

Melville United Church  
 Sunday, April 5, 2015  
 Easter Sunday



*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree & Jen Auger

**Prelude:** Improvisation

**Welcome & Announcements**

**The Lady Bug and the Caterpillar - Scene 1**

**Hymn:** In the Bulb There is a Flower

**VU 703**

**The Lady Bug and the Caterpillar - Scene 2**

**Hymn:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**VU 157**

**Call to Worship:**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

We come in joy, to celebrate that nothing

**- absolutely nothing -**

can separate us from God's love.

**Alleluia!**

**Opening Prayer:**

God of new life;

**breathe new life into us this day.**

Inspire us with confidence

**and open our hearts anew.**

Speak to us once more,

**that we might hear your voice.**

From the darkness of doubt

**guide us into the light of faith and love. Amen.**

**Good News!** Based on Mark 16:1-8



**Reflection:**

**\*Hymn:** Hey Now, Singing Hallelujah! MV 121

**Decorating the Cross:** (during the singing of the hymn)

**Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** J. M. Martin - Run, Mary, Run

**Offering Song:** I Am a New Creation

**I am a new creation**

**No more in condemnation**

**Here in the grace of God I stand.**

**My heart is overflowing**

**My love just keeps on growing**

**Here in the grace of God I stand.**

**And I will praise you, God.**

**Yes, I will praise you, God.**

**And I will sing of all that you have done.**

**A joy that knows no limit**

**a lightness in my spirit**

**Here in the grace of God I stand.**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

Ever-surprising God, the gathering of gifts reminds us of your eternal grace and creativity. May these resources be used wisely and abundantly to renew this world and its people. In the holy name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Joys & Concerns:**

**Hymn:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**VU 468**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Communion today will be served by intinction. At the appropriate time you will be invited to come forward to one of the stations. Take a piece of bread, move to the cup, dip your bread in the juice and then eat it.*

*Take the time you need and then return to your seat. If you have a mobility problem and are unable to come to the front let an usher know and you will be served in your seat.*

**Invitation:**

As we come to this table we are reminded that this is not the table of Melville United Church; nor is it the table of the United Church of Canada or any particular denomination. It is the table of Jesus the Christ, the family feast of the whole people of God. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith and long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour, are welcome here.

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God...

...we join in the song of a new day...

**O holy, holy, holy God,**

(MV 203)

**O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above**

**bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n**

**creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed in the One who comes**

**and bears your name always!**

**Words of Institution:**

...Remembering your boundless love for us as shown in Jesus, we sing of the mystery of faith:

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,** (MV 204)  
**Christ will come again!**  
**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again!**

At this time we also remember.....

.... and we sing together the prayer of Jesus.

**The Lord's Prayer:** (Sung) **VU 960**

We pray you, God of Love, send your Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we, and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to each other, and to all the world.

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!** (MV 205)  
**Hosanna and Amen!**  
**Amen, amen, O Holy One,**  
**Hosanna and Amen!**

**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life,

**whoever comes to me will never be hungry:**  
**whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

**Sharing of the Elements:**

The body of Christ - the bread of tomorrow.  
The blood of Christ - the cup of new life.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;**  
**that wine poured out replenishes;**  
**that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another is gift and grace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** Joy Comes with the Dawn

**VU 166**

**\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

The stone has been rolled away;

**the power of death is broken.**

The grave clothes have been abandoned;

**fear and hesitation are over.**

The Risen Christ fills us with hope

**and invites us to live fully.**

Go and share the joy of Easter.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Parting Song:** Melville Benediction

**Postlude:** J. S. Bach - Prelude in G Major

**Prayer of the Week:**

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for Christ has conquered death! Make all things new in our lives this day. Dwell in us, that we may proclaim to the world the good news of Easter Day. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Fergus

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Mount Hope-Case

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:**

David Gohn, Peggie Dickie,

Susan Barth, Ken McManus

<b>March</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Ministry</b>
5	Easter Sunday	Marion/Jen
12	1 <sup>st</sup> after Easter	Ruth Cooke
19	Earth Sunday	Mary Elliott
26	Camping Sunday	Mary Elliott