

Melville United Church

February 7, 2016

Transfiguration Sunday

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today; Rev. Robin Osborne



Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time: Improvisation

Call to worship

Let us glorify God on mountaintops

Praise God

Let us glorify God in deep valleys.

Praise God!

Let us glorify God in times of hope.

Praise God!

Let us glorify God in times of despair.

Praise God.

In all things, in all times, in all places:

Let us praise our God

Come, let us worship.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn: VU# 820** Make a Joyful Noise

Prayer for Inner Healing

One: Mountaintops can be exhilarating places, where we look out and see the world in new ways.

Two: Mountaintops can be lonely places-cold and desolate.

One: Sometimes we choose to stay on a mountaintop, separate from others, unwilling to face the 'real' world.

Two: But sometimes, we find ourselves drawn back to valleys, to city streets, to places that can be invigorating, to places that can be threatening and overwhelming

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One: sometimes we go up mountains

Two: or into valleys, or cities, or homes, or shops, or playgrounds-

One: to avoid God,

Two: Other times we want to be alone with our thoughts, and finally alone with God.

One: Sometimes we want to run away, to escape, to leave our pain behind, to hide.

Two: In those times find us, O Tender One

One: Remind us that we need never run from you.

One: Help us celebrate your presence-

Two: in loud times and quiet times. Amen

Words of Assurance

One: St Paul writes, "This is why we don't get discouraged, as we receive this ministry, we receive God's mercy

Two: Know, friends, that God has called you, that God equips you, and that God is glorified when we are fully alive!

Thanks Be to God!

Amen

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:

Hymn: MV# 51 Yahweh Be Praised

Scriptures

Introduction

Rev. Robin Osborne

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Psalms 99 (a responsive paraphrase by James Taylor)

Like a halo of holiness, the spirit of God envelops the earth.

In the deep stillness of space, God's spirit gives life;

let us acknowledge our own tiny reality.

In the emptiness of infinity, God's spirit creates life

let us acknowledge our interdependence.

Look up if you would see God;

raise your sight beyond repetitive routines.

Woe to you if you attempt to assume God's place

Instead joyously fling yourself face down on the earth in wonder

before the Creator of all.

Almighty God, with mercy forgiveness and fresh starts, you love to do right

In your dealings with creation, you are justice and mercy combined.

We humans are humbled by your greatness.

In awe, we love and kiss the earth from which you fashioned us

you are holiness itself.

The humus holds the recycled cells

of those who came this way before us.

Step by step, they searched for you, until you found them.

By pillar of air and by whispering breeze,

by bonfire and whirlwind, by prophecy and parable,

you showed them your way.

Because they tried to follow you,

you forgave them their failings.

So come, --pledge allegiance to God!

Gather at the foot of the mountain,

where even the rocks reach up towards our God

God, you are holiness itself.

Reader: Barb Gregory

Luke 4:28-43

Meditation: Fully Alive

***Hymn VU# 245** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Offering

Ministry of Music: L. Deshazo - More Precious Than Silver

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**

We are called not to preserve God, but to find God in the places of pain.
We respond to that ever-changing, ever-challenging Presence with gifts
that make ministry possible.

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# 374** Come and Find the Quiet Centre

***Blessing**

Go into the world as people touched by the Spirit

We go into the challenge of living as Christ's disciples

Go into the world as people with clear mission

We go into the work of God's call to healing

Go into the world as people Spirit-led

We go down into the world's wounds,

fearless channels of God's healing and wholeness

***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: A. Campra - Rigaudon

Partners in Prayer: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Elora

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Maple Grove, Oakville

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