

Melville United Church
Sunday, November 18, 2018
26th Sunday after Pentecost

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree



Melville United Church

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

Holy Oneness is our protection, our refuge;

our counsel, our hope.

Sacred Presence is our cup, our portion;

our guide, our path.

Let us pause to let Spirit provoke and challenge,

to let God comfort and encourage

as we provoke each other to faithful living.

Come, let us worship our God together.

***Hymn:** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

VU 559

Opening Prayer:

Loving Presence, help us to behold the gift

that it is to be here together

to do your work for your sake.

We each come with different gifts to share.

Help us to celebrate and learn from our differences

Help us to create a worship space where all are free to share.

Free to share our gifts, our doubts and our questions.

Amen.

Prayer for Inner Healing:

Loving and forgiving God, put your law in our hearts

and write it deep in our minds,

so that when we are distracted by shiny buildings,

or by convenient technologies, or fear,

or by destruction and the persuasive promises of false prophets,

we will not be led astray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Friends, may your hearts be in full assurance
of God's amazing, unwavering, and everlasting grace.

**And may we always provoke one another
to love and good deeds,**

Open your heart and feel God's constant encouragement.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Ministry of Music: Neighbours

- Words and Music by Emi Embrey of the Autumn Tones.

Theme Conversation: People are more important***Hymn:** We Are the Church

Chorus:

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, All around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building,
The church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place,
The church is a people!
Chorus:

2. We're many kinds of people
With many kinds of faces,
All colours and all ages, too
From all times and places.
Chorus;

3. And when the people gather,
There's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying
Sometimes, All of it saying:
Chorus:

4. I count if I am ninety,

Or nine or just a baby,
There's one thing I am sure about
And I don't mean maybe:
Chorus:

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)
(*Not one stone of the temple shall be left standing*)

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, "Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!"

Jesus replied, "See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the Temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?"

Jesus began by saying, "Be on your guard that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the One,' and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines - yet this is only the beginning of the labour pains.

Reader: Mary Lloyd

Song of Hannah: (*sung*) **VU 878** - (*tune 586-Londonderry Air*)
(*My soul is filled with joy*)**Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25**

(*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)
(*Provoke each other to love and good deeds*)

Every other priest performs services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever. Then Christ sat down at the right hand of God, and now waits there until God puts all enemies in their rightful place. With one sacrifice then, Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified.

Therefore, sisters and brothers, since the blood of Jesus makes us confident to enter the holy place by the new and living path opened for us through the veil - that is to say, the body of Jesus - and since we have the supreme high priest presiding over the house of God, let us enter it filled with faith and with sincerity in our hearts, our hearts sprinkled and cleared from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with

pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the One who made the promise is faithful.

Let us always think how we can provoke each other to love and good works. Don't stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage one another; and do this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Message: Provoke Each Other to Love and Good Works

***Hymn:** It Only Takes a Spark

VU 289

Offering:

Ministry of Music: Sisters and Brothers - Charles Johnson
-performed by the 'Autumn Tones & 'Red Suspenders Band'

***Offering Hymn: 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:**

You are our home, O God, and our security; knowing this, we are able to give back gifts from the abundance we have been given, knowing that you will never leave us. Amen.

Joys and 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:

The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** Walk with Me

VU 649

***Blessing:**

Everything that we plant will not grow;

everything that we build will not stand,

but continue to plant seeds of hope and to build communities of caring.

We will not be discouraged,

because we do not work in vain.

Know that the love of God, the peace of Christ

and companionship of the Holy Spirit,

continues to work with and through you - always!

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.

On this day of great joy we will go with God. (Repeat)

Postlude:

Prayer of the Week:

Eternal God, help us to discern and hold fast to your presence in the midst of every changing circumstance, that we may live with hope and love with courage at all times. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Grand River Community Church

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Emmanuel, Waterloo

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Mark Andrews, Dorothy Collin

Doreen and Larry Broome,

Counters:

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