

Melville United Church
Sunday, October 11, 2015
Thanksgiving Service



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* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Jen Auger and Robin Osborne

Reflection: Having true friends reveals two contrasting effects;
it doubles our joys and halves our griefs Francis Bacon

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Improvisation

Candle-lighting: (unison)

**In this flame we witness the power
of transformation**

Awed again by the wonder of life

We are grateful to be vital to this living universe

An inspired community

Introit:

This little light of mine,

I'm gonna let it shine

this little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine

this little light of mine

I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Call to Worship:

This is the day that God has made

No matter what's happening in our lives,

We thank God for life, for loving family, friends and for this day!

Let us open to the Spirit that brings us new energy, new life
and new beginnings.

Hymn: VU 520 We Plough the Fields and Scatter.

Scripture Reading**1Cor 12:1,4-7,11-13**

Now brothers and sisters, there are a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries but we serve the same one. There is a variety of outcomes but the same God is working in all of them. To each person-in all the world-- is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. It is one and the same Spirit who produces all of these gifts and distributes them as she wills. The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts though many they are-comprise a single body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit. And that body is not one part but many.

Drama "Community Potpie"-with thanks to the Melville Players

Reflection: From Me To We

Scripture Reading**James 1:2-6a**

Think of it as pure joy, my sisters and brothers, whenever you face trials of any sort. You understand that your faith is put to the test only to make you patient, and patience has its practical results-it is to make you fully mature and lacking in nothing. If you lack wisdom, ask for it from God, who gives generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But you must ask in faith and never doubting

Reader: David Gohn

Song : "Grateful" with thanks to Kids Church

Reflection *(Please complete leaves for our Thanksgiving Tree)*

Offering

Offering Hymn: For the Gift of Creation VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live;
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we bring.**

Offertory Prayer

Use our loaves and fishes, O God, of time and talent and money to spread love, bread and justice in our hurting world.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the people

Jesus' prayer

Hymn VU 820 **Make a Joyful Noise**

Blessing and Au revoir to Jen

Sending and Blessing (unison)

We gathered to light this candle-lighting

We part, the flame light within us,

An inspired community.

***Parting Song:** We Will Go With God MV 223

We will go with God, my sisters!

We will go with God!

We will go with God, my brothers!

We will go with God!

On this day of great joy, we will go with God.

On this day of great joy, we will go with God. (Repeat)

Postlude: J. S. Bach - Now Thank We All Our God

Partners in Prayer: Centre Wellington Foodbank

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Canfield

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: David Gohn, Isobel Glennie,
Linda and Norm Porritt

Counters: Ruth Sproule, Lorna Bevcar