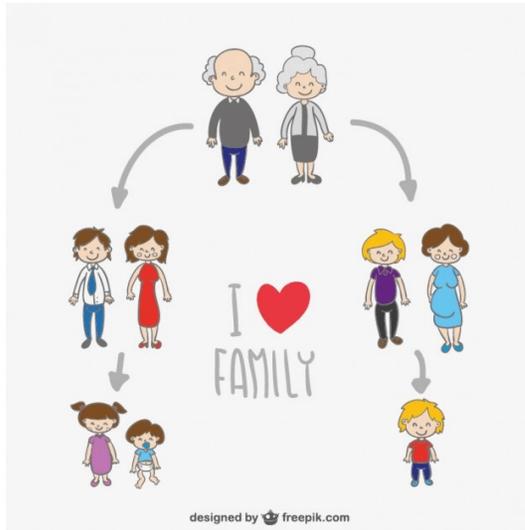


Melville United Church
Sunday May 13, 2018
Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day



* Congregation please stand as you are able.

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

Sharing the Light:

Call to Worship:

Children, parents, grandparents.

All family.

Friends, neighbours.

All family.

Minister, music makers, caretaker.

All family.

Council members, Kids Church leaders.

All family.

Any who are important to us,

any who touch our lives and whose lives we touch.

All family.

Come, children of God, you, who are all part of the family.

We belong! Let us worship God together.

Hymn: Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

Opening Prayer:

God of unity and love, we offer ourselves as your children today.

May we feel connected and have a sense of belonging in this place.

Be with us as we share in joys and challenges,

be with us as we share togetherness, struggles, and happiness.

Help us to welcome all who want to be part of our Christian family of faith.

God, show us how to share your love. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession:

God of enduring peace and hopeful promise, we confess that sometimes we are less than peaceful people. We argue amongst ourselves, forgetting that the most important thing in our lives is to love and be loved. Forgive our foolishness when we forget to draw on your wisdom and Jesus' teachings. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

Brothers and sisters, we are made whole by the forgiveness that is ours when we admit our mistakes and strive to change our ways.

**With God we can begin again and again and again.
Thanks be to God! Amen**

Ministry of Music: I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me - sung by the Melville Men's Chorus

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 (*paraphrase by James Taylor in Everyday Psalms*)
(*The source of happiness*)

Happiness can't be captured.

**Like a wild bird or a bouncing ball,
it is always just beyond your grasp.**

It is not found in fads or fashions,

nor in climbing to the top of the heap.

Happiness comes from immersing yourself in God.

**Instead of struggling to stay on top,
yield yourself to the deep flow of God's universe.**

You will not drown.

You will be swept along by forces beyond your imagining.

Foam on the surface blows about;

driftwood piles up on sandbars;

people obsessed with themselves

end up as rotting debris on the rocks.

But the current rolls on.

To find happiness, let yourself be carried away by something stronger than a social eddy.

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27 (*New Revised Standard Version*)
(*The two housebuilders*)

Jesus said: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell - and great was its fall!"

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32 (*New Revised Standard Version*)
(*The parable of the mustard seed*)

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42 (*New Revised Standard Version*)
(*Jesus visits Mary and Martha*)

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Message: Once Upon a Parable - a presentation by the members of Melville Kids Church - *Directed by Suzanne Flewelling, Accompanied by Rob White*

We Gotta a Couple Stories

We gotta couple stories, stories to tell,
 Stories that'll change you if you live them well,
 Stories and surprises that'll twist and turn,
 Stories that'll teach you if you care to learn,
 Stories from the Author of Eternity;
 The One who wrote the stories that is you and me. (Repeat)

Build on the Rock

You can think you're wise with a P H D,
 But the only thing that matters is a Master's degree.....
 On your heavenly resume;
 How much you heard the Master and tried to obey.....

CHORUS

Rock, Rock, Rock, build on the rock,
 Rock, Rock, Rock, not on the sand.
 Rock, Rock, Rock, build on the rock,
 Such a simple truth you gotta understand.
 Hear Me Well, Jesus said, you will know who is who...
 If you ask, ask yourself...
 Do you do the things that I told you to do?? (Repeat chorus)

Grow In Me

God's word is like a seed, that hides inside the earth
 Where only eyes of faith can see its worth;
 Yet even when we sleep, the tiny seed that dies,
 Will rise to greater life and touch the skies.....

CHORUS

Grow, Grow, secretly
 Word of God grow in me, Grow in me,
 Grow, Grow 'till by your love;
 I am what I should be.

Time with the Children:

Hymn: I Am a Member of the Human Race

I am a member of the human race and so (clap, clap) are you. (clap, clap)

I have responsibilities and rights and so (clap, clap) do you. (clap, clap)
If we know this and we show this and we grow together
we can make this world a better place for ev'ry member of the
human race,
including you, (clap, clap, clap, clap) including me. (clap, clap)

I am a member of the family and so (clap, clap) are you. (clap, clap)

I have a value that's beyond compare and so (clap, clap) do you. (clap, clap)
If we know this and we show this and we grow together
we can make this world a better place for ev'ry member of the human
race,
including you, (clap, clap, clap, clap) including me. (clap, clap)

Offering:

Offering Song: As Long As We Follow **MV 140**

As long as we follow in the way that God is leading,
we know God's reign will surely come.
As long as we act there is a future for creation,
a future for the universe.
We know this, we know this,
Yes, God's reign will surely come.

***Offertory Prayer:**

God, being part of your family helps us feel we have a special place in
the world - a place where we belong. Take our gifts and offerings and
use them to help others feel they belong, too. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Where Two or Three Are Gathered **MV 14**

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

Prayers of the People:**Prayer of Jesus:**

***Hymn:** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families **VU 556**

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

And now, warmed by the sustaining memories of family and friends,
strengthened by the bonds of being God's children together,
 we leave this time and place of worship:

with hearts open,
 with faith stronger,
with purpose clearer to be God's family
to one another and to God's world.

Go in confidence and promise for God is with us - always.

Amen!

***Parting Song:** Take Up His Song **MV 213**

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in love, lay them down,
and take up his song. (Repeat)

Prayer of the week:

You touch our lives in so many ways, God. In the love others share with us, in the love we offer to those around us, your love shines on. When we feel less than we are, when we're lost, when we're sure we are alone - remind us that we are wrong. Remind us that you are the One who gave us birth, and the One who calls us to life and the One who is with us always! Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Belwood/Metz Pastoral Charge

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: South Cayuga Community Church

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Linda and Norm Porritt,
 Vivian and Havey Andrews

Counters: Norm Porritt , Karen Smillie