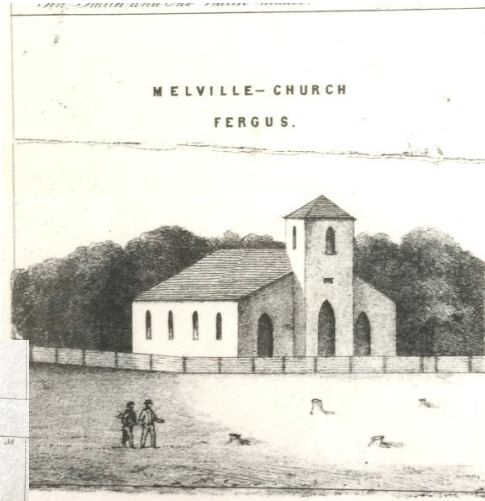


**Melville United Church
Sunday, May 1, 2016
171st Anniversary Sunday**



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Rev. Valerie Pitt

Welcome /Life & Work of the Church

Sharing the Light

Prelude: A Simple Song - by Leonard Bernstein (from his "Mass")

Sung by Laura Halls

Call to Worship:

Peace be with you

And also with you.

We gather in the name of the One who calls us to peace and justice.

We come to give thanks for the Spirit that draws us together

For the fresh breeze of spring, the rain that nourishes new life,
the warmth of the sun that gives health to our living.

And the faith that reminds us of the precious gift of life.

Come, let us worship the Creator.

***Hymn:** River MV 3

Opening Prayer: (together)

Loving God,

On this Anniversary Sunday we celebrate the history of your church.

We celebrate as well the people of Melville United and their faithful commitment to follow you.

May we be thankful for the past,

Acutely aware of this present moment,

And open to sharing Christ's love and justice into the future.

Amen.

Prayer of Reminder:

A new day has dawned. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is a day to open ourselves to your creative spirit and to listen for your word.

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You have given us the gift of a living community at Melville United Church. A place where we don't always agree but we do agree to treat one another with respect and concern. Those who have gone before us have left a heritage of faith and action as they listened to your call to love others as we love ourselves. May we continue to follow this call, responding to the cries of our neighbor and of your global family. Remind us we pray to reach out with compassion and to love as you would have us love. In the name of Jesus our brother. Amen.

Assurance: (together)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. “

The grace of God's love can transform us and our church.

This love goes far beyond all we could ask or imagine.

Trust in love, live in hope, know peace and joy. Amen.

(paraphrase by David Sparks)

Chorus: Halle, Halle, Halle **VU 958**

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Theme Conversation:

Song: Every Move I Make

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 67 May God be gracious to us and bless us...

John 14: 23-29 Do Not Let your Hearts be troubled

²³Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will

teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Solo: Morning Has Broken - Music (traditional Gaelic melody),
lyrics by Eleanor Farjeon - Sung by Laura Halls

Reflection: “Who's paddling your canoe?”

Rev. Valerie Pitt

Hymn: Come Touch Our Hearts **MV 12**

Invitation to Offering:

Ministry of Music: A. Pote - Called by the Spirit

***Offering Hymn:** What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (Repeat)

***Offering Prayer:** (together)

Holy One, we remember with joy all that we have been given. We bring these gifts to be blessed by you. That they may bring peace, hope, love and justice in your world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Nothing Can Trouble **VU 290**

Nothing can trouble. Nothing can frighten.

Those who love God will never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble. Nothing can frighten.

God alone fills us. (Repeat)

Prayers of the People:**The Prayer of Jesus:*****Hymn:** Great is Thy Faithfulness **VU 288*****Sending & Blessing:*****Parting Song:** Melville Benediction

**Let's go out from here and take our place,
Respect creation, sharing all God's grace.
Treasure the past and things we have done,
Open our minds to new things yet to come.**

God will be with us within, around, above,

**Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!
Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!**

Postlude: A Gaelic Blessing - Music and lyrics by John Rutter.

Sung by Laura Halls

Partners in Prayer: Elora/Bethany Pastoral Charge**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Saugeen**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford**Welcomers:** Diane Maloney, Karen Smillie,
David Gohn**Counters:** Art Russell