



Melville United Church
Sunday, May 12, 2019
Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day



** 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:

Parents and children, siblings and cousins,
grandparents and greats, aunts, uncles, and more -

all family in God's love!

By adoption, by choice,
by birth, or just *because* -

all family in God's love!

People well known, people never met,
people near, people far -

all family in God's love!

Come as you are. Come as you will be.

Come and worship, all you, who *are* -

all family in God's love!

***Hymn:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down **VU 395 vs 1,2**

Opening Prayer:

Mother-Father God, Brother Jesus, Sister Spirit:

We gather this morning in the brilliance of a new day.

May we feel your presence with us.

Your love draws us together as one human family.

When circumstances in life drag us down,

Let us feel your beating heart of loving presence.

When our experiences threaten to fill us with bitterness,

let us hear your whispers of encouragement and hope.

Teach us trust. Teach us truth. Teach us love.

Love us into wholeness. Amen.

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Words of Affirmation:

God's forgiveness is like a loving parent's welcome-home hug.
 God's abiding presence is our place of belonging and of becoming.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music: A Place In The Valley Melville Men's Chorus

Sacrament of Baptism

Being accepted into the Christian family of faith today is Kaydince Marie Lippold, daughter of Tyler and Chantelle Lippold.

Statement of Purpose:**Presentation of the One to be Baptized**

Scripture: Galatians 3:27-29 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*)

Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus.
 All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the offspring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

Profession of faith:

In baptism we are joined to the Christian family through the sign and seal of God's eternal love.

Do you believe in God and God's love?

Yes, I do so believe.

Do you believe that God is revealed to us in Jesus the Christ who lived and died, and who lives on in the Christian church?

Yes, I do so believe.

Do you believe that God, through the Holy Spirit, is active in the world to direct and to strengthen you?

Yes, I do so believe.

Will you do your best to provide a Christian home for your child, encouraging her to grow in her own faith and to seek confirmation?

Yes I will, God being my helper.

Commitment by Congregation (*congregation stands*)

We are to receive this child as part of our faith community. In so doing, we remember our calling to share life together, and to be open to the future that all our children contain. We are also called to support this family and this child with love and with Christian teaching. Are you willing, as you are able to share in this responsibility?

We are willing, God being our helper.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

VU 918

**We are not alone,
 we live in God's world.**

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen
 our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Water:

Prayer of Blessing:

Baptism of Kaydince

Sign of the Cross and Blessing

Laying on of Hands/Blessing**Prayer****Lighting of the Baptismal Candle:****Sung Blessing:** I Have Called You by Your Name **MV 161****Presentation of Baptismal Certificate and Gifts****Children's Presentation:** Malice in the Palace*(A modern day interpretation of the story of Queen Esther)*

Crisis In The Palace

Stand Up

Wings Of The Dawn

A Simple Prayer

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:*Holy Shepherd, your protection gives us courage, your sustenance gives us strength, and your vision of peace gives us hope. May our gifts and offerings of time, talent and resources be used to advance the work of love and justice in this troubled world. Amen.****Joys and Concerns:****Prayer Prelude:** God, Listen to Your Children Praying **VU 400****God, listen to your children praying,****God, send your Spirit in this place;****God, listen to your children praying,****send us love, send us power, send us grace!****Prayers of the People:****Lord's Prayer:*****Hymn:** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families **VU 556 vs 1,4*****Blessing/Sending Forth:**Go forth to playgrounds and factories,
to streets and shops,
to homes and offices and schools -
all places of holy work.**We go to serve and to spread the mystery
of God's gracious love in all we do.**Go knowing the love of God,
the peace of Christ and the companionship
of the Holy Spirit is with you - always.**Amen!*****Parting Song:** Melville Benediction**Prayer of the week:**

To what should we devote ourselves, O God? Turn us toward those who show us how to serve as neighbours through life-giving words and deeds. May we be bold in following their example, as we grow as disciples of the Christ. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Elora/Bethany Pastoral Charge
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