



**July 9, 2023**

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*Presiding today - Rev. Jeff Hawkins*

*Music Ministry: Suzanne Flewelling*

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Announcements

- Help is needed with the PowerPoint and sound on **August 27th**, and possibly on **September 3rd**. Barry can provide training to anyone interested before those dates. Please contact Barry Rawn [brawn@cogeco.ca](mailto:brawn@cogeco.ca)
- **Kids' Church** is on a summer break and will gather again September 10. During the summer books and independent activities will be available in the sanctuary. Have a great holiday!
- **Summer office hours (July & August):** Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm
- **Garage, Plant & Bake Sales** are finished for the time being. We are pleased to have sent over \$6000 to Melville's General Fund, representing the two weekends! Thank you to all who: Donated, Worked, Baked, Gave Plants, and who Shopped at Melville!
- Please Welcome Our New Custodian: The Property Committee is pleased to announce that **Suzanne Flewelling** will be expanding her role at Melville and is being hired as the contract custodian, effective July 1, 2023. For the past year she has already been one of our part time custodians, so that Bob Mitchell could reduce his work hours at Melville.

As Bob retires, we thank him for his years of custodial service at Melville and wish him well in his retirement. Blessings Bob.

We 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 (Hoe-day-no-show-nee), 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, 1793 and the Haldimand Treaty, 1784 - that outlined the rights and responsibilities associated with our place in this land. May we be people who remember this with thanksgiving and respect.

### **Call to Worship:**

God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

**God offers compassion to all creation.**

With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

**With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.**

In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

**We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name.**

## **Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign VU 330**

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

### **Opening Prayer:**

**You, O God, are overflowing with love, infinite in kindness. There is no other like you in all our imagining. Your presence breaks into our lives in the beauty of summer and refreshes us like a gentle breeze on a still day. You renew us to meet life's changes and challenges. In this time of worship, we offer thanks in our prayers, praise from our hearts, and honor with our lives, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, this day and every day, now and always. Amen**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Wise and patient God, You offer us peace, yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled.**

**You offer us courage, yet we are resentful when life is challenging. You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose, but we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires. Forgive us, O God, and draw our attention back to you.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day.

**Ministry of Music: God on the Mountain** *words and music by Tracy Dartt played by Susanne Flewelling and Barry Rawn*

#### Verse 1

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain  
And you've got peace of mind, like you've never known  
But things change, when you're down in the valley  
Don't lose faith, for you're never alone.

### Chorus

For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley  
When things go wrong, they'll be made right  
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day, is still God in the night.

### Verse 2

We talk of faith when you're up on the mountain  
But talk comes easy, when life's at its best  
Now it's down in the valley, of trials and temptations  
That's where your faith, is really put to the test.

### Chorus

For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley,  
When things go wrong, they'll be made right  
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day, is still God in the night  
The God of the day, is still God in the night.

### **Scripture: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30**

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

### ***Jesus Thanks His Father***

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

### **Sermon: What size is your cross?**

### **Hymn: You Servants of God VU 342**

1 You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,  
and publish abroad that wonderful name;  
the name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,  
whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.

The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son!  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore and give as is right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

### **Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

#### **Offering Hymn: What Can I Do MV 191**

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. (x2)

### **Offering Prayer**

#### **Parting Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand VU 670**

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears,  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Postlude: 'Till the Storm Passes By** *words and music by Mosi Lister*

Verse 1

In the dark of the midnight have I oft hid my face,  
While the storm howls above me, and there's no hiding place.  
'Mid the crash of the thunder, Precious Lord, hear my cry  
Keep me safe till the storm passes by.

Chorus

Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more  
Till the clouds roll forever from the sky.  
Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand,  
Keep me safe till the storm passes by.

Verse 2

When the long night has ended, and the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in thy presence, on that bright peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest never comes, Lord, may I,  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

Chorus

Till the storm passes over, till the thunder sounds no more  
Till the clouds roll forever from the sky  
Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand  
Keep me safe till the storm passes by.

**Worship Schedule**

July 16	7th after Pentecost	Rev. Felisha Urbanski
July 23	8th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
July 30	9th after Pentecost	Rev. Felisha Urbanski
August 6	10 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins