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Melville United Church
Sunday, November 25, 2018
Reign of Christ Sunday

* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Ruth Cooke

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Prelude/Centering Time

Call To Worship (*Adapted from 1 Samuel 23:3-4*):

Come, let us gather in the name of the Son of God, the son of David.

He rules over people justly.

Jesus Christ is like the light of morning,

like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,

gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Come, let us worship our Living God.

Opening Prayer:

**God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation.**

**Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live
in his love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VU 220

Call to Confession:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Let us confess our
sins before God.

Prayer of Confession:

For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

O God, forgive.

For the covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

O God, forgive.

For the greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

O God, forgive.

For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

O God, forgive.

For our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

O God, forgive.

For the lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women, and children,

O God, forgive.

For the pride which leads to trust in ourselves and not in God,

O God, forgive.

(We reflect in silence...)

Words of Assurance:

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven us. **Amen.**

Ministry of Music: Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore

A Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Children's Song: What Does the Lord Require of You? **VU 701**

Blessing & Sending Forth of the Children & Teachers

First Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 (NRSV)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
 So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Psalm: Psalm 132:1-12 (Part One)

VU 855

Reader: Alison Rainford

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37 (*NRSV*)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Meditation: “Thy Kingdom Come”

***Hymn:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God **VU 356**

Offering:

***Offering Hymn: 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: (*Unison*)**

Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Celebrations 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:

Prayer of Jesus:

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

Blessing/Sending Forth:

Go out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill your high calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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 for the Week:**

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive set free.

Guide us by your truth and love, until we and all your people make manifest your reign of justice and compassion. We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant king, to whom with you and the Spirit, One Holy God, be honour, glory and blessing, this day and forever. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Maranatha Canadian Reformed, Fergus

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Quest Learning Centre, Hamilton

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