

**Melville United Church
 Sunday October 21, 2018
 22st Sunday after Pentecost**



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

Sharing the Light: (based on A Song of Faith)

God is Holy Mystery,
 beyond complete knowledge,
 above perfect description.
 Yet, in love,
 the one eternal God seeks relationship
 with all of creation including each of us.
 As we share this light may we be reminded
 that God's presence is part of who we are.

Call to Worship:

O how abundant are the works of God.
The earth is full of God's glorious creation.
 We are a part of God's magnificent design.
Let us bless and praise our great and good Creator!

Hymn: When Long Before Time (verses 1,2,3,6) **VU 248**

Opening Prayer:

Our minds are filled with questions.
 In faith we call out to be heard.
We long to be near you, O God.
 Our bodies and souls are weary.
 In faith we call out for your healing touch.
We long to be near you, O God.
 Our hearts wrestle with doubt and wonder about the world around us.
 In faith we call out for a foundation that cannot be shaken.
We long to be near you, O God.
 O, God, how great are the works of your hand!
In wisdom you have made them all.

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In faith, we come near to you in worship.

**Bless us with the power of your Spirit
and hear our call to you as we worship together. Amen**

Prayer for Inner Healing:

When we take counsel in pretty words that lack knowledge and wisdom,
forgive us.

When we speak with authority and condemnation about things we
barely understand,
forgive us.

When we, in our ignorance, act as if we can control the morning stars or
the lion's roar,
forgive us.

When we have forgotten you and have forgotten who we are,
forgive us. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

Holy Presence, who speaks in whirlwinds and soft breezes, continues to
speak to us now. Be assured that God's still small voice is planted deep
within each of us, for the sake of creation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music: Every Day's a Gift from God

Minute for Mission:

Hymn: In Loving Partnership We Come

VU 603

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)

(James and John request to sit on Jesus' right and left)

Zebedee's children James and John approached Jesus. "Teacher," they
said, "we want you to grant our request."

"What is it?" Jesus asked.

They replied, "See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right and
one at your left, when you come into your glory."

Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you
drink the cup I will drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?"

"We can," they replied. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink
of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share. But as
for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to

whom it has been reserved.

The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know how among the
Gentiles those who exercise authority are domineering and arrogant;
those 'great ones' know how to make their own importance felt. But it
can't be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness
must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve
the needs of all. The Promised One has come not to be served, but to
serve - to give one life in ransom for the many."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:1-9, 24,35 **VU 826** (Refrain 2)

(With Wisdom, God created the earth & all its creatures)

Praise God, O my soul.

Eternal God, you are great indeed.

You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

**You spread the heavens like a tent;
you lay out the beams of your dwelling
on the waters above.**

You make the clouds your chariot,
and ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers,
and flames of fire your servants.**

You fix the earth on its foundations,
so that it can never tremble.

You cover the earth with the ocean as with a cloak. R

When the waters covered the mountains,
they fled at your rebuke;

at the sound of your thunder, they took flight.

They flowed over the mountains, ran down the valleys
to the place you had appointed for them.

**There you set limits not to be passed,
that they might not again cover the earth. R**

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

May you rejoice, O God, in your works.

When you look at the earth it trembles,

when you touch the mountains they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live.

I will praise my God while I have being. R

Reader: Graeme Chalmers

Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 34-41, (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)
(*God's rebuttal to Job's complaint*)

Then YHWH answered Job from the heart of the storm:

Who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words? Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are; now *I* will ask the questions and *you* will answer *me*?

Where were you when I created the earth? If you know the answer, tell me! Who decided its size? Do you know? Who stretched the measuring line across it? Into what foundation were its pillars sunk? Who laid the cornerstone while all the choruses of morning stars sang and the heavenly court shouted for joy?

Can you boom out your voice at the clouds, and cause them to rain on command? Can you send the lightning on its way? Does it report back to you, here we are?" Who instills the ibis with its prophetic wisdom? Where does the rooster pick up its intuition? Who classifies the clouds, and pours out the heavenly water jars until the soil is muddy, and the dust has become solid?

Do you stalk the prey for the lioness? Do you provide food for her cubs, when they lie low in the den, or crouch in a culvert? Who provides the raven its nourishment when its young cry out to God; when they wander about without food?

Message: We Know Nothing

Hymn: How Great Thou Art vs 1, 2, 4 **VU 238**

Offering:

Offering Song: 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.**
(Repeat)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Holy Oneness, there is much we do not understand. Yet, we are willing to participate in the mystery that is you. Receive our humble

offerings as you receive our faithful hearts, we entrust them both to your care. May we and these gifts be a blessing in the best way for the greatest good. Amen.

Joys & Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: God, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary **MV 18**
**God, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you. (Repeat)**

Prayers of the People:

Prayer of Jesus:

***Hymn:** God, Whose Almighty Word **VU 313**

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

Friends, go with God.

**We will gaze at the stars,
the agility of a bird in flight,
and wonder at God the Creator.**

Do not worry about your status or standing in God's eyes.

**We will look around at the wonders of Creation
and know we are valued as part of all that is of God.**

Go and strive to be a compassionate presence to all whom you meet.

**We go, knowing we go with God's love within us,
with Christ's example guiding us
and the Holy Spirit's companionship with us. Amen**

***Parting Song:** We Will Go with God MV 223

**We will go with God, my sisters!
We will go with God!
We will go with God, my brothers!
We will go with God!
On this day of great joy we will go with God.
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Prayer of the week:

God of mystery and majesty, you call all life into being. Call us to the places where we may best serve you. Call us to the service where we

may follow you most closely. Call us to know you more fully. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Centre Wellington Food Bank

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Carlisle - Kilbride

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

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Dorothy Collin, Mark Andrews

Counters: Mary Lloyd, Chris Hopewell