

Melville United Church
Sunday, August 7, 2016
12th 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

(translation of Indian chant "Oh, God Beautiful")

In the forest, You are green

In the mountains, You are high

In the river, You are restless

In the ocean, Thou art grave

To the serviceful, You are service

To the lover, You are love

To the sorrowful, You are sympathy

In all parts of life, in all parts of us, God You Are

Opening Hymn: VU 402 We Are One (vs. 1,2,4)

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Opening Prayer**You are great, God!****You are more than we can begin to understand or imagine.****We know you don't need our worship.****What we give to you is our awe, our wonder, and our love.****Do with it and with us as you will.****Amen.****Prayer for Inner Healing & Assurance**

Loving God, though we hesitate,

Your desire for us calls us and equips us.

Though we resist,

You gift us and encourage us.

Though we have regrets,

Your pervasive love holds us even more deeply.

Anoint us in the vocation of healing and hospitality.

Bless us with fervour that our life's journey would stand as witness to your boundless gift in us.**Chorus:** Dance with the Spirit**Reflection:** Who or What is God?**Job 11:7-9; Genesis 1:1,2 God is Creator; Isaiah 41:8-13 God is Conqueror; Luke 11:11-13 God is Father; 1 John 4:16-19 God is Love****Parable:** The Elephant (adapted from an Indian folktale)**Hymn:** VU 268 Bring Many Names (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)**Invitation to the Offering****Ministry of Music****Offering Response MV 191 What Can I Do?****Offertory Prayer****As so many have done before us, we bring our offerings forward.****As so many have prayed before us, we ask your blessing upon it.****As so many have dreamed before us, we pray that our gifts will touch many lives.****Amen.****Joys & Concerns****Prayer Prelude:** VU 376 Spirit of the Living God**Prayers of the People, Prayer of Jesus**

God is Holy Mystery,

Beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.

Yet, in love, the eternal God seeks relationship.

We sing of the Spirit,

Who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

We pray...

We entrust these our spoken and unnamed prayers, into the embrace of Holy Mystery, using the words Jesus taught his friends to speak: **Our Father...****Closing Hymn:** VU 578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning**Sending & Blessing****Parting Song: Melville Benediction****Postlude**

Partners in Prayer: Elora Canadian Reformed Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Stamford Lane, Niagara
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