

Melville United Church
Sunday, November 8, 2015
Remembrance Sunday



** 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:

Come into this house of God!

We come to worship God!

Bring your stories and your heartaches,
your hopes and your questions.

We come to worship God!

Know that this is a safe place for all people.

We have come to worship God!

So, let us worship God together.

Hymn: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

VU 260

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

Gracious and holy God,

we come before you in praise and remembrance.

Be with us today, in our heads and in our understanding,

in our mouths and in our speaking,

in our hearts and in our actions.

We remember all who have served you

and now rest in your everlasting arms.

And we remember the horrors of war, past and present:

the holocaust and terror,

the death and destruction.

For those qualities in us that make war possible,

for times when we have not sought justice or peace,

for times when we have deadened our spirits to the suffering of others,

forgive us, we pray. Amen

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Words of Assurance:

God is always with us.

In every corner of this earth,
in every town and village torn apart by war;
in every home where our loved ones are remembered,
God is present, God is active,
God is working to heal and restore and bring about God's age of peace.

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.**

**I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.
With all the earth I will sing your praises.**

Theme Conversation:**Service of Remembrance**

*Please remain standing as you are able throughout the service of
Remembrance.*

***Hymn:** O Canada VU 524

A Litany of Praise and Remembrance, based on Psalms 46 and 90

**Sung: O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home.**

Spoken:

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should tremble
and the mountains tumble and slide into the sea,
though the waters foam and rage,
and mountains shake at their surging.
The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Israel is our refuge.

**Sung: Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

Spoken:

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.
God is in its midst; it stands firm;
God will help us at the break of day.
Even if the nations are in chaos, and kingdoms fall,
God's voice resounds; the earth melts away.
The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Israel is our refuge.

**Sung: Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thy arm alone
and our defense is sure.**

Spoken:

Come and see what God has done,
the wonders wrought upon the earth.
All over the world, God makes wars to cease -
**breaking bows, splintering spears,
burning the chariots with fire!**
God says: "Be still and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations, exalted upon the earth."
The Lord of Hosts is with us:
the God of Israel is our refuge.

**Sung: A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.**

***Reading of the Roll Call:** Lloyd Ross

***Taps:** Kaillie Rawn

***Silence:**

***Reveille:** Kaillie Rawn

***Prayer:**

Remembering the generations who have gone before us,

we come gratefully to this place of peace to worship freely.

Remembering the many who gave their lives so that we might be free,

we come gratefully to this hour of peace to worship without fear.

Remembering all who have suffered loss and grief in the name of war,

we come gratefully to this service of peace to honour and remember.

May Jesus's example of how to live in peace become the norm throughout the world.

May it be so. Amen.

Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **VU 684**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 127 **VU 851**
(Unless God Builds the House)

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition) (Ruth marries Boaz and restores the family line)

One day, Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, it's my duty to ensure your security and fulfillment, and make sure you are provided for. And Boaz, whose workers you have been following, is our closest relative. Tonight he'll be winnowing grain on the threshing floor. Wash up and put on perfume and dress in your finest clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor. But don't let him know you're there until he has finished eating and drinking.

When he goes to sleep, watch to see where he lies down. Then go and 'uncover his feet' and lie down with him. He'll tell you what to do next."

Ruth replied, "I will do as you tell me."

So Ruth and Boaz were married. And from their union, YHWH enabled Ruth to conceive and she gave birth to a child. Then the women of the village said to Naomi,

"Praise be YHWH, who has not abandoned you but provided you with yet another redeemer! May the child's name be remembered through all of Israel - and give you renewed life and support you when you are old! For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and has proven better than seven of your own children could ever have been, has given birth to him."

Naomi took the child into her lap and she became his caretaker. And Naomi's neighbours named the child, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi; we will call him Obed." And Obed became the father of Jesse - and Jesse the father of David.

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44 (The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition) (The widow offers two small coins)

In his teaching, Jesus said, "Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.

Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, "The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had - all she had to live on."

Message:

Hymn: Give Thanks for Life **VU 706**

Offering:

Ministry of Music: Anthem - Do Not Be Afraid - L. Larson

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:**

Our gifts seem so insignificant against the needs of the world.
 Our selves seem so powerless against the conflicts of the planet,
 yet still you call us into witness and service.
 Bless us and the gifts we offer,
 that we may fulfill your mission for all creation. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

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

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

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 you speak through everything.

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** Take My Life and Let It Be **VU 506**

***Blessing:**

Go, now, into the world in peace.

We go into the places God has given us responsibility.

Go to love and serve all God's children.

We go to do justice and work for God's peace.

Go, knowing that God - Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit -
 is with you until the end of time.

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: J. S. Bach - Prelude in G

Prayer of the Week:

God of all the small things, may those without voice be championed,
 those without hope be comforted, those without faith be uplifted. May
 we be rich in courage as we confront the greed that leads to oppression.
 May we be rich in compassion as we lament with the broken hearted.
 Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Bethel Baptist Church, Fergus

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Eden, Mississauga

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

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