



August 7, 2022

Melville United Church

300 St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, ON N1M 1N9

Mailing address: PO Box 41, Fergus, ON N1M 2W7

519-843-1781

Team Ministry

Minister of Worship, Pastoral Care & Outreach	Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint
Faith Formation & Youth	Martha Duncan
Ministry of Music Team	Suzanne Flewelling, Colleen Weber
Office Administrator	Lynda Rivet
Custodian	Robert Mitchell
Chair of Church Council	Allan Hons
Chair of Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain Captain	Alison Rainford, Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint
Office hours	9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. T., Th. & F.
E-Mail	secretary@melvilleunited.com
Web Site	www.melvilleunited.com
Pastoral Care Numbers	709-682-8756, 519-843-3841

Melville United Church
August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding today - Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint

Welcome

I greet you in the name of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to be prepared.

We gather in community today – August 7, 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

- **Meat Pies:** 180 Meat Pies were made last week, frozen and SOLD last Fri & Sat. We'll be making more soon!
- **Garage, Plant & Bake Sale:** Was GREAT!!! The last weekend of July we made \$1600 and \$200 on Kijiji. We are finished now! In 4 weeks we have made \$7200. Fantastic! "Thank You!" to ALL who helped, baked, shopped, worked, and donated to our Garage Sale! Just Fantastic!!!
- **Away on Vacation** – Rev. Lynda will be away on vacation from **August 11th to September 5th**. If you have a pastoral care emergency in that time, please contact Alison Rainford or Lillian Gohn and they will connect you with the ministry personnel who is covering at that time. Worship services will be covered by Tom Watson and Ruth Cooke. Many thanks to all those looking after ministry matters in my absence. Blessings for the remainder of your summer!
- **Melville Photo Directory:** There have been two sessions of photos taken for the directory. There will be another session on **Wednesday, September 21st**. Please contact Lorna for your appointment. Everyone who has their photo in the book gets a free book and an 8" x 10" photo.
- **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.

- 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.
- **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.
- **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.**
- **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: *Bill Perry, Gathering: Pentecost 1 2022, p.34, 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 carry our Christ candle with us as we live our daily lives.

We carry it acknowledging our unique gifts and limitations.

We carry it into our own shadows.

We carry it as we live into the pathway of discipleship to which we are called.

Yet sometimes we become distracted.

At times, we get lost in digression.

At other times, we become disillusioned and set it aside in order to go our own way.

**Today we intentionally light afresh the Christ candle within us and among us,
naming its light as grace, promise, hope, and full life,
a strength and power for today and tomorrow.**

Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship: *Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022, p.35, alt. Used with permission.*

We gather in this place, open to new wisdom, seeking something greater than ourselves.

We gather to worship.

Here, may you find what you need.

Here, in the presence of God, may we all be renewed for the week ahead.

Here, may God be glorified.

We long to worship.

We need to worship.

Let us worship now.

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God **VU236**

Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Opening Prayer (in unison): *George Allan, Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2022, p.42, alt. Used with permission.*

Each of us carries baggage of the world, O God,
and we find it hard to set it down and move away from it.
Touch our hearts and minds
in the course of this worship hour,
that we may be opened to your loving grace;
that we may be encouraged
to turn over the weight in our lives to you,
that we may "Let go and let God,"
that we might loosen the grip we have on our lives.
Warm us and uplift us with your presence, O God,
reflected in those who have come before us
and in those who are to come after us.
We pray in the name of our loving Christ. Amen.

Call to Reconciliation *Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies: Liturgy w/ communion for August 7, 2022 (Pentecost 9/Trinity 8/Proper 14/Ordinary 19 - C) <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>. Used with permission.*

We would like to keep our sins hidden and our failures a secret.
But God would not have us keep silent,
but speak our confessions out loud,
so we may be blessed with God's mercy and grace.
I invite you to pray with me our Prayer Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation, saying,

Prayer Seeking Forgiveness and Reconciliation (in unison) *E. Lee Phillips, Reprinted by permission from The Worship Sourcebook, © 2004, CRC Publications, alt.*

God who seeks us in right relations,
we who own more than we use,
proclaim more than we experience,
and request more than we need,
come asking your forgiveness.
We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.
We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.
We experience your grace, then act defeated.
We rely on your power, but only in hard times.
We have become confused and misguided.
Forgive our every defection.
Bring us to an unbroken commitment
and a steady trust,
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,
the truth of God,
and the life of love,
now and always. Amen.

Words of Assurance *Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies: Liturgy w/ communion for August 7, 2022 (Pentecost 9/Trinity 8/Proper 14/Ordinary 19 - C) <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>. Used with permission.*

There is nothing to fear.

God's hope is more tenacious than our despair;

God's joy is more resilient than our grief;

God's love is more compelling than our hate.

By grace, we are gathered to God.

By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music: "Jesus Loves Me/My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *piano setting by Wayne Oquin played by Colleen Weber*

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation)*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for

Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for;

faith is the proof of all that is unseen.

Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God.

By faith, we understand

that the world was created by the word from God,

and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

...

By faith, Sarah and Abraham obeyed when they were called

and went off to the place they were to receive as a heritage;

they went forth, moreover, not knowing where they were going.

By faith, Sarah and Abraham lived in the promised land as resident aliens,

dwelling in tents with their children and grandchildren,

who were heirs of the same promise—

for they were looking forward to the city with foundations,

whose designer and maker is God.

By faith, Sarah received the ability to conceive,

even though she was past childbearing age,

for she thought that the One who had made the promise was worthy of trust.

As a result of this faith, there came forth from one woman and one man,

themselves as good as dead,

descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands of the seashore.

All of them died in faith.

They didn't obtain what had been promised,

but saw and welcomed it from afar.

By acknowledging themselves to be strangers and exiles on the earth,

they showed that they were looking for a country of their own.

If they had been thinking of the country from which they had come,

they'd have been able to return to it.

But they were searching for a better country, a heavenly one.
So God isn't ashamed of them, or ashamed to be called their God.
That's why God has prepared a city for them.

Prayer of Illumination *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,
by your Spirit enlighten us;
illumine us;
inspire us;
not for our sakes,
but for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whom we live. **Amen.**

...In the Midst: Faith, Trust and Lemons



I remember when my parents very proudly bought a 1973 Ford Colony Park station wagon, my dad saying he hoped it wasn't a lemon like a previous car had been.



I remember asking what a lemon was, and he said it was a car that didn't work very well right from the beginning, possibly because it was built on a Friday or a Monday—Friday because workers were distracted thinking about the weekend ahead, Monday because workers were having a hard time focusing on their job again after a weekend of fun.

While my dad didn't trust the Friday and Monday auto workers, he was very trusting of the Tuesday to Thursday auto workers.

Who do we trust in life?

Restaurant staff

Farmers, Grocery store clerks

People who work for public utilities

Bus drivers and cab drivers when we're in their vehicles, really most of the people on the road when we're walking or driving

Trades people and building inspectors

But what about the Tide pod craze? I remember telling my children not to trust those other kids on YouTube who encouraged them to eat Tide pods. And I know we have all had experiences of people we ought not to trust, but one that we can trust is God—God who loves us and cares for the world, and works with us to make the world a better place for everyone. That trust in God is lived out in trying to do God's will and doing our share to bring about that better world.



This is living in faith, or faithful living.

May we find God in the midst of all our days.

Hymn: True Faith Needs No Defence

MV139

OneLicense #A-740237

1. True faith needs no defence,
it echoes in the soul;
a faithful life gives evidence
of grace that makes us whole.
2. True faith, like music, soars
beyond cathedral walls;
on city streets and ocean shore,
from age to age faith calls.
3. Expect your faith to grow;
begin by being still,
and in the quiet come to know
God's living, breathing will.
4. To live the faith we find,
is all that love can ask;
to sing God's praise with heart and mind,
and rise to meet the task.

Scripture: Luke 12:32-40 (*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*)

Be ready; be dressed for action

“Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Abba to give you the kin-dom.

“Sell what you own and give the money to poorer people.

Make purses for yourselves that don’t wear out—

treasures that won’t fail you, in heaven

that thieves can’t steal and moths can’t destroy.

For wherever your treasure is, that’s where your heart will be.

Be dressed and ready, and keep your lamps lit.

Be like the household staff awaiting the owner’s return from a wedding,

so that when the owner arrives and knocks,

you’ll open the door without delay.

It will go well with those staff members

whom the owner finds wide awake upon returning.

I tell you the absolute truth,

the owner will put on an apron,

seat them at table and proceed to wait on them.

Should the owner happen to come at midnight, or before sunrise, and find them prepared,

it will go well with them.

Understand this:

no homeowner who knew when a thief was coming

would have let the thief break in!

So be on guard—the Promised One will come when least expected.

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

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. *Col. 3:1*

As your Word is broken open,

remind us that we have been raised with Christ,

and inspire us to seek the things that are above,

through the power of your Holy Spirit. **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: Be Prepared



Be Prepared – that’s what our gospel reading tells us we need to be. Sometimes that can sound quite ominous—we might hear an implied “or else...” attached to the end of that admonition. We are told we need to be ready day or night, whether we have any idea of the day and time of the expected event or not. We might feel more than a little concerned, forming thoughts like what if we’re not ready? What then? Will we lose out?

One aspect of being prepared, is having knowledge, and being willing to use it, and a story of knowledge and persistence, of preparedness, came out of the terrible devastation of the Tsunami in southeast Asia on Boxing Day in 2004. Tilly Smith was a 10-year-old English schoolgirl on vacation with her family in Thailand. Tilly says, “It was like paradise—white sand and turquoise blue sea.”

But on that Boxing Day morning she noticed something different while the family walked along the beach. “The water was really, really frothy. It wasn’t calm and it wasn’t going in and then out. It was just coming in and in and in,” she says. She realized that everything she was seeing reminded her of a lesson on tsunamis she’d had at school just a few weeks before.

Tilly told her parents what she had noticed. Her mom, Penny, said she kept saying, “It bubbles, the water bubbles.” Her parents ignored her, but Tilly persisted, finally saying, “There is gonna be a tsunami, listen to me.” She finally convinced her father, Colin, to turn back toward their hotel. As they got close, Colin saw a security guard from the hotel stationed on the beach. He said, “Look, you probably think I’m absolutely bonkers, but my daughter’s completely convinced there’s gonna be a tsunami.”

The security guard was prepared to pay attention to Tilly, and began warning visitors. Penny, Tilly’s mother, was still on the beach with their younger daughter so Colin waved frantically to her to return. She and their daughter started running and behind them was a massive tsunami surge heading toward shore. The Smiths just made it to the second floor of their hotel when the tsunami smashed into the building, crushing everything in its path.

The giant tsunami killed a quarter-million people around the world that day, 10,000 of them in Thailand. But while there were several injuries at the Smith’s hotel, there was not a single fatality, a miracle British papers credited to Tilly. Not only did she have the knowledge of the signs of a tsunami and recalled them, but she was prepared to share her knowledge, to persist in telling her parents until they paid attention.

The call to be prepared may seem like just a good idea, a way of being on top of things, or in the rare instance, perhaps saving lives. But it is what commentator Stephen Farris calls law, rather than gospel, more of a common sense lesson than anything.

What makes this text gospel is the parable that comes with it, and specifically v. 37 in which Jesus says, "It will go well with those staff members whom the owner finds wide awake upon returning. I tell you the absolute truth, the owner will put on an apron, seat them at table and proceed to wait on them."

I don't know how many of you are fans of *Downton Abbey*, but I can't imagine the earl and countess returning, and, seeing their staff lined up awaiting them, descending into the kitchens to service a meal to the butler, maids, footmen and cooks. The comfort of the master is really the only consideration and of course the family will be served by the staff in the dining room as is fitting.

Jesus though, the one who reigns, in this parable represented by the owner, will put on an apron, seat the household staff at table and proceed to wait on them...for doing their tasks, for keeping up with their responsibilities, for being prepared to follow the owner's instructions. What a gift, what a blessing, what a miracle!

And for us, what does this mean? Perhaps it means that when we struggle to remain prepared, to be "on," to focus on discipleship and following Jesus, we can know that Jesus is willing to refresh us, to dig right in and work alongside us. When we are questioning what to do next, when we are about to make decisions, Jesus, right with us, working with us, can help us to do the next right thing. Jesus knows about the challenge of sticking with it, of seeing something through to the end—in his case, life—and his resurrection shows us, as nothing else can, that following him, working with and for him brings the incomparable gift of life and life abundant.

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

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us VU562

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,

still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

- 5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Joys and Concerns

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 *Spill the Beans Resources Team, spill the beans: worship and learning resources for all ages, Issue 43, p. 79. Copyright 2022, alt.*

Loving God,
we pray for all those places in the world,
where your people live in fear.

May your words "do not be afraid"
accompany them,
not as an admonition
but as an anchor for hope.

May they see signs
that assures them
of your presence
and of your love
in the midst of struggle.

And we,
who have more than we need,
may we hear your words
"do not be afraid"
as a challenge to use all
that you have given us
to bring peace,
to bring healing,
to spread love
throughout the world.

May we also be prepared
to challenge all
that traps people in poverty,
all that deems some lives "less than"
and all that seeks to limit

and restrict the abundant resources of the earth.

May we not be afraid
in our relentless pursuit of justice
until all of creation is restored
to beauty and all of your people
dwell in peace and plenty.

May we never give up hope
that your will be done on earth.
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: WWJD? Here's One of the Church's Best Answers



Credit: Image by congerdesign from Pixabay

The question “What would Jesus do?” often shortened to the acronym “W.W.J.D.” has graced wrist bands, T-shirts, and bumper stickers since the 1990s. And while it might sound like an overused cliché, it’s a question that can lead our spirit and, by extension, our lives to profound transformation.

What did Jesus do? He crossed a lot of boundaries. In fact, when we think about the boundaries that separate people—things like money, gender, education, culture, religion, and class—Jesus crossed them all.

He struck up a conversation with a Samaritan woman in a culture where it wasn’t socially acceptable for men and women, much less Jews and Samaritans, to speak to one another. He healed the bodies and souls of people suffering from a variety of diseases when it was sinful to have anything to do with them. He visited the homes of tax collectors and sex trade workers and advocated for the rights of widows, orphans, and those living in poverty. He not only valued children in a time when they were considered such drains on society that they were abandoned on

roadsides, but he also told his followers that unless they were more like children they wouldn't enter the kingdom of heaven.

In the same way, our generosity through [Mission & Service](#) breaks down walls that divide and builds bridges that draw us together.

Your generosity supports organizations like hospitals, counselling centres, drop-in circles, and homeless shelters that are there when people need them most. Your gifts sustain education programs that teach farming skills, provide job training, and help remove obstacles so children can remain in school. Your generosity stands up for victims of human trafficking, ensures workers and children know their rights, and advocates for those persecuted because of their sexual orientation, gender, or beliefs. It fosters anti-racism, supports healing and reconciliation, and deepens spiritual practice.

Through Mission & Service, the arms of your generosity stretch wide, reaching into schools, camps, hospitals, shelters, prisons, and churches with three main goals: to help transform lives, deepen meaning and purpose and build a better world.

Mission & Service is one of our church's best answers to the question "What would Jesus do?" Thank you for your support.

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

Jesus said, "Sell your possessions, and give alms.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Honour God with a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and in so doing offer praise to God.

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.

Offering Prayer (in unison) *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2**. Copyright 2013.*

**Generous God,
you pour out blessing and cover us with gifts of love.
Accept these offerings for the sake of your children,
that they may proclaim your mercy and embody your grace.
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

Hymn: Three Things I Promise MV176

OneLicense #A-740237

Three things I promise, Holy God,
In age and youth, in life and death:
To bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
And listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space,
And life, and all that life became,
And so, with thankful heart and voice,
Through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
Amid our culture's tides and trends,
For here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves
To cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
May seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades,
And family and friends are gone,
Three acts of loving faith remain
When days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God,
As day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
And listen for the Spirit's breath.

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

God, the great Shepherd,
our guardian and our guide,
may we be always ready to receive you;
may we feast at your banqueting table;
may we know the comfort of your love
and may it drive away our fears.
As we are blessed,
so may we be a blessing
to our world
and to our neighbours.

Change the Light

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.

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

May the God who gives us every good gift
bless you and keep you in the mind of Christ,
by the power of the Spirit who sustains us all. **Amen.**

Household Prayer: Morning *Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from **Feasting on the Word**[®] **Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2.** Copyright 2013.*

Holy God, at your word the sun rises to greet us,
and we are new each morning.
Be with me as I begin this day,
that my faith would be reckoned righteous by you,
and my works find favor in your sight. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening *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,
at the setting of the sun your love brings judgment,
and I know of my need for your grace.
Help me to be more faithful to justice,
more truthful in love,
and ever mindful of your mercy. Amen.