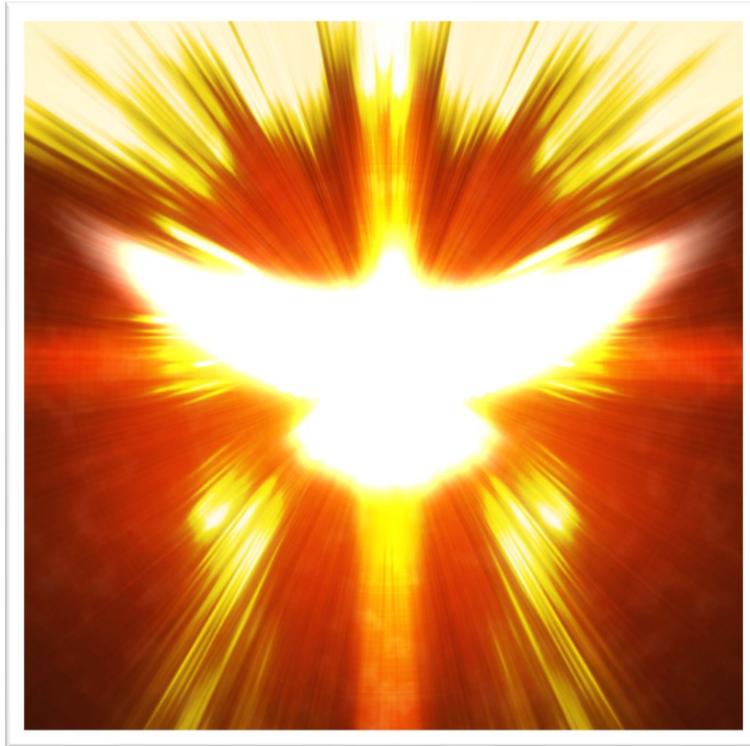




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Melville United Church
June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday
Covenanting among Melville United Church, Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint
and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

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 5, 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 joyfully gather on this Pentecost Sunday to mark a new ministry relationship in Western Ontario Waterways regional council between Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint, Melville Pastoral Charge of Fergus and the region. We welcome Rev. Joe Gaspar, Doug Hayward, Western Ontario Waterways liaison to the Melville search committee, guests who are a part of our wider community. Today we commit to, and celebrate, how we are the church together.

Announcements

- As we celebrate our covenant together, the **UCW invite all to a lunch in the Fellowship Hall** following today's service
- **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
- **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.**

- **Do you have a heart for stewardship??** Would you like to help support the communities of faith across Western Ontario Waterways, Horseshoe Falls and Antler River Watershed Regional Councils as they **nurture generous disciples and change the world?** Do you know someone who does? We are looking for a full-time **Community of Faith Stewardship Support** staff-person to join the General Council Philanthropy team. Find out more on the United Church website [Job and Volunteer Opportunities webpage](#) or contact [Rev. Dave Jagger](#) to discuss your questions. This posting is open from May 27th to June 7th, 2022.
- **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: *Laura J. Turnbull, Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022, p.27. Used with permission.*

The Spirit dances and bubbles around us.

Transformations are everywhere!

Rebirth—born again—new life—all are God's gift to us!

Come, Holy Spirit. Be our guest. Blow in our midst!

Hymn: Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth **VU207** **OneLicense #A-740237**

- 1 Spirit of God, unleashed on earth
 with rush of wind and roar of flame!
 With tongues of fire saints spread good news;
 earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.
- 2 You came in power, the church was born;
 O Holy Spirit, come again!
 From living waters raise new saints,
 let new tongues hail the risen Lord.
- 3 With burning words of victory won
 inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,
 revive in us baptismal grace,
 and fan our smouldering lives to flame.

Opening Prayer (in unison): *Covenanting Service for Western Ontario Waterways Region*

Loving God, we cry aloud this day for your guidance.

You have called us into ministry

as we follow the pathways that you set down for us.

**Grant us, we pray, strength to believe in your gospel
and courage to trust in your Word.**

**We pray that the ministry of this pastoral charge
will be strengthened and nurtured by your Holy Spirit.
All glory and honour are yours, God most high. Amen.**

Ministry of Music "Go into the World" *words and music by Walt Harrah, choral setting by John F. Wilson sung by the Melville United Choir accompanied by Colleen Weber*

Call to Reconciliation *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word**[®] Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1. Copyright 2012, alt.*

Our sister Julian of Norwich spoke these words of faith:
“All people who shall be saved, while we are in this world,
have in us a marvellous mixture of both weal [well-being] and woe.
We have in us our risen Lord Jesus;
we have in us the misery of the harm of Adam’s falling and dying.
We are steadfastly protected by Christ,
and by the touch of his grace we are raised into sure trust of salvation.
And by Adam’s fall our perceptions are so shattered in various ways,
by sins and by different sufferings,
that we are so darkened and blinded that we can hardly find any
comfort.”*

In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin, our short-comings, our brokenness, all that stands between us and one another, between us and God.

** Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love, trans. Elizabeth Spearing (New York: Penguin Books, 1998), 125.*

Prayer Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation (in unison) *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word**[®] Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1. Copyright 2012, alt.*

**Without your power, O God, we are lost.
We have done the things we would avoid,
and what you desire, we have not done.
By your purifying fire transform our lives;
guide us into honesty and compassion
so that, filled with your peace,
our dreams and visions may be one with yours;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

Words of Assurance *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word**[®] Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1. Copyright 2012, alt.*

All who call on the name of our God will be saved.
By the power in whom we live and move and have our being,
I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins,
through the holy Trinity, one God,
whose mercy is everlasting.

Acts 2:21

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word**[®] Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1. Copyright 2012.*

Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire
that leads us into each new moment of our lives.
By the power of your Spirit,
settle now into our hearts and illumine your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture: John 14:8-17, (25-27) *(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation)*

God will send you the Spirit of truth

“Rabbi,” Philip said, “show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip,
and still you don’t know me?

Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God.

How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’?”

Don’t you believe that I am in Abba God
and God is in me?

The words I speak are not spoken of myself;
it is Abba God, living in me,

who is accomplishing the works of God.

Believe me that I am in God and God is in me,
or else believe because of the works I do.

The truth of the matter is,
anyone who has faith in me
will do the works I do—

and greater works besides.

Why? Because I go to Abba God,
and whatever you ask in my name I will do,
so that God may be glorified in me.

Anything you ask in my name
I will do.

If you love me

and obey the command I give you,

I will ask the One who sent me

to give you another Paraclete, another Helper

to be with you always—

the Spirit of truth,

who the world cannot accept

since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her;

but you can recognize the Spirit

because she remains with you

and will be within you.

...

This much have I said to you while still with you;

but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit

whom Abba God will send in my name,

will instruct you in everything

and she will remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give to you;

but the kind of peace I give you

is not like the world’s peace.

Don’t let your hearts be distressed;

don’t be fearful.

Children's Ministry:

Prayer/Blessing

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God

VU376

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- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Introduction of Rev. Joe Gaspar - Lynda

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*)

The Spirit comes on the day of Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

All were amazed and disturbed. They said each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

'In the days to come—
it is our God who speaks—
I will pour out my Spirit
on all humankind,

your daughters and sons will prophesy,
your young people will see visions,
and your elders will dream dreams.
Even on the most insignificant of my people,
both women and men,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below:
blood, fire and billowing smoke.
The sun will be turned into darkness
and the moon will become blood
before the coming of the
great and sublime day of our God.
And all who call upon the name
of our God will be saved.'

Reflection: - *Rev. Joe Gaspar*

Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God **VU382**

- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

- 4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Covenanting

Statement of Purpose – Presider Lillian

Presider Lillian invites Allan to come forth

Statement of Living Faith Story – Allan

Statement of This New Ministry

Presider-Lillian invites the new minister to come forward.

Regional council liaison: Doug

We are here to join into a covenantal relationship with God and between *Lynda Goy-Flint, Melville, Fergus* community of faith, and the wider United Church as represented by *Western Ontario Waterways* regional council. Although God's covenant with us never changes, our covenants with one another evolve as we seek ways to faithfully deepen our commitment to Jesus and live into our call to embody God's love in the world.

Member of Search Team: David

After prayerful discernment, and the approval of *the Melville, Fergus* community of faith, we present *Lynda Goy-Flint*, who has been called to a ministry of word, sacrament, and pastoral care in *Melville, Fergus* community of faith. We believe that her skills and talents complement our faithful witness, ministry needs, and community context.

Regional council liaison: Doug

Lynda Goy-Flint, you are here in response to the call of *the Melville, Fergus* community of faith and *Western Ontario Waterways* regional council. We come together to mark this new relationship within our regional council for the sake of our shared ministry.

Lynda Goy-Flint, you are undertaking the ministry of word, sacrament, and pastoral care in this place.

You, the members of this community of faith, are called to join *Lynda Goy-Flint* in worship, study, prayer, and action.

We, *Western Ontario Waterways* regional council, will be responsible for supporting this ministry.

Let us pray for God's grace as we covenant together:

Prayer of Faith (in unison)

A prayer for the church inspired by John 17:21 and based on The United Church of Canada's "A New Creed" and The United Church of Christ's "Statement of Faith (in the Form of a Doxology)." Written for the full communion service of these two denominations, alt.

Uniting God,

you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship:

- to celebrate your presence,**
- to live with respect in creation,**
- to be your servants in the service of others,**
- to seek justice and resist evil,**
- to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,**
- to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,**

our judge and our hope.

**Send your Holy Spirit to bind us in ministry
so that we may be a sign for the community of your steadfast faithfulness,
embodying your love for the world.**

**As one, we proclaim:
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
you are with us,
we are not alone,
Thanks be to you God
Amen.**

Hymn: Creator, Spirit, Living Word VU531

- 1 Creator, Spirit, living Word,
one God who calls us here:
be with your people on this day;
your presence bring us cheer.
- 2 This house of God, built to your praise,
we dedicate to you.
Accept the work of many hands,
the plan and purpose true.
- 3 Here at this font may parents see
the water from above,
and at your table may we share
the bread and wine of love.
- 4 When in this place your people stand
as husband joined to wife;
and when, bereaved, they bow in prayer:
give them your peace and life.
- 5 Here may your love be clearly preached
by pulpit and by pew.
May we unite in hymn and song
to covenant with you.
- 6 May young and old be taught your word;
our church discern your way;
each person here your temple be
and see your glorious day.

Promises of the New Minister

Presider-Lillian:

Lynda Goy-Flint, do you, in the presence of this community of faith, take on the new trust and responsibility of ministering with *Melville, Fergus*?

New minister: I do.

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Will you accept the guidance of *Western Ontario Waterways* regional council and, together with its other members, be responsible for the health of *Melville, Fergus* community of faith?

New minister: I will.

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Will you share in the ministry goals and faith story of this community of faith?

New minister: I will.

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Will you accept the support and encouragement of this community of faith and this regional council?

New minister: I will.

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Will you work cooperatively with the wider church and wider community to embody God's love in the world?

New minister: I will.

Promises of the Community of Faith

Regional council liaison-Doug:

To the congregation of *Melville, Fergus* please stand as you are able.

Will you join with *Lynda Goy-Flint* in a ministry of worship, study, prayer, and action within *Melville, Fergus* Community of Faith, *Western Ontario Waterways* Regional Council and within the wider church?

Members of the community of faith: We will.

Presider-Lillian:

Will you support her as she serves among us in this ministry?

Members of the community of faith: We will.

Presider-Lillian: The congregation may now be seated

Promises of Regional Council, Wider Church and Community

Lillian invites forward: Members of the wider church and community stand [this could include members of the region council, community partners, members of other faith traditions, United Church of Canada affiliated partners, as well as members of any other United Church body].

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Will you, as members of *Western Ontario Waterways* regional council and members of the wider community, join with *Lynda Goy-Flint* and this community of faith in the ministry that is both theirs and ours?

Wider community members: We will.

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

Wider community members: We will.

Hymn of Celebration: Rejoice in the Lord Always VU249 – *Lillian will announce hymn and invite people to stand*

Rejoice in the Lord always

and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)

Rejoice in the Lord always

and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap) x2

Presentation of Symbols from the Community of Faith

Presider-Lillian:

Just as the bread and cup, or a wedding ring, are familiar symbols of covenant, our relationship is also represented with tangible symbols of our promises to one another.

The following symbols represent the spirit with which the community of faith enters this covenantal relationship and represents our desire to be connected, supported and transformed:

We offer ...

A BIBLE – Don Grant

Don carries a Bible to the new minister.

Presenter-Don:

Take this Bible. Be with us as one who teaches and proclaims the Word.

People: Amen.

The new minister places the Bible on the pulpit or lectern.

WATER - Alison

Alison carries a pitcher of water to the new minister.

Presenter-Alison:

Be with us as one who baptizes in the name of Christ.

People: Amen.

The new minister takes the pitcher and pours the water into the font.

WATER, TOWEL, AND BASIN – Chris, Linda

Chris and Linda carry these symbols to the new minister.

Presenter-Chris/Linda:

Be with us as one who seeks justice and serves, as Christ served.

People: Amen.

The new minister pours the water into the basin. Basin, towel, and pitcher are set in a visible place before the congregation.

BREAD AND WINE – Elmer/Richard/Ralph

Members of the community carry a loaf of bread and a cup of wine to the new minister.

Presenter-Elmer/Richard/Ralph:

Be with us as one who cares for those who hunger and thirst.

People: Amen.

The new minister places the bread and wine upon the table.

KEYS - Barry

Barry carries a ring of keys to the new minister.

Presenter-Barry:

Be with us as one who works to keep safe this building, a witness to Christ's presence in this community, but also to keep safe our hearts.

People: Amen.

The new minister places the keys upon the table.

HISTORIC ROLL - Lorna

Lorna gives the historic role to the new minister.

Presenter-Lorna:

Be with us as one who cares for the members of this community of faith.

People: Amen.

The new minister places the historic roll upon the table.

Regional council liaison-Doug:

Lynda Goy-Flint and Melville, Fergus community of faith, let all these be signs of the ministry that is and that will be in this community.

People: Amen.

Presentation of Symbols from the Region

Representative Appointed by the Region-Doug:

The following symbols represent the spirit with which the regional council enters this covenantal relationship and represent our desire to connect, support and transform:

Connecting Symbol: Olive Oil

Olive Oil is used in the sacrament of Baptism as a symbol of protection and to represent the presence of Christ. We use it today to remind us that we are all connected in our baptism to the body of Christ.

(have olive oil in a clear glass pitcher or cup and pour it into a clear glass bowl or vessel of some kind)

Supporting Symbol: Walking Stick

The Walking Stick reminds us that from time to time we all need support. As we walk together with Christ may we know that we do not walk alone.

Transforming Symbol: Candle

Lighting the Candle reminds us that Jesus is in our midst to bring transformation and new life.

New Minister's Prayer

Presider-Lillian invites the new minister to come forward and pray in thanksgiving and supplication for all who have entered this covenant for the ministry of the community of faith.

Let us pray.

God of relationship,

we come to you this day

in thanksgiving for the beginning of a new and hope-filled ministry in Melville United Church.

We give thanks for the opportunities to work together as we live out our faith: connecting, supporting and transforming one another and all that is around us.

We pray that as minister

and the people of this community of faith,

and regional council,

you would guide us as we seek to serve our communities and the world, walking in love and faith, and that your Spirit might direct and strengthen us in this ministry.

Keep us mindful of all that dwells on this earth and our responsibility to care for it.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response to Covenant

Regional council liaison: Doug

Let us rejoice in the covenant we have made.

The people may express their joy with applause and/or the singing of a doxology, the pealing of bells, or a fanfare.

Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Halle, halle, halle - lujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Let us pray

Call: Uniting God, receive our prayers;

Response: **And in your love, answer.**

For the ministries of the *Melville, Fergus* community of faith, *Western Ontario Waterways* regional council, and The United Church of Canada, and our ministry partners around the world who work toward our common vision of a united and uniting church ...

Uniting God, receive our prayers: **And in your love, answer.**

For faithful disciples in our community of faith who work towards our common purpose of extravagant welcome, proclaiming the gospel, and mending God's world...

Uniting God, receive our prayers: **And in your love, answer.**

For the dreamers, teachers, and prophets who share our common longing to be one in Christ, with creation and with each other...

Uniting God, receive our prayers: **And in your love, answer.**

For those around the world who work towards our sacred message of justice and peace in harmony ...

Uniting God, receive our prayers: **And in your love, answer.**

For the prayers we name to you now, aloud and in the silence of our hearts [*moment of silence*]

Uniting God, receive our prayers: **And in your love, answer.**

We join these prayers together in the prayer that Jesus taught us ...

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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (with V shape, your hands pressed together or with an elbow bump)

Beloved Church, we are one in Christ!

The peace of Christ, who unites us in love and discipleship, be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet each other with signs of this peace

Offering Invitation

Because God first loved us,
we are made to love one another.
For the sake of the life of the world, let us offer ourselves,
our time, and our possessions as signs of love.

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 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.

Offering Prayer *Covenanting Service for Western Ontario Waterways Region*

Holy and Beloved God,

we dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.

Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Hymn: We Have This Ministry

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- 1 We have this ministry
and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.
- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,

we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

3 The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

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Spirit of wind and fire,
Spirit of mystery and promise,
Spirit of God, our Helper,
**blow at our backs,
breathe in our hearts,
be the energy for all we do
to spread love and justice!**

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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Go in peace.
And may the Holy God surprise you on the way,
Christ Jesus be your company,
and the Spirit lift up your life. Amen.

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Gracious God,
we thank you for the peace of good sleep
and for keeping us safe throughout the night.
Let this new day be a time of praise and joy
as we go out to meet you in our sisters and brothers.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Merciful God,
as night comes to this house,
we thank you for the challenges and accomplishments of this day.
Give our hearts and minds the comfort now to rest in your care,
trusting that whatever tomorrow brings,
your hand will be ready to catch us if we fall. Amen.