

Melville United Church
Sunday, March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent



Third
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

* *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:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the water.

We are parched and come to be refreshed.

Even if you have no money, come, buy, and eat!

We are hungry and come to be fed.

Come buy wine and milk without any price.

We come, responding to God's call

to feast and be filled with good things,

Come! Worship and be filled.

***Hymn:** Sing Praises to God

VU 228

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

Remind us of your presence, O God,

in the way that one who thirsts

constantly thinks of water's taste and gift.

But do more than remind us of you.

Be present to us in our need, in our weakness,

in our fear, in our love.

As we worship let us feel you near.

Forgive us when we are distracted

by things that are flashy or stylish.

Forgive us when we let ourselves be drawn away from you.

Revive us with your wondrous presence. Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

Friends, hear and know that when you open your heart to receive God's

Melville United Church
St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, ON: 519-843-1781
Team Ministry

Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care	Rev. Marion Loree
Minister of Faith Formation & Outreach	
Minister of Music Team:	Rob White, Suzanne Flewelling
Church Secretary:	Gerri McCullough
Custodian:	Robert Mitchell
Chair of Church Council:	Allan Hons
Pastoral Care	Alison Rainford, Rev. Marion Loree
Chair of Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain Captain	Alison Rainford
Secretary's Office hours:	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. T., T. & F.
E-Mail:	secretary@melvilleunited.com
Web Site:	www.melvilleunited.com
Pastoral Care Numbers	519-826-9385, 519-835-8605 519-843-3841

love, you will receive without limit. We have been promised this!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Time for the Younger Ones:

Children's Prayer:

Dear God,

Help my lips to praise.

Help my hands to serve.

Help my heart to love.

Amen.

Cantata: No Greater Love - Music by Lani Smith
Presented by Melville Senior Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Ah, Holy Jesus

Because of Me Tonight

Go to Dark Gethsemane

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

To Mock Your Reign

O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile

What Wondrous Love Is This?

No Greater Love

Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** God of All Good (verse 1) **VU 539** (Tune 378)

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

Our souls hunger and thirst to know you, Great Mystery. May we be fed and our thirst satisfied as we follow Jesus to do your work of justice and peace. May our gifts and offerings be used to fill others who hunger and thirst for the riches of Spirit. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Lenten Spiritual Practice Challenge:

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:

The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn:** Come, Let Us to the God of Love **VU 653** (vs 1,2,4,5)

***Blessing:**

Go now to seek out those who are hungry and thirsty,
in mind, body and spirit.

We want to meet their deepest needs!

Go, knowing God feeds the deepest places in our spirits.

We go trusting in our God that is always with us.

Go, knowing the love of God, the peace of Christ
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit is with you - always!

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:

God of table and open door, you invite us into profound relationship.
You feed the deep places in our spirits and speak words that evoke
turning for the good. Open us to your Spirit to guide us in turning toward
and trusting in you. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Bethel Mennonite Church

Western Ontario Waterways: Grace - Hanover

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford