



Melville United Church
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2nd Sunday in Lent



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** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Jen Auger

Welcome & Sharing the Light

Prelude: Improvisation

Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship: *(adapted from Richard Bott, Gathering)*

Promises, once made...

Are meant to be kept.

So, let our "yes" be...

YES!

Let our "no" be...

NO!

We have one important task: To Love.

To love with all that we are.

To love God.

To love the other person.

To love ourselves.

No matter what.

In that love, and with that love,

We worship God!

***Hymn:** Here I am to Worship

Opening Prayer, Prayer of Jesus

(adapted from Richard Bott, Gathering)

God of all things, all people, all places,

I offer you my honour,

I offer you my duty,

I offer you my promises,

I offer you my love.

Take these and use them,
Take me and use me,
To make a difference in your world.

Take these and use them,
Take me and use me,
To be your kingdom of love.

Everywhere.
Everywhere!

We lift this our prayer, with the words Jesus taught...

Our Father...

Words of Affirmation:

Though often a mystery to us, God's promises are kept. It is through God's enduring love that we find the strength to stand back up and make a difference.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Chorus: How Deep the Peace MV 95

How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
of those whose hearts are healed. (Repeat)

Hymn: Yahweh be Praised MV 51

Theme Conversation:

Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-38

Reader: Bob Foster

Reflection: **Being Called**

Jen Auger

Affirmation of Faith:

The New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn:** I have Called you by Your Name MV 161

Invitation to the **Offering:**

***Offering Hymn:** We Give You But Your Own

VU 542

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

Ministry of Music: M. How - Day by Day

***Offertory Prayer:**

God, we have learned that when we give away, we are enriched;
And when we let go, we receive.
Bless what we give and let go of this day, as you also bless us.
Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

(prayer written by Richard Bott, Gathering)

For our playful times and our serious times,

Thank you, God!

For our moments of laughter

And our moments of tears,

Thank you, God!

For hopes fulfilled and ones to come,

For pasts unfinished, and dreams not yet filled,

Thank you, God!

For the time you give us,

And the talents you challenge us to risk,

Thank you, God!

For holding what we give you,

And keeping it safe,

For loving us, even when we do not love you...

Thank you, God!

Because we don't always live out our love,

Because we don't always live out your call,

Because we don't always use what you've given us

To the best of our ability,

Forgive us, God.

Because we are sometimes paralyzed:

By fear, by longing, by anger, by greed,

By ourselves, and by others.

Because we are sometimes paralyzing

Those who need to be set free...

Forgive us, God.

Forgive us God.

Show us your wisdom, we pray,

So that, next time, we might live into you.

Hear the prayers of our hearts, God.

(silent prayer)

For all those in need,

We ask your blessing.

For all those in fear,

We ask your blessing.

For all those who have nowhere to turn,

We ask your blessing.

And more than that...

We ask that we might be your blessing to them,

Using our gifts as individuals and as a community,

That you have freely given,

To share your love with all.

Thank you, loving God.

Thank you, loving God.

Amen!

***Hymn:** You Nourish Us VU 545

***Grace:**

***Parting Song:** Sent Out in Jesus' Name MV 212

Sent out in Jesus' name, or hands are ready now

to make the world the place in which the kin-dom comes. (Repeat)

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain

into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

Postlude: J. H. Schein - Allemande

Partners in Prayer: Grace Christian Fellowship

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Lion's Head-Pike Bay

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Joyce Keizerwaard, Isobel Glennie,
Barb Lynden, Peggie Dickie

March	Theme	Ministry
8	Lent 3	Marion
15	Lent 4	Open
22	Lent 5	Marion
29	Palm/Passion Sun.	Marion