



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Guest: Rev. Jenny Stephens

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Variations on Holy, Holy Holy

(organ and Trumpet - Trumpet- Thomas Cioban)

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

In the beginning before time,
before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us,
enlisting people of the earth for the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be.

***Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315

Opening Prayer:

Glorious God, we thank you for your presence with us throughout our life as a faith community here at Melville. We are grateful for the many who, over time, witnessed to your grace. We celebrate our leaders past and present, and the mix of generations. We remember all the baptisms, weddings and funerals. We come together as your people once again this morning.

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**We come as a praising people, singing your goodness;
 We come as a praying people, bringing our needs, our joys;
 We come as a listening people, opening to your Word.
 Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, we pray.**

Yet even as we sing your praises and offer you thanks we are aware that you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

Amen.

Assurance of God's forgiveness:

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone; everything has become fresh and new.

Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

Theme Conversation: Jesus says...

Hymn: Oh, a Song Must Rise

MV 142

Scripture: John 10:1-10 *(NRSV)*

(Jesus: the good shepherd and the gate)

10'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they

know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 *(NRSV)*

(The believers share everything in common)

42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Message: Listening & Living Day by Day

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE FOR US

***Hymn:** Christ is Alive

VU 158

Offering:

Ministry of Music: United in Christ - D. Besig *(choir and trumpet)*

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

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can 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:**

**Risen Christ, present in this time and place, receive our offering -
time, compassion and money. We pray in your Holy name. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Be Still and Know MV 77

**Be still and know that I am God.
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Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn: May the God of Hope Go with Us** VU 424

***Blessing:**

Go out in peace to follow Jesus, our Shepherd.

We go to share the shepherd's care with others.

Model the grace of God in our world

so that others will want to be part of what we have.

We go as God's people. Amen!

***Parting Song: Melville Benediction**

**Let's go out from here and take our place.
Respect creation sharing all God's grace.
Treasure the past and things we have done.
Open our minds for new things yet to come.
God will be with us below, around above,
Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!
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Postlude: Trumpet Tune - John Stanlay

Prayer of the Week:

While we live in a non-shepherding culture, O God, still we know the power of the image we hold of you as our loving shepherd. You care for us in limitless and timeless ways, caring for each of us as your favourite. Thank you. Amen.

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