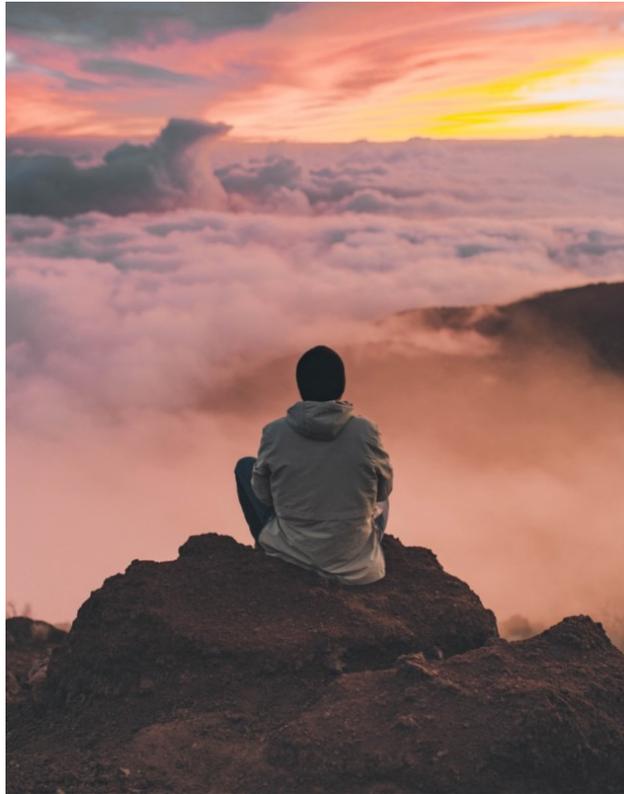




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Melville United Church
June 19, 2022
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Indigenous Day of Prayer

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

Welcome

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ, who brings miraculous healing.

We gather in community today – June 19, 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 in this season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, a season of the commonplace and regular, the everyday time, between the feasts and grand celebrations. It is the regular time in our lives when faith lives, grows and sustains. Green is the colour for the season, evoking nature, growth, vitality, freshness, harmony, endurance and fertility. It is associated with healing and rest—the depth and stability of blue combined with the warmth and joy of yellow.

Announcements

- Due to popular demand **UCW meat pies** are back and are only \$4.50 each! You can pay by either a cheque made out to Melville United Church UCW or cash. Please have the correct change if you can. **Contact Marg Frayne @ 519-843-3274** for your order.
- **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!
- As more and more people find their dollar shrinking, and having to decide between rent and three meals a day, the demand for food bank assistance rises. We ask you to prayerfully consider if you are able to **support the food bank**, either with a donation of food, or financially.
- **Melville Photo Directory**: We are in the process of working on a new Photo Directory. The last time that we had one was 2017! Is yours like mine? Getting pretty messy with changes of addresses and such? Please see Lorna Bevcar after Church Services, and book a time-slot 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.
- **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 across from 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

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

Land Acknowledgement *Peter Chynoweth, **Gathering: Pentecost 1 2022**, p.33. Used with permission.*

We acknowledge that this land on which we gather for worship is the traditional land of the people of Petun,

Haudenosaunee,

Anishinabewaki,

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation,

Odawa and

Mississauga nations. We acknowledge that we live on this land as people who have agreed to share the care and use of this land as a result of treaties—the Simcoe Patent—Treaty No. 4 and the

Haldimand Treaty, that outlined the rights and responsibilities associated with our place in this land.

May we be people who remember this with thanksgiving and respect.

Lighting the Christ Candle: *Jim McKean, **Gathering: Pentecost 1 2022**, p.33, 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)

As we light this Christ candle today, may we be ever mindful

of the Indigenous children who were traumatized

by their experiences in the residential school system.

May this light shine on the shadowed places of memory,

revealing truth and helping us to be ever mindful of our actions now and in the future.

In the light of this candle, we remember the many Indigenous children

who died at the residential schools.

May the Spirit's light open us to places long hidden

and restore the memory of these children, along with their rightful names.

May this light shine forth, gathering us in to a place of shalom

where grief is shared, trauma healed, and reconciliation found. Amen.

Call to Worship: *Éric Hébert-Daly, **Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022**, p.36. Used with permission.*

We know that no matter where we are, God is there.

We know that our human values sometimes overshadow God's values.

Come into this place to reconnect to the source of life.

We come to be reminded of what's really important.

May we learn to put the blessings where they belong.

May Jesus remind us where to place our values.

So that those who most need it are reminded that they are blessed, let us worship God.

Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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- 1 Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Opening Prayer (in unison): *Bill Perry, Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022, p.40. Used with permission.*

Gracious God, we name this an opening prayer.

To call it an opening prayer

suggests it's an opening into something more,

an opening of a door into this time of worship.

We ask your blessing, so that this is exactly what it is

as we worship this morning.

Nurture our faith and our trust in the fullness of your gifts.

Open doors on our life's journey

and reveal to us a room filled with life, hope, and promise,

a life we can genuinely call a journey of discipleship

as followers of Jesus. Amen.

Ministry of Music Medley: "As We Gather" by Tom Coomes and Mike Fay; **"Spirit Song"** by John Wimber; **"Hear my Song, God"** by Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither played by Suzanne Flewelling, Rene Crespo, Barry Rawn

Call to Reconciliation *Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies: Liturgy w/ communion for June 19, 2022 (Pentecost 2/Trinity 1/Proper 7/Ordinary 12 - C) <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>. Used with permission.*

We long to be set free from those 'powers' which control our lives; to let go of our fears of 'them;' to stop trying to build fences between us and those who are not like us. That is why our longing brings us to the living waters offered by our God, who allows us to fill our parched souls with a refreshing drink of forgiveness. Let us confess our sins, our shortcomings, our brokenness, all that stands between us and one another, us and God as we pray together our Prayer Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation,

Prayer Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation (in unison) *Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies: Liturgy w/ communion for June 19, 2022 (Pentecost 2/Trinity 1/Proper 7/Ordinary 12 - C) <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>. Used with permission.*

Like children, we fear that if we tell you what we have done, God of Justice, you might not love us anymore.

We can kill the dreams of those around us with a word, spoken or withheld.

We can make the lives of our friends miserable, instead of sharing a miracle.

We are filled with that legion of temptations which only leave us empty and wanting more.

Forgive us, Gracious Father.

Remind us that we are no longer sinners, but your children.

Baptized, we are clothed in the graciousness and faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came that we might be set free of all that imprisons us.

Words of Assurance *Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies: Liturgy w/ communion for June 19, 2022 (Pentecost 2/Trinity 1/Proper 7/Ordinary 12 - C) <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>. Used with permission.*

God forgives us, so we might be new people.

God equips us, so we might serve others.

God sends us forth, so we might be a witness to everyone we meet.

**No one is the same: enemies are now our friends;
those we could not trust now become our confidants;**

those we could not hear now speak to us of God's hope and joy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Ministry: We're Sorry – poem by Deanna Mitchell, Grade 7 – Ruth Sproule's granddaughter

We're Sorry

We're sorry

Sorry for all the terror

They had to see

We're sorry for all the abuse

And assault that is

Seared into their brains

We could have done something
Something big
Much earlier than we did
There's no way to go back
Undo the horror
That we caused not long ago

We shouldn't forget
What we did
To ruin the lives of those
Pure, innocent children
To be ripped away
From the loving, nurturing
Families they had

To a school that didn't
Teach them anything but
Fear

We know an apology doesn't
Undo what we have done
But
We're sorry

Prayer/Blessing

O God, we pray for all those who have been affected, injured or died because of residential schools and the actions of government and church to assimilate all Indigenous people. Help them by bringing healing and wholeness. We pray that we be guided by God's love, Jesus' example and the power of the Holy Spirit to live out our apology with respect, wisdom, love, humility, truth, honesty and courage. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Though I May Speak

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- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- 2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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Holy, Holy, Holy One,
your words feed us,
the Word frees us,
and the Spirit gives us life.
Grant our ears an appetite for hearing
and our spirits strength for loving you. **Amen.**

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a *(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation)*

Elijah hears God in the sound of silence

Now, Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah did,
and how he killed all the prophets with the sword.
So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying,
“May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely,
if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them!”

Full of fear, Elijah fled for his life.
When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his attendant there,
while he himself went a day’s journey into the desert.
He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die.
“I have had enough, YHWH,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”
Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.
Suddenly, an angel of YHWH touched him and said, “Get up and eat.”
He looked around, and there near his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals,
and a jar of water.
He ate the cake and drank the water and then lay down again.
The angel of YHWH came back a second time and touched him and said,
“Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.”
So he got up and ate and drank some more.
Strengthened by that food, he traveled for forty days and forty nights
until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.
There he went into a cave and spent the night.
And the word of YHWH came to him: “What are you doing here Elijah?”
Elijah replied, “I have been very zealous for YHWH God Omnipotent.
The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant,
broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword.
I am the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me too.”
God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of YHWH,
for YHWH is about to pass by.”
Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart
and shattered the rocks by YHWH’s power—
but YHWH was not in the whirlwind.
After the wind there was an earthquake—
but YHWH was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake came a fire—
but YHWH was not in the fire.
And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”
Elijah replied, “I have been very zealous for YHWH God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they’re trying to kill me, too.”

YHWH told Elijah, “Go back the way you came, to the Desert of Damascus. ...”

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*)

Jesus heals a man filled with demons

They came to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. Jesus was stepping from the boat when he was met by a person from the town who was possessed by demons. The demoniac had not worn clothes for a long time, and was homeless, living among the tombs instead.

Seeing Jesus, the individual cried out and fell at his feet, shouting loudly, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Only Begotten of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!”
—for Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the person. This spirit had seized the demoniac many times in the past, who then needed to be restrained with chains and shackles and kept under guard —yet every time, the possessed person would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places.

“What is your name?” Jesus asked.

“Legion,” it replied, because many demons had entered the person. And they pleaded with Jesus not to order them to depart into the abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding nearby on the hillside. The demons pleaded with Jesus to allow them to enter the swine, and he gave them permission. The demons left the person and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the hillside into the lake and drowned.

Then the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away to tell the story in town and throughout the countryside. The local residents came out to see what happened. And as they approached Jesus, they also saw the exorcised person sitting at Jesus’ feet, clothed and of a right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had witnessed it told the others how the possessed one had been made whole. Panic overcame the whole population of the region of the Gerasenes,

and they asked Jesus to leave them.

When Jesus had gotten into the boat to leave,
the person who had been healed asked to go with him.
But Jesus said, "No, go back home and tell everyone what God has done for you."
So the one who had been made whole went off and proclaimed throughout the region
what Jesus had accomplished.

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Almighty God,
ruler of all things seen and unseen,
through your Son, Jesus Christ
and the Holy Spirit,
you show your power and mercy.
You cast out evil,
tear down walls of division,
comfort and challenge your people,
and show signs of your kingdom
coming into the world.
Grant that we
may lift up the discouraged,
strengthen the doubting,
and join with all who seek
to thank you for your goodness.
In Jesus' name we pray.

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 Sound of Silence

We live in a noisy age. It is hard to find any place that is completely free of some kind of noise. I read an article one time in Canadian Geographic about a man who was trying to record the sounds of prairie wildlife and found it almost impossible to find a time and place completely free from human generated noise. Now, one would think that rural Saskatchewan would be relatively quiet, but the sounds of civilization were still very much in evidence - planes flying overhead, trucks on a distant road. It is amazing how sound travels.

A few years ago I was given the gift of a flight in a hot-air balloon for my birthday. It was one of the most wonderful things I have ever experienced. I love to be up high. Whenever I fly in an airplane I always want a window seat so I can look down and try to identify places and figure out where we are. I have been known to give others anxiety attacks as I stand right on the edge of rock ledges and cliffs to get a better view. So a ride in a hot air balloon suited me perfectly.

One of the first things I noticed was the quietness. With no noisy engines to propel the

balloon it was like floating on a cloud. Except for the brief intervals when the pilot fired up the heater to keep the balloon full of hot air there is no noise except that which comes up from the ground. And that was the next thing I noticed. Sound carries upwards. We could hear the sound of people talking, of dogs barking, and cars traveling the country roads we were floating over. With nothing to block or deflect the sounds they came to us pure and clear. On the ground sound has to travel over, around or through things to get to our ears. The only other place I have noticed sound traveling so freely is over calm, open water.

Besides my love of heights, I enjoy silence. I have many friends who will turn on the TV or radio when home alone because they tell me they can't stand the quiet. Personally, that would drive me round the bend. Constant noise wears me down and I find it irritating. I understand now what my mother meant when she would tell the six of us kids to quiet down. She'd say "I can't hear myself think."

I worry about our society and its addiction to noise. We are bombarded daily with the noise of crowded residences, workplaces, and entertainment sites. The clamorous voices of the media are always trying to get our attention. We live amidst the seemingly relentless roar of our machines, our tools, and our toys. Very few places today are soundproof. The norm is noisy verging on chaotic. I worry because amidst all the noise we have forgotten how to listen. We have forgotten how to be still and sit in the silence of our own hearts.

Silence is often referred to in terms of space: the immensity inside, the cave of the heart, the oasis of quiet, the inner sanctuary, the interior castle, the sacred centre where God dwells. For centuries, people on the spiritual journey have used the practice of silence as a way to periodically withdraw from the world, to rest and renew their souls - to connect with God. Mystics and spiritual leaders have known for centuries that silence is our friend if we really want spiritual connection; if we really want to know our life's purpose and what we are meant to be. Our world today contrasts sharply with this inner world of silence and it takes practice to be able to sit in silence. Not being used to it we often feel uncomfortable when there is no noise and we tend to want to fill it up somehow. But the fact is that if we really want connection with spirit, if we really want to know what the Universe has planned for us we need to learn to listen. And to truly listen we first need to stop our activity and shut out the noise of the world.

When our scripture story opens today Elijah is distressed and exhausted. He tries to run from the trouble that is plaguing him. In his running, he pauses to rest and God offers him food to nurture him and strengthen him. Note that when Elijah journeys on from his first resting place he travels for a long time - forty days and nights is not literal but simply implies a long time - before he comes to the cave. He is instructed to watch and wait because God is about to pass by. So he waits and watches. Chaos surrounds him - wind, earthquake, fire - but God is not to be found there. God is not found where we would expect - in the displays of power but instead Elijah hears God whispering in the stillness and silence.

The Practice of Silence is something that you have to make room for - literally. We must first find a place of physical silence where we can sit quietly, away from distracting demands, voices and sounds. We need to go there often - every day if possible. Silence is a powerful antidote when the world feels overwhelming. Sitting in silence regularly can increase our capacity for contemplation and enable us to focus our attention on deep matters of the heart. It is an opportunity to commune with things greater than the cacophony of noise all around us.

So let's take a few moments now to practice prayerful silence - or God bathing - as a benedictine monk once described it. In God bathing, says Kathleen Dowling Singh, in *The Grace in Dying*, the body is still, speech is silent, the mind is at peace. One bathes in the presence of, the very Being of God.

I invite you to make yourself comfortable, close your eyes if you wish and just be in silence in the presence of God. You might want to repeat the following mantra in your mind as you sit in silence. I will end the silence with a song you will be familiar with written by the poet and song-writer Paul Simon. Let's begin by taking a few deep breaths. While you breathe allow your body to relax and your mind to drift inward to that still place within you.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

Listen to "The Sound of Silence".

Hymn: Be Still, My Soul

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- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays:
 - Thelma French celebrates 98 years on June 26th
- Congratulations:
 - ***Three Generations Married at Melville United Church***
Emily Mary Foster and Steven Ryan Peters were married on Saturday May 28, 2022 in a beautiful ceremony at Melville United Church. Emily's parents, Catherine Wilson and Robert Foster were married at Melville on September 26, 1992. Emily's grandparents, Mary Woods and Jack Wilson were married at Melville on November 16, 1963. Emily's grandmother, Joan Foster, a long time member at Melville enjoyed the service. The white antependium was placed in memory of

Emily's grandfather, Dr. Stuart Foster.

- Condolences:
 - We offer deepest condolences to Marlene Tosh on the passing of her husband Donald. Please keep the Tosh family in your thoughts and prayers.
 - Please keep Bonny & Jim Nevett and their family in your prayers, due to the loss of her father, Gordon Burnett, Wednesday, June 15th. Our sympathies to them.

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):

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Holy God of earth and sky,
in your presence mountains quake,
flames tremble,
and the winds roar
“Hallelujah!”

We pray for the coming of your kingdom.
Let the earth be made whole and new;
let the sky be made clean and refreshed.
May all who dwell in heaven
and throughout the world
be joined in giving you praise.

We pray for the nations
and people of the world.
Let us receive your reign with gladness.
Grant world leaders wisdom and humility,
that they may guide your flocks
in the ways that make for peace.
Give us ears to attend to the voices
of poets and prophets,
through whom your Spirit speaks.

We pray for the most vulnerable:
for creatures threatened with extinction . . .
for those of the human family
who are poor, homeless, or refugees . . .
victims of political or domestic violence . . .
those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit
Grant us compassionate hearts,
inspired minds,
and wills resolved

to care for our neighbors
with the love of Christ Jesus.

When you bring your promised kingdom,
all your creatures will shout, "Glory!"
all your people will sigh, "Love,"
and all creation will together sing,
"Hallelujah!" **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: Whole Life Ministry: Wampum (video only) - <https://youtu.be/guFiURJAUCQ>

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For the sake of those who have yet to hear the word of God,
for those who are in need of our bounty,
and for the discipline that comes with sacrifice,
let us bring our offerings and ourselves.

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do **MV191** **OneLicense #A-740237**
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.

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**With these gifts, O God,
we remember with thanksgiving
the life that we have because of you.
Make us grateful every day
for the privilege of offering ourselves
for the well-being of all your world.
We pray in the name of your beloved Son. Amen.**

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU651

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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Go in peace to care for those who cross your path,
to give voice to those who need your help,
to notice what is beautiful and what is amiss,
to counter injustice and guard what is good, and
to rest and work, mindful of God's desire
for your health and faith.

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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God feed you;
Christ protect you;
Spirit live in you
and wash over you

with the love of God.

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Gracious and loving God,
we give you thanks for protection through the night
and for your presence throughout the day.
Clothe us with mercy toward those we meet.
Render us the courage and calm we need
to face the tasks of the present
and to prepare for the challenges to come.
Guard us this day so that we learn
to give thanks at all times.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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Almighty and gracious God,
we give you thanks for this day of work and play,
for study and chores,
for time with our family and friends,
and for time to be alone.
Bring us now to the peace of mind that lets us rest in you.
Refresh us with your care
so that we may rise in the morning with joy. Amen.