

Melville United Church
Sunday, May 21, 2017
Rural Life Sunday



* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Service conducted by: "The Toronto Team"

The "**Toronto Team**" is leading worship this morning. This group of youth and leaders from Elora United Church and Melville United Church spent March 10-13 in the heart of our nation's largest city. They learned about issues faced by those living in poverty, hearing their stories and learning what it means to serve and be served. You can hear more of the team's reflections at www.TechForGod.ca

Gathering Music: The Power of Your Love
Be Still
Ordinary Love (*ECF*)

Welcome & Life and Work of the Church

Call to Worship

God's grace and peace to you.

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Opening Prayer

Help us this morning to be open
to words of love and care for each other.
Let us see Jesus in the images and feelings expressed.
Give us the strength to change ourselves
And our world for the better.
Amen.

Toronto Team Skit

Song: Oceans (*ECF*)

Reflection: Stories of Meeting Jesus

(Caleb, Jenna, Sarah)

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Reading: Matthew 25:31-40 (*MSG*)

Song: Humble Thyself/Awesome God

Reading: Luke 10:25-29 (*CEB*)

Skit: Who is my neighbour? (Luke)

Song: VU 509 Here I Am Lord

Prayer for Inner Healing (Susanne)

O God of love and mercy,

**Too often we are afraid to venture out of the places where we find
comfort and share the bread of life with those around us.**

**We confess that we are not always willing to carry our cross and
follow Jesus, as it is too uncomfortable.**

We confess our sins and cry out for your salvation.

O God of love and mercy.

We confess to you. (*time for silent reflection*)

Forgive us God.

Guide us. Restore us. Mend us. Amen.

Prayers of the Community, Jesus' Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response: MV 191 What Can I Do?

Offering Prayer

**We bring ourselves, Creator God: servants that you can use for healing
and transformation in our world. Use us, our prayers and the gifts we
bring, to make a difference in the lives of others. We pray in Christ's
name. Amen.**

Song: My Lighthouse

Sending and Blessing (Jamie)

Parting Song: Melville Benediction

Postlude

Partners in Prayer: Bethel Mennonite Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: St. Andrew's, Brantford

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Havey and Vivian Andrews,
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