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Melville United Church
Sunday, June 28, 2015
5th 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

Call to Worship:

Come to be touched with God's presence.

We will respond with worship that is joyful and free.

Come to be touched with God's presence.

We will listen to hear God's voice.

Come to be touched with God's presence.

We will be open to experience the power of Spirit.

Come, let us worship our God together.

***Hymn:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre

VU 374

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, Source of Life, you call us to deep involvement in the world, so today we come to strengthen our relationship to your Spirit. We come to experience the power of your love and to learn how best to be your people. Be with us. Let us feel your presence deep within our hearts. Let us hear you calling each of us and let us be filled with the power of your love. Amen.

Prayer for Inner Healing:

We search for a way that is faithful to your vision, O God.

Breathe your confidence into our uncertainty and lack of resolution.

We search for a way that is faithful to the Way of Jesus.

Breathe your faithfulness into our lack of trust and half-hearted discipleship.

We search for a way that secures us when we feel afraid.

Breathe reassurance into our moments of darkness, discouragement and fear.

We search for a way that makes a difference in the world, Holy Oneness.

Breathe your purpose into our frustration of “What can one person do?” Amen.

Words of Assurance:

In confidence we come before God.

To be affirmed, directed, encouraged.

In confidence we come into this community,

To deepen friendships and work together for good.

Working for God we will know the peace that comes from faithful living.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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: Celebrating Canada

Hymn: O Canada

VU 524

Minutes for Mission: Call to Action for Mission and Service- Do Justice

(United Church of Canada)

Ruth Sproule

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (The Message)

(Excel in generosity)

You do so well in so many things - you trust God, you're articulate, you're insightful, you're passionate, you love us - now, do your best in this, too.

I'm not trying to order you around against your will. But by bringing in the Macedonians' enthusiasm as a stimulus to your love, I am hoping to bring the best out of you. You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us - in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.

So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you started last year and not let those good intentions grow stale. Your heart's been in the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it. Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't. The heart regulates the hands. This isn't so others can take it easy while you sweat it out. No, you're shoulder to

shoulder with them all the way, your surplus matching their deficit, their surplus matching your deficit. In the end you come out even. As it is written,

Nothing left over to the one with the most,

Nothing lacking to the one with the least.

Reflection: Charity or Justice?

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21-43-as suggested by Gord Dunbar in Gathering, Pentecost 1, 2015, page 69

(Young girl raised & hemorrhaging woman healed)

Mark 5:21-24

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

All Sing: MV 136 -verse 1

**When hands reach out and fingers trace
the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.**

Mark 5:25-28

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.”

All Sing: MV 136 - verse 2

**When fingers spell and signs express
our prayer and praise and thankfulness,
we thank you, God, that hands can sing;
you bless the silent songs we bring.**

Mark 5:29-34

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

All sing: MV 136 - verse 3

**When broken bodies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our Friend.
In him, our healing can begin:
he welcomes all the wounded in.**

Mark 5:35-36

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But over-hearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

All Sing: MV 136 - verse 4

**And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned
you love's a gift, and never earned.**

Mark 5:37-40

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

All Sing: MV 136 - verse 5

**Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
your able, strong community.**

***Hymn:** God of the Bible **MV 28**

Offering:

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:**

**From the richness of this country called Canada we, as its citizens,
benefit. Now from the bounty that we have been blessed with
individually, we share. May our offerings and gifts be used to help
bring hope and opportunity to those who don't yet have access to the
riches we enjoy. Holy Oneness, may our lives reflect your love and
our gifts reflect our willingness to be of service. 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:

***Song: This Land is Your Land** (Canadian Lyrics by The Travellers)

**This land is your land, This land is my land,
From Bonavista, to Vancouver Island
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,
This land was made for you and me.**

**As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.**

**This land is your land, this land is my land,
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island;
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,
This land was made for you and me.**

**The sun came shining, and I was strolling,
The fir clad forests of our mighty mountains;
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,
This land was made for you and me.**

**This land is your land, this land is my land,
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island;
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,
This land was made for you and me.**

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

We are the people of God,

**we are called to take the risky journey
of loving the world and its people as God loves us
- intentionally and steadfastly.**

Go from here strengthened in the knowledge
that God's spirit travels with you always, and into all places.

We go with God. Amen!

***Parting Song: Go Now In Peace**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every 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 around, within, above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude

Prayer of the Week:

God of holy reach and saving grace, spur us to seek healing and community. Help us to do so for ourselves, in those places that break us down or keep us at arm's length. Help us to do so for others, who wait on a word or touch that makes us whole and restores. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Grand River Community Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: St. Paul's, Dundas

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Lorna Ziegler, Joan and John Cuming

Counters: Ruth Sproule, Art Russell