

Melville United Church
Sunday, February 10, 2019
5th Sunday after Epiphany



** 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: (based on Psalm 138)

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

Before God, we sing our praises.

God is steadfast and faithful and answers our call.

God increases the strength of our souls.

Though we walk in the midst of trouble,

God preserves us and stretches out a hand to help.

We raise our own hands in praise and our voices in worship,

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn:** God, Whose Love Is Ever With Us **VU 399** (vs 1,2,3,5)

Opening Prayer:

There is more here than our eyes can see,
more than our ears can hear,

more than our hands can touch.

This is a holy place,

and God meets us here.

There is a depth here that is beyond our understanding,
a touch that embraces heaven,

a space flowing with colours of mystery.

This is a holy place,

and God meets us here.

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There is a meeting here unlike any other,
the building of a community within and beyond time and space,
of God's people bound together in eternity.

This is a holy place,
and God meets us here. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

When our hearts are doubting
your steadfast love never wavers.

When our minds are dull,
you open them with the unexpected.

When our judgments are sharp,
you soften us with your grace.

When our bodies are weary,
you soothe us with nature's embrace.

When our souls are anxious,
you surprise us with your awe.

God, awaken in us a sense of wonder
that we may be made new in you. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

When everyone and everything we know feels far away,
all that we hope for and all that we need
is present in the holy seed of God's steadfast love.

Our faith is in what we cannot see.

Our love is in God's very being that is always with us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music: On Eagle's Wings

Time with the Younger Ones:

Hymn: Jesus Saw Them Fishing **MV 113**

**Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,
casting out their nets into the sea.**

**Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,
waiting in their boats - so patiently.**

Refrain:

And Jesus said, "Oh, come and follow me.

Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.

Oh, come and fish with me,

and your life will never be the same again."

A rich young person came to Jesus looking for advice.

"How can I obtain eternal life?"

Jesus told him, "Honour the commandments of our God.

Then sell off all your riches - for the poor.

Refrain:

And Jesus said, "Oh, come and follow me.

Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.

Oh, come and fish with me,

and your life will never be the same again."

"If you want to follow me, deny your very self.

Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.

**This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,
but nothing is impossible - with God."**

Refrain:

And Jesus said, "Oh, come and follow me.

Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.

Oh, come and fish with me,

and your life will never be the same again."

Children's Prayer:

Dear God,

Help my lips to praise.

Help my hands to serve.

Help my heart to love.

Amen

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition*)
(*Whom shall I send?*)

In the year of the death of Uzziah, ruler of Judah. I saw YHWH seated on a high and lofty judgment seat, in a robe whose train filled the temple. Seraphs were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they

covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

They would cry out to one another, "Holy! Holy! Holy is YHWH Omnipotent! All the earth is filled with God's glory!" The doorposts and thresholds quaked at the sound of their shouting, and the temple kept filling with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! I have unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips! And my eyes have seen the Ruler, YHWH Omnipotent!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding an ember which it had taken with tongs from the altar. The seraph touched my mouth with the ember. "See," it said, "now that this has touched your lips, your corruption is removed, and your sin is pardoned."

Then I heard the voice of the Holy One saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

"Here I am," I said, "send me!"

Words to Inspire: 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, fabulous?

Actually, who are you 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.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,

we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear,

our presence automatically liberates others.

Reader: Graeme Chalmers

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

(Jesus calls Simon, James and John)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Message: Going Deeper.

***Hymn:** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore **VU 563**

Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** We Give You But Your Own **VU 542**

We give you but your own,

whate'er the gift may be;

all that we have is yours alone,

we give it gratefully.

***Offertory Prayer:**

O God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. In the giving of our gifts, help us to unwrap the love and compassion that you have planted inside us in new and life-giving ways. May we be awed by what is possible with you. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love!**

Prayers of the People:**The Lord's Prayer:**

***Hymn:** Will You come and Follow Me

VU 567

***Blessing:**

God provides abundantly.

We will live without fear.

God has filled our nets to bursting.

We will live in joyful gratitude.

God has a great purpose for us all.

We will follow God's lead.

Let us trust God who is with us always.

We will be bold and answer God's call.

Go with God.

Amen!

Parting Song: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

**May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,**

**his cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in his love.**

(Repeat)

Postlude:**Prayer of the Week:**

Holy Presence, open us to wonder that we may be surprised by the greatness that awaits us in the smallest bud, the earliest sunrise, or the unexpected invitation from a neighbour. Let us always be expecting to find your love living among us in new ways. Amen

Partners in Prayer: Grand River Community Church

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

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