sort of trickery; rather, it was God who decided that we are fit to be entrusted with the Good News, and when we are speaking, we're trying to please not mortals, but God, who can read our inmost thoughts.

You know very well - and we can swear it before God - that never at any time has our speech been simple flattery or a cover for trying to get money; nor have we ever looked for any special honour from you or from anyone else - even though we could have imposed ourselves on you as apostles of Christ. On the contrary, while we were with you we were as gentle as any nursing mother caring for her little ones. So well disposed were we toward you, in fact, that we were willing to share with you not only the Good News, but our very lives as well - you had become that dear to us.

Scripture Reading:

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Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (*Inclusive Bible-Egalitarian Translation*)

(Moses dies and is buried in Moab)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the headland of Pisgah which faces Jericho, and YHWH showed him all the land - Gilead as far as Dan, all of Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh,

all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negev, and the stretch of the valley of Jericho, the city of palms, and as far as Zoar.

Then YHWH said to Moses, "This is the land I swore to Sarah and Abraham, to Rebecca and Isaac, to Leah, Rachel, and Jacob that I would give to their descendants. I have let you feast your eyes upon it, but you will not cross over."

So there in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of God died as YHWH decreed, and he was buried in the valley opposite Beth Peor in the land of Moab, but to this day no one knows the exact burial place. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyesight was strong and he was still quite vigorous. For thirty days the Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab, until they had completed the period of grief and mourning.

Now Joshua ben-Nun, was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the Israelites gave him their obedience, carrying out the order God had given to Moses.

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom YHWH knew face to face. There is no equal to all the signs and wonders YHWH our God caused Moses to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all of Pharaoh's officials and the whole land. How mighty the hand and how terrifying the displays of power that Moses wielded in the sight of all Israel!

Message: A Long Line of Ancestors

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Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

VU 644

Invitation to Offering:

Ministry of Music: Never Give Up - M. Hurley (traditional Malawian)

***Offering Hymn:** With Joy and Thanksgiving

***Offertory Prayer:**

As so many have done before us,

we bring our offerings today.

As so many have prayed before us,

we ask your blessing upon them.

As so many have dreamed before us,

we pray that our gifts will touch many lives.

Touch these gifts and our living with your love, O God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Spirit of the Living God (Vs 1) VU 376

Spirit of the living God,

fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** For All the Saints

VU 705 (vs
1,2,3,4)

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

We step onto a path beginning where others have ended.

Shaped and guided we travel with God into life.

We have been equipped for sainthood.

We are ready to respond.

Go now, prepared to love your neighbours as yourself

and to love your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind and with all your strength.

Amen!

***Parting Song:** May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

May God's sheltering wings,

her gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms,

his cradling arms sustain you,

and hold you in her love,

and hold you in his love. (Repeat)

Postlude: Rondeau - J. Mauret

Prayer of the Week:

God, our comfort, we know our past but not our future. Grant us love and support as we use these present moments to reflect on the story of the last days of Moses, and ponder our own journeys. Fill us with good memories of those who have walked in faith before us and those who have influenced our lives simply for being who they were and are. Amen.

November	Theme	Ministry
2nd	Mission & Service	Mary Lloyd and M & O
9th	Remembrance Sunday	Marion
16th	Children's Sunday	Jen
23rd	Reign of Christ	Open
30th	Advent 1 - Communion	Marion/Jen

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 27 - Sun. Nov. 2, 2014

Mon. 27	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 28	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
	2:00	Unit Faith & Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 30	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 31	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
	8:00	Youth "Trick or Eat"	Offsite
Sun. 2	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Partners in Prayer: Grand River Community Church
 Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Caledonia
 Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Dorothy Collin, Eleanor Brown,
 Joan and John Cuming