



Melville United Church  
 Sunday, June 14, 2015  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Prelude/Centering Time:** Improvisation

**Call to Worship:**

People of God, come to worship this day,

**We come, willing to look through the eyes of our hearts.**

Come to encounter God in new ways.

**We open our hearts to new revelations of faith.**

Come prepared to set aside preconceptions.

**We open ourselves to mystery and wonder.**

Come, let us worship together.

**\*Hymn:** All Things Bright and Beautiful

**VU 291**

**Opening Prayer:**

Come, Spirit, abide with us today;

**be our guide and wise counsel,**

be our advocate and our companion,

**be our reassurance.**

You lead us along new pathways and into new places.

**You reveal your nature and the nature of God to us.**

Come, Spirit, open the eyes of our hearts and hold us in your care.

**Amen.**

**Prayer for Inner Healing:**

**God, sometimes we are so adamant that our small piece of truth is all there is - that it is the whole truth. Sometimes in our certainty we are unwilling to open ourselves to other points of view or to things we, ourselves, have not experienced. Sometimes we are unwilling to do the work to look deeper and to consider that which is truth for others.**

**Forgive us, and expand our vision, our imaginations, our scope of**

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**belief to embrace the wonderful diversity within and around us that is all you. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

God does not look at outward appearances, God looks into the heart. In Christ there is no limit to grace, we are offered renewal and restitution in God's love.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Chorus:** Know That God is Good MV 104

**Know that God is good, know that God is good,**

**Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.** (Repeat)

**Theme Conversation:** A Surprise for Samuel (based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

**Hymn: Each Blade of Grass MV 37**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 20 VU 742**

(Trust in God)

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 4:26-34 (The Inclusive Bible, The First Egalitarian Edition)

(Parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed)

Jesus said further, "The reign of God is like this: a sower scatters seed on the ground, then goes to bed at night and gets up day after day.

Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without the sower knowing how it happens. The soil produces a crop by itself - first the blade, then the ear, and finally the ripe wheat in the ear. When the crop is ready, the sower wields the sickle, for the time is ripe for harvest."

Jesus went on to say, "What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil: it is the smallest of all the earth's seeds, yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade."

Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke the message to them, as much as they could understand. Everything was spoken in parables, but Jesus explained everything to the disciples later when they were alone.

**Reader:** Alison Rainford

**Reflection:**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (The Inclusive Bible, The First Egalitarian Edition)

(David is anointed king)

YHWH said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve for Saul since I rejected him as ruler of Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. For I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem, for I have chosen my ruler from among his children."

But Samuel replied, "How can I go? For if Saul learns about it, I will be murdered."

YHWH replied, "Take a heifer with you: I am sending you to Jesse. Tell him that you came to offer a sacrifice to YHWH, and invite Jesse to the sacrifice. Then I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me my selection."

Samuel did what YHWH said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met Samuel. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

Samuel said, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to YHWH. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his children and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, and Samuel saw Eliab, and said to himself, "Surely, God's anointed stands here before YHWH."

But YHWH said to Samuel, "Pay no attention to appearance and height; I have rejected him. YHWH does not see as mortals see; mortals see only appearances but YHWH sees into the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab to pass before Samuel, who said, "No. YHWH has not chosen this one."

Next came Shammah, but Samuel said, "Not this one either."

Seven sons were presented to Samuel by Jesse, who said, "YHWH has not chosen any of these."

Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse said, "but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until the lad arrives."

So they sent for the boy, a ruddy youth with bright eyes, and handsome to behold. YHWH said, "Rise and anoint this one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed the boy in the presence of his brothers, and from that day forward the Spirit of YHWH came upon David and was with him. Then Samuel set out on his way to Ramah.

**Reflection:**

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

**Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** Irish Blessing - I. W. Bevell

**Offering Song:** What Can I Do? **MV 191**

What can I do? What can I bring?  
 What can I say? What can I sing?  
 I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (Repeat)

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

God of seed and harvest,  
 God of grain and mustard seed,  
 God of roots and branches,  
 use our gifts as seeds that grow peace,  
 love and harmony throughout the world. Amen.

**Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude:** Spirit of Life **VU 381**  
 Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
 Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
 Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
 move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
 Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
 Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**Prayers of the People:**

**Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn:** To Show By Touch and Word **VU 427**

**\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

People of God, go from here with your hearts open.  
 We go, knowing our mysterious God lives in us.  
 Go with new awareness of the ways Spirit works through you.  
 We go with God. Amen!

**\*Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace Don Besig & Nancy Price  
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**  
**God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.**  
**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**  
**Know God will guide you in all you do.**  
**Go now in love, and show you believe.**  
**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**  
**God will be there within, around, above.**  
**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**  
**Amen, Amen, Amen**

**Postlude:** Voluntary in D - J. Stanley

**Prayer of the Week:**

Loving God, teach us to see with your eyes of compassion and wisdom, so that we may understand your will for our world. Help us to discover and hear those who may have been overlooked or ignored, and let us heed each other's voices as we seek your peace and justice in our lives. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** St. James Anglican Church, Fergus

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** St. James, Waterdown

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Diane Maloney, Joyce Keizerwaard,  
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**Counters:** Lara Johnston, Larry and Doreen Broome

June	Theme	Ministry
14th		Marion
21 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day All ages service/Outdoor Service	Jen
28th		Marion