

**Melville United Church  
Sunday, November 9, 2014  
Remembrance Sunday**

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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:**

May God's loving Spirit fill our worship

**and give us minds ready to appreciate what we experience here.**

May God's compassionate Spirit fill our worship

**and give us hearts responsive to those in need.**

May God's Spirit of justice fill our worship

**and give us a willingness to stand with the powerless.**

May God's awe-inspiring Spirit fill our worship

**and keep us open and receptive to God's presence.**

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

**\*Hymn:** We Are One

**VU 402**

Opening Prayer:

**We are your people, O God, and we come to be inspired and filled with your presence. We come that you may give us endurance, patience and commitment to do your work on Earth. We come to be encouraged to wait for your guidance. We come, knowing you are with us always. And so we join our hearts and minds in worship, opening ourselves to your presence, your love and your Spirit at work in each of us. Amen.**

Prayer for Inner Healing:

**God, we know that we are far from perfect but we also know that we don't have to be perfect in order for you to love us. We know that you love us just as we are. But because we love you and we strive to follow Jesus' example we know we need to acknowledge the things within us that separate us from your love.**

**And so we ask that in times when we give up, encourage us to press on. In moments when we forget you, prompt us to remember. At times when we are distracted from seeking your way be ever at the forefront of our minds.**

**Forgive our foolish ways, Source of Life, encourage, uplift, and energize us and remind us who gives us life. Amen.**

**Words of Affirmation:**

Our God is generous in wisdom, sincerity, hope, and faithfulness. It is God's desire to share these gifts with us.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Chorus: Alleluia, Praise to God (vs 1)**

**MV 59**

**Alleluia, praise to God.**

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

**Alleluia, praise to God. (Repeat)**

**Theme Conversation:**

**Service of Remembrance:**

*Please remain standing as you are able throughout the service of Remembrance.*

**\*Hymn: O Canada**

**VU 524**

**\*Poem: In Flanders Fields**

*Col. John McCrae*

**\*Reading of the Roll Call**

**\*Taps:**

**\*Silence:**

**\*Reveille:**

**\*Prayer:**

**\*Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1,3,4,6)**

**VU 806**

**Scripture Reading:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (Inclusive Bible-Egalitarian Translation)  
(Joshua challenges the people to choose God)

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and called a summit of the elders, leaders, judges, and officials of Israel. Once they presented themselves before God, Joshua said to the whole assembly, "This is the word of YHWH, the God of Israel:

"Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates and worshipped other gods. But I took your ancestors Sarah and Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led them through the entire region of Canaan."

Joshua then said, "I now call upon you to revere and serve YHWH completely and sincerely. Cast off the gods that your ancestors worshipped beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt, and worship YHWH alone. If you do not want to worship YHWH, then make the decision today whom you will worship, even if it is the gods of your ancestors beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you live. As for me and my household, we will worship YHWH."

Then the people responded, "Far be it from us to abandon YHWH to worship other gods. It was YHWH our God who brought us and our ancestors up and out of the land of slavery. YHWH performed those great signs before our eyes. YHWH protected us on the entire journey and among all the peoples whose lands we passed through. YHWH drove out before us the Amorites and all the people dwelling in the land. We too will serve YHWH, who is our God."

Joshua said to the people. "You will not be able to serve YHWH. This is a God most holy, a jealous God, a God who doesn't forgive your transgressions and your sins. If you desert YHWH and serve foreign gods, after all God has done for you, you will bring disasters - fatal ones - upon yourselves."

But the people protested, "No! We will serve YHWH!"

Then Joshua said, "You are your own witnesses that you are choosing to serve YHWH."

"Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

"Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the alien gods among you and turn your hearts to YHWH, the God of Israel."

Then the assembly said to Joshua, "We will serve and obey YHWH our God!"

On that day Joshua ratified the covenant with the people and drew up statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 78**

(We will teach the next generation)

**VU 792****Scripture Reading: Micah 4:3, 6:8** (Inclusive Bible-Egalitarian Translation)

(You know what God requires)

But at the end of days, the mountain of YHWH's Temple will be established as the most important mountain and raised above all other hills - all nations will stream toward it. Many people will come and say:

"Come, let us climb YHWH's mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that we may be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths."

Instruction will be given from Zion and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem. YHWH will judge between many peoples and arbitrate between mighty and distant nations. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation will not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for war.

Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what "good" is, and what YHWH needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

**Message:** Keeping Faith

Rev. Marion Loree

**Hymn:** Put Peace Into Each Others Hands**MV 173****Invitation to Offering:****Ministry of Music:** The Prayer - (C. Sager / D. Foster)**\*Offering Hymn:** With Joy and Thanksgiving**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**God you call us to serve. Help us to remain faithful, full of endurance and hope in you. Fill us with the patience we need to participate in your vision for this world. In good faith we offer ourselves and our gifts - tokens of our love and faithfulness. Take them and use them to help bring peace to this community and the world beyond. 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:** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**VU 684****\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

People of God, once more we return to the world,

**we go remembering what was lost to secure what we have today.**

Let this Remembrance renew our faith in the peace that God offers.

**May our living be a guide and example of peace to others.**

Go, knowing that the love of God, the peace of Christ and the companionship of the Holy Spirit is with you - now and always. Let the people say...

**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:** Fugue in E flat major (St. Anne) - J. S. Bach**Prayer of the Week:**

God, be in our remembering this week as we stand in silence remembering the death, destruction, loss and horror of war. Be in our remembering as we think of the soldiers who gave so much, the women, men and children who lost so much and to the land and all that

lives on it suffer when violence erupts. Kindle the flame of faith into action. Remind us of the life-giving choice that your justice, love and hope bring to life. Amen.

<b>November</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Ministry</b>
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. 10 - Sun. Nov. 16, 2014

Mon. 10	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 11	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
	7:30	Worship & Music	Parlour
Thurs. 13	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 14	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Pastoral Care	Chapel
Sun. 16	11:00	Children's Sunday	Sanctuary

Partners in Prayer: Elora Canadian Reformed Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Centenary, Hamilton

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Lorna Bevcar, Peggie Dickie,  
Mary Hume, Joyce Keizerwaard