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Melville United Church
June 12, 2022
Trinity Sunday

Presiding today - Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint

Welcome

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ, who offers the gift of the Spirit.

We gather in community today – June 12, 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. There is ample room to socially distance, and you are welcome to wear masks if that is comfortable for you. For those who are joining us online or by reading, we invite you to have a candle or tea light available.

We gather on this Trinity Sunday to mark the doctrine of God, Three-persons-in-one, and learn from the deep, active and loving relationship of Creator, Christ and Spirit.

Announcements

- **Melville Photo Directory:** We are in the process of working on a new Photo Directory. Please see Lorna Bevcar after Church Services and book a timeslot to get your photo taken for it. It builds community and we need that, after the last two years! Everyone who has their photo in the book gets a free book and an 8" x 10" photo.
- **Communion** will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 26th at 11:00am**. We will come forward to receive the bread and wine.
- An **outdoor service** and hymn sing will be held on **Sunday, June 26th at 6:30pm** in the garden. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow. In case of inclement weather we will meet in the Chapel. We hope you will be able to join us!
- **Melville's Garage, Plant & Bake Sale** is coming up **Fri. & Sat. July 8 & 9th**, in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you have been saving items. Please check your residence, with your family and friends/neighbours, to see if they have any unwanted items.
 - Items like: Dishes, baskets, craft items, CD's, DVD's, VHS's, bikes, furniture, glassware, planters, clothing, cookware, ornaments, toys, shovels, tools, lights, etc..
"One man's trash is another man's treasure!"
For more information, contact Lorna 519-787-0570
- **Kairos Blanket Exercise – Save the Date!** The Kairos Blanket Exercise has been developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and educators. It is an interactive and experiential teaching tool that explores the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the land we now know as Canada. It is a 2 to 3-hour workshop and will be offered **at Melville on Saturday, October 1st 1:30-4:30pm**. It is intended for those 14 and over and is limited to 25-30 participants. Please contact Rev. Lynda to reserve a space.

- **Indigenous-Themed Summer Reading List** – for anyone who is interested Shining Waters Regional Council offered a list of recommended readings on Indigenous history and contemporary relationships. The list is located on the bulletin board outside the Chapel.
- **Mennonite Quilt & Coverlet Show** with Jeff Ferguson, appraiser **at Knox Elora Presbyterian Church June 25, 2022, 11:30 am. - 3:00 pm** Lunch Included Cost: \$20
Vintage Quilt Draw (Snails Trail) Tickets: 5\$ each or 3/\$10 Draw will take place on June 25 at 2:30 pm. For info & tickets, please call 519-846-0680 or email knoxelora@wightman.ca
- **Ukraine Appeal**
The invasion of Ukraine is costing precious lives and creating a humanitarian crisis as people flee to safety. Many millions of 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.**
- **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 <https://www.campmenesetung.ca/>
 - 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.
- **New Gifts with Vision for Ukraine**
A gift of \$25 will provide families fleeing Ukraine with a **hygiene kit** containing items like toothpaste, laundry detergent and disinfectant
A gift of \$38 will provide **one food basket** with staples such as cooking oil, buckwheat, canned fish and more
A gift of \$40 provides **one hygiene kit plus a supply of incontinence products**
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: *Bob Root, Gathering: Pentecost 1 2022, p.35, alt. Used with permission.*

(If you are watching this on-line or reading it from a page, I invite you to take a moment to light a candle, centre yourself and prepare to enter in to a time of worship and prayer. As you light your candle repeat the following words)

We light the Christ candle, sign of the light that lives with us and within us.

God's generous light shines out from us!

We light this candle as a sign of the Christ-light we carry within us.

We are God's generous light in the world!

Praise be!

Call to Worship: *Bill Steadman, Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022, p.30. Used with permission.*

Today God calls us, and we respond.

We respond with our prayers and our commitment.

We respond with our hopes and our dreams.

We respond with our hearts and our minds.

Today Christ welcomes us, and we enter.

We enter into this place of quiet and refuge.

We enter into this time of reflection and vision.

We enter into this space of inspiration and insight.

Today the Spirit is alive in our midst and we are thankful.

We are thankful for opportunities to serve.

We are thankful for moments of personal renewal.

We are thankful for invitations to share the goodness of life with one another.

Come, be nourished by the fellowship that we share
and be thankful for all that God has done for us.

We come, open to a future hope today.

We come, seeking to be a part of God's mission.

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
Refrain: And by the Spirit, you and I
 can join our voice to the holy cry
 and sing, sing, sing, to the Maker too.

2. It a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore,
Refrain: And by the Spirit, you and I
 can join our voice to the holy cry
 and sing, sing, sing, to the Maker too.

3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song,
Refrain: And by the Spirit, you and I
 can join our voice to the holy cry
 and sing, sing, sing, to the Maker too.

4. It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings,
Refrain: And by the Spirit, you and I
 can join our voice to the holy cry
 and sing, sing, sing, to the Maker too.

Opening Prayer (in unison): *Carol O'Neil, Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022, p.30. Used with permission.*

**On this Trinity Sunday, we come before you, Holy God,
to offer our praise and adoration.**

You are God, the Creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy.

You are Christ, the Saviour of the world, Word made flesh to set us free.

You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us.

You are holy and blessed.

One God, Eternal Trinity, be near to us,

the people formed in your image,

and be close to the world your love brings to life. Amen.

Ministry of Music "Pastorale" by A. Corelli, arranged by Jean Pasquet played by Colleen Weber

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By faith in Jesus Christ,
we are given access to the grace of God.
Standing in that grace,
we now confess our sins, our shortcomings, our brokenness,
all that stands between us and God, us and one another,
before God,
seeking forgiveness and peace.

Prayer Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation (in unison) *Christine Jerrett, **Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022**, p.30. Used with permission.*

**God of unfailing love,
Saviour to whom we belong,
Spirit of truth,
you, we worship; you, we love; you, we trust.
We long for wisdom to live well and faithfully all the days of our lives.
You know the fears that bind us.
You know how lost we get sometimes.
(a time of quiet confession)
Yet, you search for us and find us; you never let us go.
You pour grace upon grace into our lives.
Then, you send us out into the world that needs your light.
As we seek to be what you have called us to be,
fill our minds so that we observe the world
through the light and love of Jesus' cross and resurrection.
Then, grant us courage to follow the Way of Jesus, who is your Truth and your Life. Amen.**

Words of Assurance *Christine Jerrett, **Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022**, p.30. Used with permission.*

When we were baptized into the community of Christ's followers,
we were given the gift of God's Holy Spirit.
You carry the power of the Holy Spirit within you into the world.
Begin each day by becoming aware of the gifts of God within and around;
then, live from there, for we are salt for the earth and light in the world.
The healing work that God does in the world begins here, now, among us.
I invite you to share signs of peace with one another,
offering the peace of Jesus that flows through you.

Children's Ministry: Three in One

When you think about God, what do you think about? What kind of picture do you have in your mind? God is sometimes called the Triune God. Can you think of another word that starts with "tri"? Maybe triangle. And what does "tri" mean in talking about a triangle? Three, yes, because a triangle has three angles, three sort of corners. So what do you think "tri" might mean in "triune"? It also means three and if any of you take French, you might recognize the other part of the word as "une" which means what in English? One, exacty. So the Triune God is three in one—God the

Creator, God the Christ and God the Holy Spirit. God comes to us in these three ways so that we have even more ways to understand and connect with God.

It's a bit like this rope. It's a whole rope, but it's in three parts. We might think of one part like the Holy Spirit, another like Jesus, the Christ, and the third part like God, the Creator. So it's one rope, but it's in three. Three in one.

Prayer/Blessing

God who is Creator and Christ and Spirit, thank you for coming among us in all these ways, so that we might have a relationship with you in many different ways. We pray to keep reaching out to you like you keep reaching out to us.

Hymn: Love Is the Touch MV89 OneLicense #A-740237

Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice:
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son:
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

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Living Word,
you still have many things to say to us.
Speak, and we will try to bear them.
By your Word,
may the Spirit guide us into all truth,
that our lives may glorify you.

Amen.

Scripture: John 16:12-15 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*)

The Spirit of truth

Jesus said, "I have much more to tell you,
but you can't bear to hear it now.
When the Spirit of truth comes,
she will guide you into all truth.
She won't speak on her own initiative;
rather, she'll speak only what she hears,
and she'll announce to you
things that are yet to come.
In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me,
for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you.
Everything that Abba God has
belongs to me.
The Spirit will take what is mine
and reveal it to you."

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*)

Wisdom's part in creation

Doesn't wisdom call?
Doesn't understanding raise her voice?
On the hills along to road,
at the crossroads, she takes her stand;
beside the city gates of the town,
in the gates themselves, she cries out,
"Women and men, people everywhere,
I'm calling out to you!
I cry out to all of humankind!
...
"YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning,
before the first acts of creation.
I have been from everlasting,
in the beginning, before the world began,
before there were fountains or springs of water;
before the hills, I was born—
before God created the earth or its fields,
or even the first clods of dirt.
I was there when the Almighty created the heavens,
and set the horizon just above the ocean,
set the clouds in the sky,
and established the springs of the deep,
gave the seas their boundaries
and set their limits at the shoreline.
When the foundation of the earth was laid out,
I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty.
I was God's delight day after day,
rejoicing at being in God's presence continually,
rejoicing in the whole world
and delighting in humankind.

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O God,
we honor this day
the majesty and the mystery
of your name.
You are both infinite and intimate,
known and unknowable,
transcendent and transparent.
In love, you have made us your own,
and invite us to join in your divine dance.
We will never rest until we rest in you,
Blessed Trinity,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

May the words I speak and the reflection that we all share
find a response that is worthy of you,
most Just, most Loving, and most Compassionate God. Amen.
David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.

Reflection: The Vitality of Wisdom



Have you seen one of these? An enormous flock of birds all flying together, as the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire Manchester and North Merseyside in the UK describes it, “twisting, turning, swooping, swirling across the sky in beautiful shape-shifting clouds.” They are an amazing sight. Usually the birds in the group are starlings. And I only in the last few years learned that these formations are called “murmurations,” so called because of the noise the tens or even hundreds of thousands of wings make as they fly and dart about.

So why do starlings do this? There are various theories. Most often the murmurations occur in the evening near sunset at the starlings’ roost, the place they will rest for the night. They may be seeking to confuse predators, mesmerizing hawks and the like with the sinuous movements of the flock. Alternatively, there is some thought, since murmurations occur most often in the late summer

and fall, that the starlings are seeking to generate warmth on cooler nights before they roost. They may also be communicating with one another, exchanging information about feeding locations. Regardless of the reason, these very active and acrobatic gatherings definitely speak to community and a vitality that is inspiring as it is awe-inducing.

Well, murmurations, you might say. Interesting, but a long way from the reading Wisdom moving through the hillsides and crossroads, city gates, calling out to humankind in the public square. Wisdom claims her heritage: birthed by God before the first acts of creation, she has been since before the world began. And she speaks in joyous, eloquent terms of being with the Creator, encouraging the Creator, when the heavens and the horizon were created, when clouds were set in the sky and deep springs were sunk and the foundation of the earth was laid out.

And what does Wisdom wish to convey to humankind? In reading beyond the end of today's lection, she implores humanity to follow her way of sound judgment, to accept her as the source of clear thinking—rulers reign because of her and administrators issue just judgments. She assures humanity that she loves those who love her, that she offers gifts better than gold. Happy, she says, are those who listen to her, for with her, we will find life.

Wisdom is not just a disinterested observer; she is an active companion and witness to the creations of God. She works in concert with God, "the skilled artisan standing next to God," supporting, encouraging and celebrating God's work.

Wisdom lets us know how good God is, how good is that which God creates, how good it is that God is present with and for creation. And that is not just a moment in time: God's role in creation is active and continual.

Wisdom models for us the life we can live in faithful relationship with God, and with Jesus the Christ. Hers is a life of interconnectedness. God needs her, Christ needs her, and she needs each of them. It is a symbiotic relationship of interdependence. Just like the starlings need each other, gather into great murmurations that focus on the vitality of life: the need for one another, the communication with one another, the celebration of creaturely ability. In the sky together they create a massive, mesmerizing display that invites us to draw near to one another as they draw near for safety, warmth, sharing, and caring, living life fully.

And these are not exceptional displays; they happen as dusk approaches for weeks and months, whenever starlings are gathering for the night. This is so with the Triune God. It is not just in exceptional moments, not just when celebration is in order, or on a timetable of the heavens. It is in the timing of us as God's creations. Wisdom stands with God during the creation of life, during the work of building this world we know. Christ, the Word, we are told in the Gospel of John, is with Jesus from the beginning:

"In the beginning
There was the Word;
The Word was in God's presence,
And the Word was God
The Word was present to God
From the beginning.
Through the world all things came into being,
And apart from the Word
Nothing came into being

That has come into being.

In the movement of life, God is present, showing us how to live in unity, in fullness of life. Just like the starlings we too have needs, and those needs are often similar, and often can't be addressed well in isolation. We need the most basic of things: food, housing, transportation. In a recent CBC News item, one in seven Canadians is going hungry, with visits to food banks increasing at a shocking rate, the highest in the 41-year history of Food Banks Canada. The people most in need are those from marginalized communities: Indigenous, Black and racialized groups. And people who have never needed to visit food banks are having to for the first time. As the cost of housing, food and transportation increase to levels never seen, those whose living is the most fragile, worsens.

We are called to draw together like the Triune God, draw together like the starlings in their care and concern for one another, sharing what we have communally for the good of all. That includes food, employment, the means of shelter and travel. Society, in the waning days of this pandemic, has drifted far, very far into individualism, where it seems those who have, have more, and those who have less often become statistics.

We are called to live collectively in support and encouragement of one another, loving as the Godhead loves, giving as the Godhead gives, receiving in this closeness with God, rejoicing as Wisdom does, in the whole world, delighting in humankind. Just as God is communal, we are called to be too, and called to do so with the delight and wild abandon of the starlings in their beautiful shape-shifting clouds.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

Hymn: Dance with the Spirit VU156 OneLicense #A-740237

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.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
move 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.

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
sing 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.

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays:
 - Isabel Weaver celebrates on Tues. June 14th
- Anniversaries:
 - Morven & Ken McCorquodale celebrate their 62nd on June 17th

Preparation for Prayer

Let us practice the art of Praying with our Eyes Wide Open, that in seeing the world and those within it we are called to tend we may be *opening the eyes of our hearts to all in need around us* (Lamont Koerner '81 MDiv God Pause for Thursday, September 16, 2021 from Luther Seminary):

Prayers of the People *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word®** Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2. Copyright 2013, alt.*

Holy God, you are more than we can know or name,
yet we call on you again and again
for you alone are God.
We cannot live apart from you,
for you have called us into your triune life.
Your steadfast love surrounds us all our days.
Wherever we may be—
on a high mountain or a path in a shadowed valley,
at a crossroads on our journey,
outside the gates of welcome or in some inner circle—
you call to us,
delighting in the human race.

We come before you in thanksgiving
for all the gifts you have given that delight us so:
for the beauty of this season;
for the lives of those who bless us beyond their knowing;
for this community of faith by which we are nurtured and challenged;
for opportunities to serve you by serving others;
for goals accomplished;
and for the gift of life granted yet again today.

We come before you humbly and hopeful in need:
for those we know who are suffering today
because of illness in mind, body, or spirit;
for those trying to make a difficult decision;
for those grieving a loss, an ending, a dream deferred.
We pray for healing and strength in every broken place of our lives.
We long for the hope you alone can give—
hope that does not disappoint us
but rolls away stones of death and despair.
We pray for those whose livelihood is precarious,
for those who live at the edge of poverty's precipice,
and for those who live in temporary shelter and tenuous provision.
In the public square and in the privacy of our conscience,
help us find the will and the way toward a common good.

We come before you earnestly and urgently for this world in turmoil:
for the chaos loose in the natural world—
drought and floods, earthquakes and tornadoes—
heal the earth, we pray.

May those who are starving, thirsty,
or left in destruction's debris be restored.
We pray for the turmoil we cause
through war and violence, hatred and prejudice,
by our indifference and by our calculation.
Bring an end to our warring ways,
until civilians and soldiers live in safety and peace.
Root out of our hearts the seeds of bigotry and narrow-mindedness.
Stir us from apathy, increase in us empathy
that we may love as you love.

Holy God,
we have done so much to disrupt, disengage,
and even destroy what you have created and called good.
Still you are determined to delight in the human race.
So, make us delight-full.
Help us to delight in you by living and playing in ways that please you.
Help us to delight in neighbors near and far
by living and playing in ways that restore true communion.
Make us delightful all our days
until we greet with joy the kingdom you are bringing.
In Christ Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

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.

Minute for Mission: Transportation Is Key to Improving Lives



Gill visited Mission & Service partner Our Place Society for her meals every day. At one community meal, she met an outreach worker and inquired about making a meaningful change in her life. But making the changes she needed meant accessing programs in parts of the city she couldn't easily get to without a bus pass.

Too often, lack of transportation is a significant barrier that prevents people from accessing the support they need. It's hard to keep appointments, go to school, or visit family and friends with no way to travel. High gas prices, the cost of a vehicle, availability of public transit, as well as a system that reaches job-rich areas are barriers to creating a better life.

In a recent study, Jeff Allen and Steven Farber, geographers at the University of Toronto, report that in Canada's eight largest cities, 5 percent of the total population are living in low-income households that are also situated in areas with low transit accessibility. "This totals nearly one million people who are at risk of transport poverty nation-wide," they write.

What does it mean to not have adequate transportation? Farber told University of Toronto News it's a mix of disadvantages: socioeconomic status (low income, ill health, being a recent immigrant or elderly) and a lack of access to transportation (being unable to afford a car or to reach destinations easily by transit, for example).*

"The time is right for a national accounting of those living in transport poverty and the development of a national transport and land use strategy."**

[Mission & Service](#) partners working on the ground to alleviate poverty regularly help people access transportation so they can improve their lives. The bus pass project that provided Gill with passes she needed to keep life-changing appointments was supported through the United Church's *Gifts with Vision* catalogue. Thank you for your generosity.

*UofT News, [Stranded without transit? U of T researchers say one million urban Canadians suffer from 'transport poverty'](#)

***Transport Policy* (Feb. 2019), [Sizing up transport poverty: A national scale accounting of low-income households suffering from inaccessibility in Canada, and what to do about it](#)

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Out of the abundance of God's own life,
we have received the abundance of God's creation, God's word,
and God's love.

Why, then, should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity?

Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given,
with joyous and glad abandon.

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do

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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 website
<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.

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Holy God, you have poured out so much for us—

the beauty of the world,

the care of family and friends,

meaningful labor,

and the gift of the church.

We give you thanks for these and many other gifts.

Most especially,

we thank you for pouring your love

into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Through these offerings,

may your love spill over in glad abundance

that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Holy Spirit, Source of Love VU515

- 1 Holy Spirit, source of love,
who, to us, came from above,
gifts of blessing to bestow
on your waiting church below:
once again in love draw near
to your servants gathered here.
- 2 Give them light your truth to see,
strength to serve you joyfully,
daily power to conquer sin,
patient faith the crown to win;
shield them from temptation's breath,
keep them faithful unto death.
- 3 When the sacred vow is made,
when the hands are on them laid,

come in this most solemn hour,
with your sevenfold gifts of power;
come, O blessed Spirit, come,
make each eager heart your home.

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Go out this day
participating in the life of the triune God—
by honoring mutuality,
living in equality and justice,
and celebrating the amazing diversity
by which our communion is enriched.

Change the Light/Blessings

Watch. I am going to change the light and I invite you to change your light.
I'm not going to put it out, just change it.
See how it is only in one place?
Change Light
Can you see it? Now it is moving everywhere, to everyone, with everyone.
Now everywhere you go today, the light will go with you.

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The blessing of God,
who fashioned us to live with joy,
the blessing of Jesus,
whose footsteps lead us into the heart of life,
and the blessing of Spirit's arms
wrapped around us on our journey,
the blessing of the Holy Three
goes with us everywhere,
this day, this night, and always.

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Creator God, I wake this morning to the beauty of the world
as though it were the first morning of creation.
As the light of the sun rises on all that you have made,
I pray that my spirit may rise also.
Help me to be ready to greet you
however and in whomever you make yourself known to me today.
Help me to pause in moments of this day
to glimpse the beauty you have made,
offered as gift and sign of your abiding presence.
I entrust myself and those I love to you this day,
knowing that you promise to be with us always.
In your holy, triune name I pray. Amen.

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O God, my Advocate and Comforter, I rest in you.

The evening falls and the darkness does not overcome me,
for you are my light.

You are the Light of the world.

I bring to you the passing cares of this day,
and the deeper cares of my life and those I love.

Breathe peace on all that stirs in me and whirls around me.

Breathe peace into every troubled place and person this night.

Shine on us, in us, and through us.

I know that when I awake, I will still be with you,
Holy One who is Source, Word, and Wisdom. Amen.