



***Celebrating
177 Years***



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Melville United Church

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Easter Sunday

Presiding: Rev. Ruth Brown

Music Ministry: Colleen Weber & Suzanne Flewelling

Prelude

Welcome

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

We gather in community today – Sunday April 9th 2023, virtually and in person. We continue to offer both in-person and on-line services with printed copies distributed to those without internet access who are unable to attend in person. We encourage people to come out to worship in the sanctuary. Masking and hand sanitizing are all optional and there is ample space for people to maintain social distancing if you feel more comfortable doing so. For those who are joining us online or by reading, we invite you to have a candle or tea light available.

Announcements

- **UCW meat pies** are for sale 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.
- **The organ needs your help.** Our beautiful Melville pipe organ is in need of repair. We have carefully completed repairs and general maintenance. As you are aware things break. There have been issues with the Swell expression for several years now. At this time the Swell expression is beyond repair and needs to be updated and replaced with a new louvre drive motor. The cost to restore the Swell expression with a new motor will be \$3000.00. Please consider making a donation for this very worthwhile project in order for Melville to continue enjoying this wonderful organ. For the many ways to donate, please consult the Melville web site. For further information contact Ralph Rainford 519 843-3841. Thank you for helping.
- People continue to suffer as a result of the earthquakes that struck **southern Türkiye (Turkey) near the border with Syria**. People need emergency shelter, blankets, mattresses, clean water, food, and hygiene items. We join Mission & Service partners the Middle East Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and the Humanitarian Coalition to show tangible support for the people of Türkiye and Syria. You can be a part of these efforts by donating now at <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/earthquake-turkiye>. Thank you for your generosity.
- **“MID-DAY MUSIC AT MELVILLE”** presented and performed by pianist BRAD HALLS **Wednesdays 12 noon to about 1:00 p.m.** Pianist Brad Halls will present music written by Jimmy McHugh, one of the most prominent composers from “Tin Pan Alley” era of The Great American Songbook. Writing for Broadway revues and Hollywood films from the 1920s to about 1960, McHugh is the composer of dozens of *standards including On the Sunny Side of the Street, This is a Lovely Way to Spend an Evening, I Can’t Give You Anything but Love, It’s a Most Unusual Day* and many more. This music series will continue each Wednesday to and including April 26, when we will take a break during the summer months, resuming performances in October. There is absolutely no admission fee for the performance, but a voluntary contribution to Melville to keep the heat and lights on and the piano tuned is always welcome.

- **Centre Wellington Singers** presents **Love Songs for Springtime Saturday April 15 at 3pm** at Hope Springs United Church. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and may be obtained by calling 519-843-6655 or from choir members.
- **Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church** presents **Naomi Bristow: The Yodelling Cowgirl!** A celebration of Country, Western and Gospel Music **Friday, April 21 7pm** Tickets \$15.00 and available at Wreckless Eric's, Magic Pebble, or the Knox-Elora church office
- **VON invites you to join SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Gentle Exercise Program Classes** at Melville **Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am** as there are available spots. The 10:30 class is fully booked. Classes are FREE. Call Danielle to register 519-803-0144.
- Save the Date **May 27th** for **Melville Plant & Bake Sale** more detail coming soon!
- **Friday or Sunday Coffee Time** – We encourage people to sign up to host either a Friday or a Sunday Coffee Time. It is not difficult! We'd be pleased to show you how. Sign-up sheets are at the Parlour Door. Please speak to Lorna Bevcar or Marg Frayne.
- **Donations to Garage Sales:** If you know of anyone moving, downsizing or de-cluttering, please keep Melville and our Garage Sales in mind.
- 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. Food bank use is up 35% over the last three years. The food bank has also calculated that a basket of food and goods that cost \$39.85 in 2021 now costs \$50.83, a 27.55% increase in one year. The Food Bank is asking for your financial support at this challenging time.
Most needed items (as of March 23rd): Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Side Dishes, Chunky Soup (Habitant), Small Canned Soup, Pasta Side Dishes, Canned Vegetables, Cold Cereal, Peanut Butter, Juice, Jam, Canned Salmon
Well-stocked with: Pasta, Spaghetti, Tomato Soup, Canned Chickpeas and Lentils
- **Save your Used Stamps from Incoming Mail:** Cut off your used stamps, leaving a 1/2" border around them and give them to Marlene Tosh **or** put them in the Stamp Box on the shelf in the Cloak Room, where the Lift is on the main floor of the church. Marlene tidies them up and takes them to the Bible Society, to buy bibles. You can do this year-round!
- **Gifts with Vision: A Giving Catalogue from The United Church of Canada**
Give meaningful gifts that make a difference with [Gifts with Vision](#)! Each year's gift catalogue gives a glimpse of the breadth of our Mission & Service ministries and programs. *Gifts with Vision* has gift ideas to suit every interest, budget, and person. It's a great way to celebrate special occasions and honour loved ones! The gift catalogue is updated online regularly and is fully refreshed every fall. **To order gifts, be inspired, or learn more, visit GiftsWithVision.ca today!**
- **The Community Resource Centre** is looking for **volunteer drivers** to help those in our rural community who don't have the means to get to appointments, work or education. Volunteer drivers receive \$0.55/km reimbursement. To apply, please visit <https://communityresourcecentre.org/transportation/become-a-volunteer-driver/> or call 519-843-7003 for more information

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

In the light of the Risen Christ, **we gather to worship this Easter Morning**

Ministry of Music: “Easter Fanfare” - *words and music by David Ashley White (sung by the choir and accompanied by Colleen Weber on the organ, Kaillie Rawn and Vince Dicesare on trumpet, & Cody Rawn on trombone)*

Call to Worship:

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

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

For Christ is Risen

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Opening Prayer:

God of the Easter Rising

with the dawn has come new light

out of darkness, even the darkness of death

has come new life that will never ever die

may our worship and contemplation this day

awaken us

to the rising of your holy and faithful presence in our midst

ever creating, redeeming, sustaining. Amen

Opening Hymn: VU#155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today *(with Kaillie Rawn & Vince Dicesare on trumpet vs 1 and 4)*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Children's Time

Children's Hymn: MV#121 Hey Now! Sing Hallelujah!

One Licence #97084

Refrain

Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

1. Jesus loved people and he made them friends,
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children and the women and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
2. Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
3. Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
4. Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
5. Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28: 1-10 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The Good News of Easter

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "This is My Message for You....."

Hymn: VU#352 I Danced in the Morning *One Licence #106288*

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. R
- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. R
- 4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. R
- 5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R

Our Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Susan Barth celebrated on Thurs. Apr. 6th
 - John Martin celebrates on Tues. Apr. 11th
 - John Cuming celebrates 79 years on Fri. Apr. 14th
 - Lynne Lamb celebrates on Sat. Apr. 15th

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Offering Invitation

The need is great, our gifts are bountiful, God's resurrecting power is alive in us and others and in all creation, so let us offer our gifts for God's work in the world.

Offering Hymn: VU#541 Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Dedication Prayer:

Bless the gifts of these hearts and hands and voices united, bless and use them Creator God, for the sake of the whole world. With all the hope and love and joy of our Easter faith we pray. Amen

Closing Hymn: VU#164 The Day of Resurrection *(with Vince Dicesare & Kaillie Rawn on trumpet & Cody Rawn on trombone v 1 and 3)*

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

- 2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise
the victor strain.

- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that
is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes
of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

Benediction:

With the sacred story of Easter
fresh in our hearts and minds
we go forth trusting
The grace of Christ rising within

**the love of God surrounding
the power of the Spirit
making new
us and others and all creation**

Praise God

Praise Creator Redeemer Sustainer

Christ is risen

Christ is risen indeed!

Postlude

Household Prayer: *“Out of the Ordinary” by Joyce Rupp*

God of the Easter Gift,

Every year it happens:

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

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

Every year we hear the stories

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

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

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

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

Worship Schedule

Apr. 7 (10:00 am)	Good Friday	Rev. Tom Watson
Apr. 9	Easter Day / Resurrection Sunday	Rev. Ruth Brown
Apr. 16	2 nd of Easter / Earth Sunday	Social Justice Committee
Apr. 23	3 rd of Easter	Rev. Tom Watson
Apr. 30	4 th of Easter	Rev. Tom Watson