



Melville United Church
Sunday, January 4, 2015
Epiphany - Led by Jen Auger

* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding this morning: Rev. Marion Loree

Welcome & Sharing the Light
Prelude, Moment of Quietening
Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship

As we gather for worship,
may we be grateful for the blessings we do have:
friendships, community, freedom.

Come let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Creating and sustaining God

We come before you with a grateful sense of where we have been this
past year.

And an awareness that our journey continues.

We thank you for your presence amongst us.

Pray that we be filled with enthusiasm for what it to come.

This we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

We are Your people God.

**Called into Your healing and reconciling work in this community and in
the world.**

Here, in worship, we are immersed in your unconditional love and
staggering grace.

**Here, we can dare to tell You the truth
and pray that you will form us into the people
to whom You have entrusted Your holy work.**

(moment of silent prayer).

Amen.

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Assurance

God is an ever creating, and ever forgiving God.

Let us stand here assured that nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love.

Not even ourselves.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer Response: VU 96 Will You Come and See the Light vs.1

Theme Time

children are invited to come forward during this time.

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-9

Matthew 2:1-12

Message: Epiphany

Jen Auger

Hymn: VU 45 Joy Is Now in Every Place

Invitation to Offering

Sung Response: VU 4 In the Bleak Midwinter vs.3

Prayer of Dedication:

God, we lift these plates to you as symbols of the gifts you have given us, and the gifts we share with others. Bless the work of our hands and the fruits of our labours. Bless the dreams that we dream and the time that we share. Bless each moment God, that our living gives back to your loving. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Purposeful and loving God,

We long for a community grounded in compassion for ourselves, for one another, and for our mother earth.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of the spirit that we bring to this gathering,

gifts that can create a compassionate community.

We know the greatest gift is love.

May wisdom, grounded in love, guide our decisions through this time of transition.

May generosity, grounded in love,

lead us on a path of hope and trust in the future of Melville.

May justice, grounded in love,

be the foundation of our fellowship so that everyone and everything will be treated with respect and honour.

Let us open our hearts to the mystery of love

which is like a fountain filling us with peace and joy.

Let us welcome the newcomers, the new ideas and the new approaches.

Help us remember they come for Your purpose.

Let us give thanks for the strangers who come to share our journey.

Help us remember they are of Your family, which makes them our family.

Let us bring them fully into the fold, trusting them as they follow their path while helping us to discover ours.

We lift these prayers into your care, using the words Jesus taught us....

Our Father....

Hymn: VU 79 Arise Your Light Is Come

Sending and Blessing

Choral Response: VU 59 Joy to the World vs. 1

Partners in Prayer: Centre Wellington Food Bank

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: First Waterloo

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford