

Melville United Church
Sunday, January 31, 2016
4th Sunday of Epiphany



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Rev. Robin Osborne

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time: "Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

We give thanks to the God of great imagination
who loves diversity

**And we sing praise to God who has created the diversity of our
humanity!**

Come, let us pray to that One.

Opening Prayer (unison)

**O God, sometimes you take our breath away-not so much out of
wonder but shock. We find you with ones we didn't expect. You do
what we would not have chosen. Move our lives to join you on the
edge, where holy love stretches out with grace**

Amen

***Hymn: VU# 372 Though I may Speak**

Prayer for Inner Healing

Right: Sometimes we're scared. O God.

Left; Other times we just don't know what to do.

Right: Most of the time we give into our own wants

Left: even when we know you have greater plans for us

Right: We don't trust the risky path of greater compassion

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**All: Show us your way, O God, that we may follow you
faithfully, even when you lead us to the edge;
to the place of ends and new beginnings
to a place where the world tells us we should not go.**

Words of Assurance

Chorus: I Am the Light of the World (refrain) **VU 87**

"I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!"

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be. (Repeat)**

Theme Conversation: The Skin I'm In

Hymn: MV# 92 Like a Rock

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

5 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

6 Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am
only a boy.'

7 But the Lord said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

8 Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord.'

9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord
said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant.'

Psalm 71 (VU #789 1-6 responsively)

Reader: Edith Hons

Luke 4:21-30

21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled
in your hearing.' 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the
gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this

Joseph's son?' 23 He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this
proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your
home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."'

24 And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's
home town. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the
time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six
months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah

was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet

Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.'

28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.
29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of
the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off
the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his
way.

Meditation: Ministry on the Edge

***Hymn:** MV# 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Offering:

Ministry of Music: J. Althouse - Lord I Stretch My Hands

Offering Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old (vs 3) **VU 81**

As they offered gifts most rare

at that manger crude and bare,

so may we with holy joy,

pure and free from sin's alloy,

all our costliest treasures bring,

Christ, to you, our new born king.

Offertory Prayer*Amen**

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Prelude: And When You Call for Me MV 96**And when you call for me, I have already answered.****And when you call for me, I am already there.** (Repeat)**Prayers of the People****Prayer of Jesus*****Hymn:** VU# 589 Lord, Speak to Me***Blessing**

God's call drives us to the edge

to places of hurting; to places of need.

As we take a step towards care, we find hope and help because we are not alone.

God goes with us

We are not alone

Thanks be to God!***Parting Song:** Go, Tell It on the Mountain - refrain VU 43**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.****Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.** (Repeat)**Postlude:** "Hymn to Freedom" by Oscar Peterson**Partners in Prayer:** St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, Fergus**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Lucknow**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford**Welcomers:**Karen Smillie, Elizabeth Stintson,
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