



**Celebrating
176 Years**



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Melville United Church
May 1, 2022
3rd Sunday of Easter

Presiding today - Rev. Ruth Brown

Prelude

Welcome

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ, companion on the way.

We gather in community today – May 1st, 2022, virtually and in person. We will continue to offer both in-person and on-line services with printed copies being distributed to those without internet access who are unable to attend in person. We encourage people to come out to worship in the sanctuary. Double vaccinations, masking and hand sanitizing are all required to ensure the safety of all in attendance, and there is ample space for people to maintain social distancing. For those who are joining us online or by reading, we invite you to have a candle or tea light available.

Announcements

• **Organ Concert**

To showcase our extensively refurbished organ, on May 14th 7:00pm. Several area organists have been invited to share their gift of music. There will be a free will offering in support of Ukraine and The Grove Hubs (Fergus Youth Wellness Hub) <https://www.thegrovehubs.ca>

• **Ukraine Appeal**

The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. Over a million people, displaced from their homes, are seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. Many have lost friends, loved ones, and property; struggle to meet their basic needs; and face an uncertain future. United Church Mission & Service partners are responding to the rapidly unfolding crisis—visit our website at <https://united-church.ca>, scroll down to Ukraine Crisis and click on the Act Now button to find out how you can show your support and make a gift.

• **Friday and Sunday Coffee Cancelled**

Friday and after Sunday service coffee hour is cancelled until further notice.

• **Broadview Magazine**

Subscriptions are now due. The cost remains the same at \$25.00. Please pay your money to Ralph Rainford as soon as possible. Ralph will make himself available after the worship service on Sunday mornings outside the Chapel. Please promote this wonderful magazine to those who do not subscribe. Thank you for your support.

• **From the Mission and Discipleship Commission:**

- Camp Menesetung invites you to their “Clean Up Camp” day (pizza lunch provided) in the Goderich area, June 19th 9am-4pm. Check the camp’s [website](#)
- Please pray for several other projects funded by our Mission & Service dollars throughout the Region

- **Gifts with Vision** These gifts are perfect for those difficult to buy for people. There's no going out, no standing in line, no wrapping. And you will be helping out those in need near and far. Items address healing and reconciliation, leadership, counter racism, wellness and safe spaces, education, poverty and hunger, the future, Mission & Service. Gifts range from \$5 to \$140. Gifts include food for the north, help build a well, purchasing Covid vaccines for the Global South and East, and much more. You can find the full catalogue at www.giftswithvision.ca.
- We continue to **collect items for the food bank**. A list of the most needed items was sent out, and if you need a printed copy, just let someone on the Social Justice team or Rev. Lynda know, and we will get it to you. In addition to non-perishable food items, the food bank is also looking for personal and feminine hygiene products as well as fresh vegetables, apples and oranges.

I invite you to join us now for a time of worship and contemplation.

Land Acknowledgement *Peter Chynoweth, **Gathering: Lent/Easter 2022**, p.30. Used with permission.*

This land on which we gather is the Traditional land of the

Petun,
Haudenosaunee,
Anishinabewaki,
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation,
Odawa and
Mississauga people

We worship Creator on this land and acknowledge with respect the thousands of years of ceremony and relationship that are etched in footprint, fire, and faithfulness on the soil and rock that surrounds us.

Lighting the Christ Candle:

In the light of Christ Jesus, we gather to worship God

Call to Worship:

God turns our mourning into dancing,
And Clothes us with joy!

**So let our souls sing praises to God
and give thanks to God forever!**

Hymn: Come, let us sing VU 222

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.

Opening Prayer:

**Holy One, you call us together
to reflect on your Word,
and our day-to-day life in the world.
Be with us now
As we sing and pray together,
that we may hear your voice
and understand your Way,
This we ask through Christ Jesus, Amen.**

Time with the Children:

Hymn: Will you come and follow me VU 567 vs 1 & 5

- 1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Scripture: Psalm 30 (VU 757)

I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;
you have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O God, my God, I cried to you for help,
and you restored my health.
**You brought me back from the dead;
you saved my life as I was going down to the Grave.**
Let all your servants sing praises to you,
and give thanks to your holy name.
**Your anger is but for a moment,
but your kindness is life eternal.**

In my prosperity I said,

**'I shall never be shaken; your favour, O God,
has made me as firm as any strong mountain.'**

You turned your face away from me, and I was greatly dismayed.

I called to you; I made my appeal:

**'What profit is there in my death,
in my going down to the Grave?**

Will the dust give you praise?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

**Hear, O God, and be gracious to me;
O God, be my helper.'**

You turned my mourning into dancing;

you stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my heart will sing your praise without ceasing.

O God, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Scripture: John 21:1-19 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon 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.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He 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. ⁷That 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 sea. ⁸But 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.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus 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. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶A 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." ¹⁷He 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. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Gift of Music:

Sermon: Just after Daybreak.....

Hymn: Great is thy Faithfulness VU 288

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
 great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

The need is great, our gifts bountiful, God's powerful and creative Spirit is at work in us and others, so let us offer our gifts for God's work in the world.

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.

Offering

If you would like to do your part by making a monetary donation to Melville United Church, there are several ways to do that.

1. By leaving your offering envelope on the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.
2. Cheque (post-dated cheques are welcome): made payable to Melville United Church-which can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 41, Fergus ON N1M 2W7 or put in the mail slot beside the parking lot door.
3. Donate online through the Canada Helps web-site
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/melville-united-church>
4. Call or email Lynda, to arrange Pre-Authorized Remittance payments (PAR).
5. E-transfer directly from your bank. E-mail to secretary@melvilleunited.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.

Dedication Prayer:

Bless the gifts of hearts and hands and voices united, bless and use them dear and gracious God. For the sake of the world you so love, here among us and beyond. Through the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn: He Came Singing Love**VU 359**

- 1 He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.
- 2 He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.
- 3 He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.
- 4 He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Benediction

May the grace of the risen Christ,
The love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all. **Amen**

Postlude**Household Prayer** Out of the Ordinary, by Joyce Rupp

God of the Easter Gift,

Every year it happens:

earth shakes her sleepy head, still a bit wintered and dull, and feels new life stirring.

Every year cocoons give up their treasures, fresh shoots push through brown leaves,
seemingly dead branches shine with green, and singing birds find their way home.

Every year we hear the stories

Empty tomb, surprised grievers, runners with news and revelation, unexpected encounters,
conversations on the road, tales of nets filling with fish, and breakfast on a seashore.

And every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge

To be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome You in every
form, and trust in our own greening.

Through the Risen Christ, may it be so. Amen.