

**Melville United Church**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2015**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



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

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Stewardship Skit**

**Sharing the Light**

**Prelude/Centering Time:** Improvisation

**Call to Worship:**

Come and experience the presence of God.

**Here we seek to be inspired for the week ahead.**

Come, gather together to sense the power of the Spirit,

**Here we gather to find the truth of Christ for our lives.**

Come to seek and share wisdom for living.

**Here we can be ourselves and share our faith.**

Come, people of God, let us worship together.

**Hymn:** Come, Let Us Sing

**VU 222**

**Opening Prayer:**

Centre us in this space, Holy Presence.

**Draw us entirely here.**

Position our bodies. Focus our minds.

**Cause us to drop our burdens**

**that we might be open to your Spirit.**

Centre us in this space, Source of Life,

**and open the eyes of our hearts that we may see you more clearly.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer for Inner Healing:**

Oh blessed Creator, we come this day with open arms,

**ready to embrace your presence in our lives.**

We come with open minds,

**ready to learn more of your ways.**

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We come with a yearning to know you more closely.

**But so often we get in our own way.**

Forgive us when we are blinded by our own wants and needs

**or when we think our cries for help go unheard**

**because outcomes are not what we think they should be.**

Open our eyes that we may see.

**Open us to your ways of peace and love. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Taste and see that God is good. Know that, however silent or however loud our cries to God - in praise, in confession, in anger, in wonder - God hears us and God responds. Take heart for Christ is calling us to healing and hope.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Chorus:** I Praise You, O God

MV 61

**I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.**

**With all the earth I will sing your praises.**

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**Theme Conversation:**

**Minute for Mission:**

Martha Duncan

**Hymn:** May the Words of My Mouth (Psalm 19)

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 34

**VU 761-762**

(Taste and see that God is good)

**Scripture:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)

(Job's fortunes are restored)

Then Job answered God:

I know that you can do all things:

you have only to think something, and it is done.

"Who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?" You asked.

That was me. I've been spouting off about things I can't understand, about wonders beyond my experience and my knowledge. "Listen now;

and I will speak; I will ask the questions and *you* will answer *me!*" You said.

Formerly I knew you only by word of mouth, but now I see you with my own eyes. And so I now take back all that I said, and repent in dust and ashes.

After Job had prayed for his friends, YHWH restored Job's prosperity, blessing him with twice as much as he had before. Then all his sisters and brothers and everyone who had known him before visited Job and sat down and dined with him. They sympathized with him and comforted Job for all the evil YHWH had heaped upon him. Each of them gave Job a piece of silver and a gold ring. YHWH blessed Job's latter days even more than his former life: he came to own 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 donkeys.

He also went on to have three daughters and seven sons. He named the daughters Jemimah, Keziah and Kerenhappuch. In all the land there were no women as esteemed as the daughters of Job. And Job gave his daughters and sons equal shares of his inheritance.

After this Job lived on to the age of 140 years, and he saw his children and his children's children up to the fourth generation. And when Job died, he was old and full of days.

**Scripture:** Mark 10: 46-52 (the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)

(The healing of Bartimaeus)

They came to Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho with the disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus ben-Timaeus was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, "Heir of David, Jesus, have pity on me!"

Many people scolded him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the louder, "Heir of David, have pity on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here."

So they called the blind man. "Don't be afraid," they said. "Get up; Jesus is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus jumped up and went to Jesus.

Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Master," the blind man said, "I want to see."

Jesus replied, "Go, your faith has saved you." And immediately Bartimaeus received the gift of sight and began to follow Jesus along the road.

**Message:** I Want to See

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

**Offering:**

**Ministry of Music:** I Thank You, Lord - J. M. Martin

**Offering Hymn:** Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving **MV 185**

**Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
God, you've been so good to me.  
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.  
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.  
I will glorify you, O my God, today!**

**You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.  
You opened the door that I might see, you're blessing me.  
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.  
I will glorify you, O my God, today!**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**We know that you hear us, Gracious God, and that in your love you answer. You call people to freedom, to justice, and to new life. Take the gifts we offer; use them and us to further your work in our world, that we might do what we can to encourage freedom, and justice, and new life. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude:** Day After Day **MV 123**

**Day after day, night after night,  
you speak through everything.**

**Day after day, night after night,  
you speak through everything.**

**Prayers of the People:**

**Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn:** Go to the World **VU 420**

**\*Blessing:**

Open your eyes; rejoice in the glory of God's creation!

**We will taste and see the goodness of our God!**

Open your eyes; rejoice in the joy of family and friends!

**We will taste and see the goodness of our God!**

Open your eyes; rejoice in the challenge of the week that lies ahead.

**We will taste and see the goodness of our God!**

Open your heart; rejoice in the Spirit of God that goes with you!

**We go now to seek God in the world. Amen!**

**\*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:**

**Prayer of the Week:**

God, when others cry out, help us to listen and not turn them away.

When their cries are to us, give us the strength and courage to respond on your behalf. When we cry out to you, help us to listen then, too and rejoice in the answers you give. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** St. John's Anglican Church, Elora

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**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

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Lynne Lamb, Dorothy Collin  
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