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**Melville United Church**  
**Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Worship prepared today by  
Rev. 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.*

**Welcome**

My name is Ruth Brown. I am a retired United Church minister living in Fergus. I am grateful to be offering these words of worship and pray they will lead you and all of us together in Spirit; gathering us deeper into the common-union we share in Jesus' name, strengthening us in hope for the day that is at hand, and inspiring us with love to live faithfully and with hope.

As Christians we are now keeping time with the **Season after Pentecost**. Sometimes known as the Season of Ordinary Time. Though nothing feels ordinary about time these days. This Season begins with the great feast of Pentecost, celebrated recently throughout the church. At Pentecost the church remembers God's gracious gift of the Spirit abundantly blessing the gathered community. In our faith tradition this takes place 50 days following the death and resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost is primarily symbolized by a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and life-giving breath.

I have chosen a sung response for this morning's worship; VU#619 Healer of Our Every Ill. It may not be so familiar, but the refrain is quite easily sung. For closing today's worship I have included a few verses of this hymn.

May God's Spirited Blessing be upon us as we begin.

**Sharing the Light** *Take a moment to light a candle and centre yourself for this time of worship. As you light the candle offer the following words.*

I light a candle

In the name of the God who creates life  
In the name of the Christ presence who loves life  
In the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

**Words to Ponder**

Without the spiritual reference, without Faith,  
we're just that much more vulnerable to some of the realities of life.  
*~Lieutenant-General, The Honourable, Romeo D'Allaire*

**Sung Refrain: VU#619**

**Healer of Our Every Ill**  
Healing of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

## **Prayer**

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, be with us now as we enter this time of worship. Help us open our spirits to your Spirit. In heart, mind, body and soul may we feel a sense of your abiding presence; the steadfastness of your perpetual goodness and care; and the loving force of your very breadth within us. Amen

**The Scripture Texts** are printed from the New Revised Standard Version. If you have your own family bible or confirmation bible, whatever version, feel free to read it as well. It can be interesting to consider the different words that are chosen by each translator as they interpret from the ancient Hebrew and Greek texts.

*Before reading offer the following prayer:*

## **Prayer**

May your Spirit of wisdom and love guide the reading and hearing of these words. May they settle deep into my heart and mind, body and soul, your Word of Healing and New Life. Amen

Romans 5:1-5

**5** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Matthew 9:35-10:7

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

**10** Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

<sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

**Sung Response**    **VU#619**

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light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

## Reflection    Healing ~ Entering Shalom

**Preparation for Prayer** *As we prepare our hearts and minds to enter a time of prayer, I invite you to sit comfortable and quietly for a moment. Breathe deeply a few times paying attention to your breath as it moves in through your nose and as it fills your lungs. Picture your breath as a light entering your body and filling it with love and relaxation. Then when you exhale through your mouth imagine the breath taking all your tensions and worries with it as it leaves your body. Do this a few times until you feel relaxed, then move into the prayer time.*

### **Prayers** *Adapted from VU # 645 Living Water, Source of Life*

Mother God, Father God, Living Water, River of Grace, Source of Healing Life and Light in you we live and move and have our being. You quench our thirst, refresh our weariness, bath and wash and cleanse our wounds. You are for us a fountain of healing and for all the world, a river of hope.

When we least expect to find you, there you are, as you always are, springing up in the deserts of despair, perpetually creating, redeeming, sustaining, To the ends of the earth you go with us always.

We give you honour and praise and thanksgiving for those things this week that have sparked joy in our hearts and minds. *Spend some time remembering and naming your moments of joy* We bless you and give you glory for you carried with us those things this week that have broken our hearts and deeply troubled our souls. *Spend some time remembering and naming your moments of trouble, sorrow, anger, pain.*

Help us dear God, lean into faith, Guide for our daily living, Source of healing for every ill.

Help us dear God, walk and talk in step with your Spirit, as we seek to serve our neighbour as you would have us do, with hearts and hands and voices united in the Way of Jesus.

Remembering him, we pray,

**Lord's Prayer**        Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Offering

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2. Donate online through the Canada Helps web-site  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/melville-united-church>
3. Call or email Lynda, to arrange Pre-Authorized Remittance payments (PAR).
4. E-transfer directly from your bank. E-mail to [secretary@melvilledunited.com](mailto:secretary@melvilledunited.com)

Thanks to all of you who continue to contribute so much to make Melville the caring community of faith that it is. May you be blessed

**Hymn VU #619vs 1 & 4**

**Healer of Our Every Ill**

Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.  
You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness  
Spirit of all comfort fill our hearts.

Healer of our every ill  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who knew each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing,  
Spirit of compassion fill each heart.

Healer of our every ill  
Light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

**Blessing**

May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our faith in Christ Jesus.  
May we continue to be upheld in the strong love of our God.  
And may the Spirit's Breath breathe through us, and beyond us, healing light and energy for every ill. Amen.

**Prayer of the Week**

O God lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us O God, from brokenness to wholeness, from hate to love, from war to peace. Let the ways of your kin-dom fill our hearts, our imaginations, our world, our universe, our homes. By the power of your Spirit at work in us and others, may it be so. Amen.