

Melville United Church
Sunday, November 23, 2014 - Reign of Christ



* Congregation please stand as you are able.

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding to day - Rev. Jack Tweddle

Prelude: Improvisation

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: Blessed are those who stand in awe before God: happy are all who walk in God's ways.

All: The true and living God turns us from our idols. The Spirit directs us in the way we should go.

*Hymn: VU 371 Open My Eyes That I May See

Opening Prayer: (In unison)

Creator God, we give you thanks for all your promises to us. Open our spirits to receive the gifts of your grace. Open our lives to fulfill the assignments you give us. May we worship with true devotion. Amen

Prayer of Inner Healing (Prayer of Confession): (in unison)

O God, we ask for your forgiveness when we have strayed from your ways. Guide us when we fall prey to temptation. Forgive us and draw us back to yourself. Amen

Affirmation (Assurance of Pardon)

Chorus: Alleluia, Praise to God MV 59

Alleluia, praise to God.

Alleluia, praise to God.

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

Alleluia, praise to God. (Repeat)

Hymn: VU 577 I've Got Peace Like a River

Theme Conversation:

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Scripture Readings: Robert Foster**Luke 6:27-36** New International Version (NIV)**Love for Enemies**

27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Ephesians 4:25-32 New International Version (NIV)

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin"[a]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ministry of Music: H. Hal Hopson - Amen, Sing Praises to the Lord

Sermon: Building Bridges Rev. Jack Tweddle

*Hymn: VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Offering:

***Offertory Hymn:** With Joy and Thanksgiving

**Let us sing with joy and thanksgiving
As we bring our gifts to the world,
To the one who has given, we give in return.
Let us bring our gifts to the world.**

**Like the fish and the bread,
By grace multiplied,
What we give will increase,
Gifts of love magnified.**

*Offertory Prayer:

Joys and Concerns

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

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: VU 238 How Great Thou Art

Blessing/Sending Forth:**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.

Postlude: J. L. Krebs - Sleepers Wake

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 24 - Sun. Nov. 30, 2014

Mon. 24	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 25	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
	2:00	Unit Faith/Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 27	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 28	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 30	11:00	1 st of Advent - Communion Sunday	Sanctuary

Partners in Prayer: Elora Road Christian Fellowship

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Drayton

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Vivian and Havey Andrews, Joyce
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