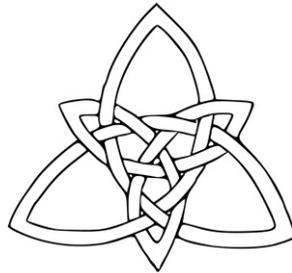
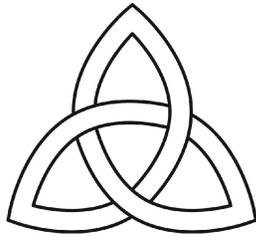


Melville United Church  
Sunday, May 22, 2016  
Trinity Sunday




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

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship:**

Listen! Wisdom is calling from the open places in our lives.  
Listen! Wisdom is calling to all people that live.  
Listen! Wisdom is calling to all of creation.  
Listen! Hear Wisdom's call for deep understanding.  
Wonder at human frailty and experience the grace of truth.  
Come, brothers and sisters, let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy

**VU 315**

**Opening Prayer:**

Creator of all life,  
Wisdom from before the beginning of the world,  
Spirit that delights in truth be present with us today.

**Deepen our capacity to listen for the voice  
that invites us into greater understanding of who we are  
and guides us into life in all its fullness,  
with peace that disturbs our complacency,  
hope that opens creativity,  
and love that delights in the whole world. Amen.**

**Prayer for Inner Healing:**

The Holy One, Trinity of creativity, wisdom and delight,  
**calls us into a deeper understanding of all that is true,**  
and invites us into a sense of awe, wonder and delight-filled love  
**for the whole human race, the world, and all within it.**

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Yet we are so often preoccupied with our own perceived needs  
**that we do not see or hear beyond the superficial.**

We damage Earth, destroy environments, and create divisions  
 that breed hatreds, kill relationships,  
**and harm generation after generation  
 of all creatures and species  
 who share this beautiful and life-giving planet.**

When we listen to the call of Wisdom and the voice of understanding  
**we discover a heart beating with love,**  
 breath that seeks peace,  
**and thoughts that guide toward hope for the future. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Wisdom delights in the human race.  
 The Spirit leads us into all truth,  
 and we share in the glory of God.

**God's love has been poured into our hearts  
 and we have been given the Spirit who delights in the truth.  
 Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Chorus:** Dance with the Spirit **MV 156**

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
 walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
 Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
 listen to the Spirit to show you the way. (repeat)**

**Theme Conversation:**

**Hymn:** Like a Rock *(Sing twice)* **MV 92**

**Minute for Mission:**

**Scripture:** John 16:12-15 *(the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)*  
*(The Spirit of truth)*

I have much more to tell you, but you can't bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won't speak on her own initiative; rather, she'll speak only what she hears, and she'll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the

Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you.

Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 8 *(a paraphrase by James Taylor, Everyday Psalms, pg 15)* *(Awe and wonder)*

My God, my God, how wonderful you are!

**There is nothing like you in the whole earth.**

I look up to the skies, and I see you there;

**babies and infants open their mouths,  
 and I hear them cry your name.**

Compared to you, our weapons, our bombs,  
 our power to destroy, dwindle into insignificance.

**On a starry night, with your glory splashed across the skies,  
 I gaze into the infinite ends of your universe,  
 and I wonder: who am I?**

Why do I matter? Why do you care about me?

**We humans are less than specks of dust in your universe.**

Our time frame shorter than a second in the great clock of creation.

**Yet you have adopted us.**

You share the secrets of the universe with us.

**You give us a special place in your family;**

you trust us to look after the earth, on your behalf -

**to look after not just the sheep and oxen,**

but also the wolves that prey on them;

**to care for the birds, the plants, and even creatures**

**we have never seen in the depths of the sea.**

My God, my God!

**How amazing you are!**

**Scripture:** Proverbs 8:1-17, 22-31 *(the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)* *(Wisdom calls)*

Doesn't Wisdom call? Doesn't Understanding raise her voice? On the hills along the road, at the crossroads, she takes her stand; beside the city gates of the town, in the gates themselves, she cries out, "women

and men, people everywhere, I'm calling out to you! I cry out to all of humankind!

You who are simple, learn how to make sound judgments! To the foolish among you, use your common sense! Listen closely, for what I say is worth hearing, and I will tell you what is right; for my mouth will speak the truth, and my lips hate to lie.

Everything I say is right; none of it is twisted or crooked. All of it is plain-spoken to those who understand, clear to those seeking knowledge.

Accept my lessons in place of silver, and knowledge in place of gold; for wisdom out-sparkles jewelry; anything you desire cannot compare to her.

I, Wisdom, am the habitat of sound judgment, the source of clear thinking. To revere YHWH is to abhor evil. I despise pride and arrogance, corrupt behaviour and deceptive words. I have good counsel and sound judgment; I have understanding and power as well.

Rulers reign because of me, and administrators issue just judgments. Because of me governors govern well, and the noble apply justice. I love those who love me; and those who seek me out zealously find me.

YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning, before the first acts of creation. I have been from everlasting, in the beginning, before the world began. Before the deep seas, I was brought forth, before there were fountains or springs of water; before the mountains erupted up into place, before the hills, I was born - before God created the earth or its fields, or even the first clods of dirt.

I was there when the Almighty created the heavens, and set the horizon just above the ocean, set the clouds in the sky, and established the springs of the deep, gave the seas their boundaries and set their limits at the shoreline.

When the foundation of the earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty. I was God's delight day after day, rejoicing at being in God's presence continually, rejoicing in the whole world and delighting in humankind."

**Message:** Wisdom is Calling

**\*Hymn:** Who Comes from God - Wisdom 7 **VU 892**

**Offering:**

Ministry of Music: **VU 942** Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus and Benedictus*)

**\*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)**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**The gifts that we share are expressions of our participation in the creativity,**

**wisdom, and delight that is at the core of the world. May all that we are and all that we offer lead to the peace, hope, and love of truth and reconciliation that bring fullness of life for all. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns:**

**Prayer Prelude:** Spirit of the Living God -vs 1 **VU 376**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Prayers of the People:** (beginning with "Walking with Wisdom" - Bruce Sanguin - If Darwin Prayed - pg 177.

**The Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn:** Amazing Grace vs 1,2,3,5 **VU 266**

**\*Blessing:**

Wisdom delights in the human race.

The Spirit will lead us into all truth.

The Creator entrusts people to care

for Earth and all within.

**We will listen for the voice of Wisdom.**

**We will join in the creativity that brings life.**

**We will heed the deeper understanding of truth.**

The One: Creator, Wisdom, Spirit

guides us into fullness of life for the world.

**Amen!**

**\*Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace

**Postlude:**

**Prayer of the Week:**

Eternal Presence, mysterious and intimate, thank you for delighting in our humanity, for bothering to care for us and the world enough to enter our experience, to understand us from the inside out and to still consider us worthy of guiding us into truth. May we learn your wise ways and delight with you in your whole creation. Amen.

**Partners in Prayer:** Centre Wellington Food Bank

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Southwest Norfolk

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Lynne Lamb, Barb Lynden,  
Isobel Glennie, Mary Lloyd

**Counters:** Ken McManus, Eleanor Johnston