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Melville United Church
Worship Liturgy for Sunday May 5th 2019
Third Sunday of Easter

**Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today – Rev. Ruth Brown

Call to Worship

If you've fished all night until the break of day, and still your net is empty

Cast it out again on the other side of the boat.

Come ashore and feast upon the abundant life of God.

Opening Prayer

God of Grace and Glory, in the Spring-time of our world, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Your reign of abundant life unleashed anew for the sake of our bent and broken world.

Amen

Hymn VU # 187 The Spring has Come

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Source of abundant life, Giver of the Easter Gift, we often do not recognize you in our midst

Yet your light is ever shining, ready to open our eyes, and your voice is ever calling, ready to unstop our ears.

In the face of empty nets, we are often overwhelmed by fear, failure and regret

Yet your voice calls to us again, guiding us into the fullness of your presence, feeding us till we want no more.

With the wisdom of your word, and the healing forgiveness of your company, we lay before you in silence the burdens of our hearts and minds. **Amen**

Words of Assurance

Remembering the sacred stories of old; nets teeming with fish, barrels overflowing with wine, left over baskets full of bread, we face the emptiness of life with courage and in trust for God's gracious presence is ever near, feeding and tending and guiding; the Easter promise of abundant life given for the life of the world . Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Time with the children and young at heart

Prayer

Hymn VU# 296 This is God's Wondrous World

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 30 VU pg. 757

Gospel John 21: 1-17 (NRSV)

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

Reader: David Gohn

Response

Reader: The Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Gone Fish'n

Hymn VU# 359 He came singing Love

Offering

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.

Offertory Prayer

We give in gratitude for all that you have given. We give in joy because it is good for the soul. We give in trust for a world of great need. May your abundant life and healing power be at work in us as we share and grow in Jesus' way. Amen.

Sharing our joys and concerns

Song before Prayers 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

The Prayer of Jesus

Hymn VU# 578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Commissioning

We go forth into a new week remembering in the face of emptiness

God is source of abundant life

Guiding, tending, feeding,

May it be so among us and beyond

by the grace of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit

Thanks be to God

Leaving Song: "Melville Benediction"

Prayer of the week

Gracious and Glorious God, you turn our mourning into gladness, and call us from night into a shining dawn. We praise you for your great Love and for the risen Christ; sign and seal of your promise, that the world would have life and have it abundantly. Throughout this new week, the good and bad of it, instill within an awareness of your Spirit ever present and at work guiding, tending, feeding. In the way of Jesus may it be so among us. Amen

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