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Melville United Church
7th after Pentecost
Sunday July 28th, 2019

** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today: Ruth Brown

We acknowledge with respect the history, spirituality and culture of the Indigenous 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.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to worship:

Give thanks to God! Celebrate God's steadfast love and faithfulness.
Sing of the ways of God, for God is magnificent!

***Hymn:** All Creatures of Our God and King **VU 217**

Gathering Words for Summer:

In a summertime world, we look and see:

**Sunlight dancing on the waters and shimmering in waves above
endless rocky shores; wildflowers splashed in glorious colour beside
the road and butterflies performing minuets across a farmer's field**

God has created

It is good.

In a summertime world, we stop and listen:

**Birds proclaim the early morning light; grasshoppers sing the
heat of the day; children laugh in sheer delight for the freedom
of summer;
the voices of guests and family coming to visit – to reconnect in
love and friendship**

God has created

It is good.

In a summertime world, we taste and know:

**The delight of a dripping, melting popsicle shared with a friend;
the tart, sweet magic of strawberries warmed by the sun and
freshly picked; the blessing of watermelon ice cold, sliced and
served at a family picnic**

God has created

It is good.

Family of God, as we gather for Summer Sabbath, may we be open to everything that is good in this life.

May we proclaim, Thank you, God! It is very good!

Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness **VU 288**

Gathering Prayer:

Creator God, our lives are always turning. Season after season, time after time; the days turn into weeks, the weeks turn into years.

And as our lives have turned from one thing to another, your presence O God, has been constant.

At the beginning of a new week, in the sanctuary of this place we meet together again for worship.

Help us feel a sense of your Spirit beating and breathing through all times, even moving among us now. Help our minds be opened to hearing a message of hope, help our hearts be opened to learning the wisdom of faith, and help our hands be opened to serving with love, in the way of Jesus. Amen.

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Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading Psalm 85 VU 802

Hebrew Reading: Hosea 11:1-9

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Response: The Word of Life **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: How Much More.....

Hymn: Be Still My Soul **VU 652**

Offering:

Ministry of Music

***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:**

For the blessing of this moment in time and all our days, we turn toward you in thanksgiving, gracious God. May these gifts of money and the gift of our lives, offered in gratitude, contribute to the healing and wellbeing of ourselves, our community and beyond. Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

Prayer Prelude: Send Your Holy Spirit VU 370

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

(Repeat)

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: Walk With Me VU 649**

***Sending Forth and Blessing:**

With faith, hope, and love, we return to familiar places, and we venture onto paths yet trodden, to live and love in the way of Jesus.

Yet we are not alone, God is with us, all our days, thanks be to God

Blessing 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:

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

Partners in Prayer: Grace Christian Fellowship

Western Ontario Waterways: Trinity: Grand Valley

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Lynne Lamb, Mark Andrews and Chris Hopewell

Counters: Lynne Lamb and Chris Hopewell