

**Melville United Church  
Sunday, June 23, 2019  
Indigenous Day of Prayer**



*\* Congregation please stand as you are able.*  
**Bold print invites congregational response.**  
Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

**Prelude**

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 4 - also known as the Haldimand Tract - was signed and the territory wherein our church resides, and we acknowledge our responsibilities as treaty members.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all.

**We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion,  
deep wisdom, and deep love.**

With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God,  
to seek transformation,

**and to celebrate the power of the Spirit that is always moving.**  
Come, people of God, let us worship together.

**\*Hymn: We Are One**

**VU 402**

**1 We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.**  
**We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**

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**2 We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.**

**4 We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place**

**Opening Prayer:**

God, our Creator, Maker of all that is,  
we come from all directions to this gathering of your people.  
We come now with praises before you, grateful for your many  
gifts.

*facing east*

From the East, the direction of the rising sun,  
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.  
Give us sharp eyes, like brother Eagle who soars close to you,  
that we might see truth and hope as we walk this path of life.  
**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing south*

From the South comes warmth, guidance, and vision.  
Let us walk lightly, like Spirit keeper Wolf, in joy and love for  
ourselves,

for others, for the four legged, the winged ones, the plants and all  
creation that lives upon Mother Earth.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing west*

From the West comes the rain, purifying waters, to sustain all  
living things. Healing waters bring balance to our physical, mental  
and spiritual selves, allowing us to know our place in creation. Like  
Brown Bear, let us walk sure and steady upon this earth,  
offering a calm and steadfast presence to all.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing north*

From the North comes the cold and mighty wind, the white snows,  
giving us strength and endurance. As our hair grows white like  
White Buffalo, let us surrender with grace the things of our youth.  
Teach us to listen in the silence that we may make wise decisions  
in all things.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing upward*

From the heavens we receive darkness and light, the air of your  
breath, and messages from your winged creatures. Open us to the  
voice of your Spirit.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing downward*

From the earth we come and to the earth we will return.

**We are grateful for Mother Earth - your creation.**

May we walk good paths, O God,  
living on this earth as brothers and sisters;  
**rejoicing in one another's blessings,  
sharing in one another's sorrows,  
and together with you, renewing the face of the earth.  
We open ourselves to listen as you call us to your ways. Amen.**

- Spirit Sings Band

**Music:** Creation Calls

(Verse 1)

**I have felt the wind blow,  
Whispering your name  
I have seen your tears fall,  
When I watch the rain.**

(Chorus 1)

**How could I say there is no God?  
When all around creation calls!!  
A singing bird, a mighty tree,  
The vast expanse of open sea.**

(Verse 2)

**Gazing at a bird in flight,  
Soaring through the air.  
Lying down beneath the stars,  
I feel your presence there.**

(Chorus 2)

**I love to stand at ocean shore  
And feel the thundering breakers roar,  
To walk through golden fields of grain  
With endless bloom horizons frame.**

(Verse 3)

**Listening to a river run,  
Watering the Earth.  
Fragrance of a rose in bloom,  
A newborns cry at birth.**

(Chorus 1)

**How could I say there is no God?  
When all around creation calls!!  
A singing bird, a mighty tree,  
The vast expanse of open sea.**

(Chorus 2)

**I love to stand at ocean shore  
And feel the thundering breakers roar,  
To walk through golden fields of grain  
With endless bloom horizons frame.**

**I believe, I believe, I believe**

**Scripture Story:** Esau and Jacob - Part 1

**Reflection:** The Falling Out

**Music:**

- Kathryn SSedoga

**Scripture Story:** Esau and Jacob - Part 2

**Reflection:** The Reconciliation

**Music:** Sing to Me

- Melody Makers/Autumn Tones  
composed by Emi Embrey

**Words to Inspire:** There is a Longing - Chief Dan George -  
*My Spirit Soars*

There is a longing among all people and creatures to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other.

In the olden times human and creature walked as friends who carried the beauty of the land in their hearts. Now each one of us is needed to make sure the salmon can find a place to spawn and the bear cub a tree to climb.

There is little time left and much effort needed!

**Hymn:** Let Us Build a House

**MV 1**

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how  
hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
and songs and visions heard  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

**Offering:**

**Music:** Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) - Spirit Sings band

- Verse 1** You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep  
My faith will stand
- Chorus** I love to stand at ocean shore  
and feel the thundering breakers roar  
To walk through golden fields of grain  
'Neath endless blue horizon's frame.
- Verse 2** Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand  
Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't fail now
- Chorus** I love to stand at ocean shore  
and feel the thundering breakers roar  
To walk through golden fields of grain  
'Neath endless blue horizon's frame.
- Bridge (2Xs)** Spirit lead me where my trust is without  
borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever  
wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior
- Chorus** I love to stand at ocean shore  
and feel the thundering breakers roar  
To walk through golden fields of grain  
'Neath endless blue horizon's frame.

**\*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:**

Great Mystery, we offer our gifts of time, talent, effort  
 and treasure - gifts that we pray may contribute to  
 reconciliation and healing. Be with us on the journey to  
 wholeness and right relation. Amen.

**Joys and Concerns:****Prayer Prelude: Send Your Holy spirit VU 370**

Send your Holy spirit  
 on our gathered people,  
 merciful and loving God,  
 hear us, as we pray.

*(Repeat)*

**Prayers of the People:** (beginning with an excerpt from *For the Beauty of Those Lost, for Healing Founded on Justice*, The United Church of Canada)

**The Lord's Prayer:****\*Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154**

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
 telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
 justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
 flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
 Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
 telling Creation that we are one.

**\*Blessing:**

Go now, surrounded in the Spirit;

**God's Spirit lives in us.**

Go now surrounded in the Light:

**God's Light of love shines in us.**

Go now surrounded in Wisdom;

**God's Wisdom guides our living.**

Go now, surrounded in Love;

**God's Love is always with us.**

Go now, remembering to be brave,  
 to be strong, to be humble.

**We go, filled with God's peace. Amen.**

**Parting Song: Dance With the Spirit MV 156**

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
 Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
 Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
 listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

*(Repeat)*

**Postlude:**

**Prayer of the Week:**

God our rock, storms rage around us and we despair. Come to us in the silence; nourish and strengthen us for the journey to which you call us. Be with us, our help and our God. Amen.

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