

Melville United Church
Sunday, May 29, 2016
2nd Sunday after Pentecost



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Rev. Marion Loree

Prelude: Improvisation

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

Heaven and earth are here.

The whole universe is full of the music of God.

We can hear the harmony at the heart of life.

When we listen carefully we can hear the song.

God is here.

In unexpected ways and unexpected places

in the normal and familiar,

the melody of God plays through the whole of life and in all creation.

Here we listen.

Here we come to worship.

***Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You **VU 232**

Opening Prayer:

God of earth and all creation,

we are in awe of the wonderful sounds that surround us.

As we hear your melody through all these sounds,

we are aware that you call us to listen carefully

for the new song that we are to sing

in harmony with all that is good.

We rejoice that we are creators too,

and we seek to honour all that is good and true.

We seek to be just and beautiful in all that we are,

and to reveal your love and life at work in us.

Amen.

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Prayer for Inner Healing:

God of communication and caring,
you listen better than we ever could.

You hear our every sour note.

You hear whenever we drop the tune.

You hear our attempts at harmony.

You hear the discord when we forget to listen to you.

Fine tune us, Singer of love songs

let us be your instruments of love and harmony.

Let us raise our voices to sing a new song to you.

Let our lives be a symphony

of good works and loving thoughts. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God listens and God hears and the melody of Gods grace plays through
the core of our lives when our song comes from the heart.

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: Over My Head MV 88

Scripture: 1 King 18:20-21, 30-39 (the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)

(Elijah triumphs over priests of Baal)

So Ahab sent messengers throughout the length and breadth of Israel
and had the prophets assemble on Mount Carmel.

Elijah stepped forward towards all the people there, saying, "How long
will you sit on the fence? If YHWH is God, follow God; but if Ba'al is God,
then follow Ba'al." No one said a word.

Then Elijah said to the people, "Come here to me." They came to him,
and he repaired the alter of YHWH, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve

stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, whom YHWH
had told, "Your name will be Israel." With these stones he built an altar
in the name of YHWH, and he dug a trench around it large enough to
hold two measures of seed; he arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and
laid it on the wood.

Then he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the whole
offering and on the wood." This they did, and he said, "Do it again."
They did it again. He said, "Do it a third time." They did it a third time,
and the water ran all around the altar and even filled the trench.

At the hour of the regular offering, the prophet Elijah came forward
and prayed, "YHWH, God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebecca, of
Israel and Rachel and Leah, prove today that you are God in Israel and
that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.
Answer me, YHWH, answer me and let this people know that you, YHWH,
are God, and that it is you who turned their hearts back to you." Then
fire from YHWH fell from the heavens, consuming the whole offering, the
wood, the stones, and the dirt, and licking up the water in the trench.

At this sight, the people fell face down on the ground, crying, "YHWH is
God! YHWH is God!"

Scripture: Galatians 1:1-12 (the Inclusive Bible-The First Egalitarian Edition)

(There is only one gospel)

From Paul, appointed to be an apostle, not through human agency but
through Jesus Christ, and through Abba God, who raised Christ from the
dead - and from all the sisters and brothers who are here with us, to the
churches of Galatia:

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and our Saviour Jesus
Christ, whose self-sacrifice for our sins rescued us from this present
wicked world, in accordance with the will of our God and Creator, to
whom be the glory forever and ever!

I am astonished that you have so soon turned away from the One who
called you by the grace of Christ, and have turned to a different gospel -
one which is really not "Good news" at all. Some who wish to alter the
Good News of Christ must have confused you. For if we - or even angels
from heaven -should preach to you a different gospel, one not in accord
with the gospel we delivered to you, let us - or them - be cursed! We've
said it before and I'll say it again: if any preach a gospel to you that is
contrary to the one you received, let them be cursed!

Who am I trying to please now - people or God? Is it human approval I am seeking? If I still wanted that, I wouldn't be what I am - a servant of Christ! I assure you, my sisters and brothers; the gospel I proclaim to you is no mere human invention. I didn't receive it from any person, nor was I schooled in it. It came by revelation from Jesus Christ.

Reader: Allan Hons

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96 (from *Songs for the Holy One*, by T. Barnett and D. Patriquin) (Sing a new song)

Sing a new song to the Most High!

To the Holy One

let the whole world sing!

Sing and bless the Divine Name.

Day after day declare God's saving help.

Proclaim among the nations the holy splendour,
among all peoples the miraculous deeds.

Surely the Holy One is great, utterly worthy of praise,
terrifying to all other gods!

All gods of the nations are worthless idols.

It was the Holy One who made the heavens!

Splendour and majesty fill the holy Presence;
power and beauty adorn the Holy Sanctuary.

**Give honour to the Holy One, all races of the world,
acknowledge the glory and power.**

Honour God's glorious name,

Bring offerings; enter the holy courts.

Bow down to God in holy array;

let all earth dance before the Holy One.

Proclaim among the nations

that the Holy One reigns,

the one who established the unshakable world

and who judges the peoples fairly.

Let the heavens rejoice, the earth dance with joy!

Let the seas thunder, with all their inhabitants!

Let the plains exult, and everything in them!

Let the woodland trees shout in exaltation,

**in the presence of the Holy One, who is coming -
coming to judge the world.**

**God will judge the world with true justice,
its peoples with integrity.**

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May the heav - ens re - joice and the earth dance with joy!

Message: Singing a New Song

***Hymn:** He Came Singing Love VU 359

Offering:

Ministry of Music: S. Wexelberg - Work of Art

***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:**

May we open our hearts and lives to the song of God in the world,
and through the gifts we offer may the seeds of the song sprout in the
lives of all who are touched by what we do. 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:

The Prayer of Jesus: sung - VU 959

***Hymn:** When In Our Music VU 533

***Blessing:**

May God, who made the sun and the moon light your path.

May God, who made the earth and the sea make fruitful your days.

May God, who is the source of our music keep your heart singing.

Amen!

***Parting Song:** Melville Benediction

Postlude: E. Elgar - Nimrod

Prayer of the Week:

As we rush from one activity to another, we are in danger of forgetting the wonder and wisdom at the core of the universe and the source of our lives in the way of Christ. May we tune our ears to the song of God. May seeds of the melody grow in and through us. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Centre Wellington Food Bank

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Southwest Norfolk

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

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