

Melville United Church  
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Pentecost



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\* Congregation please stand as you are able.

**Bold print invites congregational response.**

Presiding today: Jen Auger

### Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude:** A. Pote - Lilies on the field - presented by Sarah, Jenson & Catie  
**Lighting of the Candle**

### Call to Worship *(From Acts 2:1-21)*

When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, Jesus' friends were gathered together in one place.

Imagine yourself there:

A sound roars from the sky without warning, the roar of a violent wind, and the whole house where you are gathered reverberates with the sound. Then a flame appears, dividing into smaller flames and spreading from one person to the next. All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in languages they've never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.

People hear the sound, and a crowd gathers. They are amazed because each of them can hear the group speaking in their native languages from around the world.

**Just a minute. Aren't all of these people Galileans? How in the world do we all hear our native languages being spoken? We're each, in our own languages, hearing these people talk about God's powerful deeds.**

Your amazement becomes confusion as you wonder...

### What does this mean?

This is God's prophecy fulfilled! For God said:  
"I will offer My Spirit to humanity, and they will boldly speak My word."

**Let us together, speak boldly!**

**Song: MV 23** Come, O Holy Spirit

**Opening Prayer**

**God beyond our description and understanding,  
You have come to be with us in many  
Amazing, wonderful, sometimes confusing ways.  
You challenge us, comfort us, push us,  
Yes sometimes even anger us -  
Yet you always love us, forgive us, and call us to be your people.  
We thank you, and we come before you in prayer.**

**Readings:** The Golden Rule (*Matthew 7:12+*)

**Theme Conversation:** God Wells

**Song: MV 216** Wherever You May Go

**Reflection:** 10 Years On...

Cody Rawn

**Reading:** Our Deepest Fear (*Marianne Williamson*)

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant,  
Gorgeous, talented and fabulous?  
Actually... who are we not to be?

You are a child of God.  
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking  
so that other people won't feel insecure around you.  
We were born to make manifest  
the glory of God that is within us.

**Profession of Faith**

*(candidates come forward)*

Catherine Johnston, Jensen Pletch, Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan,  
Chris Hopewell

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,  
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
To reconcile and make new,  
And who works in us by the Spirit?  
*Yes, I do so believe.*

Will you, with your words and actions  
Proclaim the ways of Jesus:  
Resisting evil, seeking justice, and being witness to God's love for all  
creation?  
*I will, God being my helper.*

Will you join with your brothers and sisters  
In this community of faith  
To celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation,  
And love and serve others?  
*I will, God being my helper.*

**Response of Congregation**

Friends and family in Christ, do you receive these candidates, as you  
yourself have been received, promising to hold them in faithful  
community, prayer and teaching?  
**We believe they are a part of this family.  
We will receive them with love,  
And work with them as partners,  
With God as our helper.**

**Act of Confirmation**

*(each candidate will come forward one at a time)*

Confirm O God this your child... that she may continue in your ways  
forever.

**Amen!!**

Song: **Here I Am Lord** (*Daniel musical*)

**Invitation to Offering**

**Ministry of Music:** M. Patterson - I am the Vine

**Offering Response:** 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.**

**Offering Prayer**

**We bring a wide variety of gifts to the table, O God, gifts that we have received by your grace. Take all we offer - our money, our time, our talents, our dreams, our hands, our hearts - and use them to make your Spirit's presence felt in all the world. Amen**

**Joys and Concerns**

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

Let us give thanks, always and for everything saying:

**"We thank you, God."**

**Song: MV 209** Go Make a Difference

**Sending and Blessing**

Go in peace. Go with courage. Go to love others.

Go as disciples of God. Amen.

Parting Song: **Melville Benediction**

**Prelude:** J. S. Bach Toccata in d

**Partners in Prayer:** St. Andrew's Alma, Elora

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** St. John, Hamilton

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Mary Lloyd, Isabel Weaver,  
Larry Broome, Lorna Bevcar

**Counters:** Mary Lloyd, Lorna Bevcar