

**Melville United Church**

**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Ruth Cooke

**Prelude**

**Gathering:**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship:**

We give thanks, for God is gracious.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of God say so,

Those redeemed from trouble,

**Whom God gathered in from the lands,**

From the east and the west,

**From the north and the south.**

We thank you, God for your steadfast love,

For the wonders you do for us.

**We offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving,**

**And tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.**

Let us praise God together!

**\*Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" MV 1**



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**Opening Prayer:**

**We come before you this day, God, hungry for your word. Prepare our hearts like the deep rich soil into which the sower plants the seeds. Bless us, God, with joy as we receive your word and as we worship and praise you. May your love and understanding nurture us as we prepare to be your disciples. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession (Adapted from Psalm 107):**

O God, we come before you to confess that we have sometimes lost our way,

**Wandering in the desert wastes of endless consumer goods and an overabundance of food,**

**We find no place to settle;**

Hungry and thirsty, our souls faint within us.

**We cry to you, O God!**

Rescue us from our distress.

**Lead us by a straight path.**

Show us a place where we might all settle,

**A world where everyone has enough,**

**A world where we are not separated from one another or from you by material things.**

**(We contemplate in silence...)**

**Words of Assurance:**

God's steadfast love endures forever. God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things. Our spirits may find a place to settle in the abundant love of God.

**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:****Song/Hymn: "Simple Gifts" VU 353****Scripture: Col. 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Scripture: Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my

crops?" 18Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

**Message:** The Only Deadly Sin

**Hymn:** "The Lord's My Shepherd" VU 747

**Offering:**

**Offering Hymn:** What Can I Do? MV 191

**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)**

**Ministry of Music:**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**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:**

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

**Prayer of Jesus:**

**\*Hymn:** "Now Thank We All Our God" VU 236

**\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

Go forth in the power of the Spirit and be rich toward God:

Be bold against cruelty.

Accept no peace where there is oppression.

Work for justice, God's shalom and the common good.

Speak to the conscience of our nation and its institutions.

Heal what is broken and pray for others.

Hope and sing

until the whole creation sings the glad songs with which the world began.

**Amen!**

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

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there around, within, above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Postlude:**

**Partners in Prayer:** Elora Canadian Reformed Church

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Stamford Lane, Niagara  
Falls

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

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