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Melville United Church
9th after Pentecost
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** 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:** Bring Many Names - verses 1,2,3 and 6 **VU 268**

Gathering Words:

We gather from a week filled with day to day duties, summertime sojourns, starry, starry nights and the blazing heat of high noon.

We come together to rest and renew our spirits.

With hearts and minds and bodies, ready to receive.

We make hallow this moment in time

As we pause from the troubles of the world,

And from the worries and fears we each carry.

We pause

We hallow

We remember

Hymn: In The Quiet Curve of Evening **VU 278**

Gathering Prayer:

Creator God help us to center our Sabbath time in you. Help us give creative rest to our bodies and souls. Help us refocus our spirits and recharge our hearts. Guide and enlighten our thoughts in our time of worship together. With faith, hope and love by our side, may we find the encouragement that is needed to live and love as Jesus taught. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Scripture Readings:

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Response: The Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Parables of Jesus

Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing **VU 559**

Offering:

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***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:**

We come before you, O God, offering our gifts of time, talents and toil. May they be used for the greater good that is within you, and may they bring a message of life and love to all in need. 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: I Feel the Winds of God Today VU 625**

***Sending Forth and Blessing:**

Rejoicing in the goodness of God

Trusting in the Word of Life

We go forth in to the new week with faith

To live as Jesus lived, to love as Jesus loved.

By the power of the Spirit;

Who quenches our thirst,

Who refreshes our weariness,

And cleanses our wounds.

Who is for all the world a fount of blessing and a river of hope,

Springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair

Honour and blessing, glory and praise

be to God With Us and With all Creation

now and forevermore. Amen

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:

Drawn by your Spirit Creator God, I pray that I may find healing places in the days of this new week, where I can be still and discover afresh the wonder and immensity of your love. In the face of my worries and fears, help me keep faith with you by my side. Help me remember wherever I travel, I am not alone, you are with me, always. And I am grateful. Amen

Partners in Prayer: Elora Road Christian Fellowship

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