

**Melville United Church**  
**Sunday, August 14, 2016**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**



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

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Jen Auger

**Prelude**

**Gathering:**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Sharing the Light**

**Call to Worship**

(from A Song of Faith, 2006)

We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe

**and a practice of opening ourselves**

to God's still, small voice of comfort,

**to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,

**in community and in solitude,**

God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

**We sing with trust.**

**Opening Hymn:** VU 357 (vs. 1,2,3) Tell Me The Stories of Jesus

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**Opening Prayer:**

God of community,

Through history and in the present,

**We have come once again to be with your people.**

Whatever our reason for being here,

**Speak to our hearts and souls.**

Speak to us of your call to be loving.

**Speak to us of your call to be a community to faith.**

Open our hearts to listen to familiar stories with fresh ears.

**Give us the courage and will to respond in faith.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer for Inner Healing & Assurance:**

**Jesus' stories stop us in our tracks**

**And help us to think what it means to live as God's faithful people,**

**And what it means, when we do not.**

Let us lift to God those "do not" moments in a moment of quiet reflection.

**Assurance**

Jesus shows us the way to truly live as God's people.

He invites us to follow, learn, and truly live, regardless of all of our "do not" moments.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Chorus:** Dance with the Spirit

**Readings & Songs:** "A Man Called Jesus" (adapted from A Joyful Path)

Part I (The early years): VU 17 (vs. 1, 3) O Ancient Love

Part II (Finding the "Realm of God"): MV 127 (vs. 1,2) I saw the Rich Ones

Part III (Teaching a New Way): VU 87 (vs. 2,4) I Am The Light of the World

Part IV (Practicing the Path): MV 133 (vs. 1,3,5) Jesus Laughed Out Loud

**Invitation to the Offering****Ministry of Music****Offering Response MV 191 What Can I Do?****Offertory Prayer**

Bless, O God, these offerings of time, talent and treasure,

For the building of the kin-dom that Jesus so passionately shared with us. Amen.

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer Prelude:** VU 376 Spirit of the Living God

**Prayers of the People, Prayer of Jesus**

We sing of Jesus, a Jew, born to a woman in poverty in a time of social upheaval and political oppression.

He knew human joy and sorrow.

So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him people experienced the presence of God among them...

We sing praise to you, God incarnate. Enfolding our deepest prayers with the words that Jesus taught his friends to speak... **Our Father...**

**Closing Hymn:** VU 329 O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns be Rising

**Sending & Blessing**

**Parting Song: Melville Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

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

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Joyce Keizerwaard and Peggie Dickie

**Counters:** Ruth Sproule