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**Reflections and Relations**

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*Presiding: Melville Social Justice and Outreach Team*

*Guest Speaker **Dianne Wallace***

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Announcements:**

**If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome!** Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the parlour after the service.

- **178<sup>th</sup> Anniversary after service lunch.** You are invited to a lunch to celebrate Melville's anniversary prepared by UCW. The lunch will be set up on the main floor on Anniversary **Sunday, Oct. 22**, after church.
- **UCW meat pies** are for sale and are only **\$5.00 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. You can purchase them after Sunday Service or by contacting Marg Frayne @ 519-843-3274.
- Join Ruth Sproule on **October 20th from 9 AM to 12 PM** along with Coffee Time to **attach poppies to the netting**, preserving last year's and filling a new piece.
- **Small freezer needed!** If you have one to donate or know someone who does, please contact Marg Frayne or the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated!
- **Granny's Attic Treasures & Bake Sale. Oct. 27 and 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Collectibles, antiques, vintage pieces, jewellery, art, pictures, all sorts of little treasures. Pies, butter tarts, fruit tarts, muffins, cookies, brownies, fudge. Melville's frozen meat pies.
- **Cozy Closet:** We will be collecting new or gently used, warm clothing, such as coats, sweaters, hats, mitts, socks, pants, snow suits and boots, from **October 1-26**. Items collected will be displayed on **October 28** and **November 4**, here at Melville, where individuals can come in and choose what they need.
- The King is coming to Melville **November 18th at 7:00pm!** Join us for an unforgettable evening with the incredible **Elvis Tribute Artist, [Garry Wesley](#)** Tickets are \$25. See Lorna Bevcar to get yours! Tickets are also available by contacting the office 519-843-1781 or visit The Bookery 191 Saint Andrew St. W or Echoes Fergus 240 St. Andrew St. W.
- The music series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented by pianist Brad Halls returns for its second season of concerts **Wednesdays 4 from 12 noon to about 1:00 p.m.** For this season, Brad plans to present a musical journey through the past 100 years of the Broadway musical, beginning in 1923 and continuing to the present day. There is no admission cost for these concerts, but a voluntary donation to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned is always appreciated.
- **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.
- The **Food Bank** is in need of donations, more than ever. Please consider bringing donations of nonperishables, toiletries, or a gift card, to church. Baskets are located in the sanctuary. **Items most needed are:** pasta sauce, Chunky soup (Habitant), small canned soup, pasta

side dishes, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, cold cereal, peanut butter, juice, jam, canned salmon, and canned pasta (beefaroni, etc.).

### Community Events:

- Monday **October 16th from 6PM-8PM** Fall Fashion Show at [Silveri Jewellers!](#) Join earlier at 5PM for in-store shopping with 30% off! Over a dozen Raffle Prizes, Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres, Door Prize! Partnering local Businesses: [Millennium Clothing](#), [Dalia Lingerie](#), [IF Footwear](#) Tickets are \$50 each, with limited availability. Proceeds raised at **this event support the programs and families at Michael House.**
- **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Arkell United Church Fall Supper & Hootenanny!** Dinner 5-7pm. Hootenanny @ 7pm. Cold cuts, famous salads & homemade desserts. Adults \$15, children 5-12yrs \$7, under 5 free! Arkell United Church 600 Arkell Rd. For tickets contact the church 519-821-7623 or arkellunitedchurch@hotmail.com
- **Attention all students! Remembrance Day Poster and Literacy Contest.** Entry forms and competition details are available for pick up at the Fergus Legion Club Room 500 Blair St., Fergus - weekdays after 2:00pm & weekends after 12:00pm.
- Wellington County **Food Access Guide** is created to help people facing food insecurity in the region access free or affordable food. This resource provides details on food assistance providers, eligibility, and the services they offer. Access the guide at <https://www.gwpoverty.ca/resources/access-guides>.

### Acknowledging Our Kinship and Land

One: Creator, we come together today as diverse, united peoples to give thanks to you, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

**All: We come to listen, to learn, to sing and pray, to consider our place in the order of things you have created and are creating.**

One: It is right and good to give thanks for the land on which we stand, for this is wisdom we learn from Indigenous peoples of this land—that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.

**All: Such wisdom, our interdependence with all life, is something too easy to forget in our busy lives! It is a gift and a challenge to us to remember.**

One: And so we take time to acknowledge the lands on which we now live.

**All: Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.**

One: O God, as we acknowledge the peoples of the Petun, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabewaki, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Odawa and Mississauga nations who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and 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. Help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ, with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** We light this candle. May its light guide us to truth talking and to travelling good paths. May we in turn share the light with those we meet until it spreads to all peoples worldwide.

**Opening Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines** **MV 138**

1. My love colours outside the lines,  
exploring paths that few could ever find;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before,  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking  
from time to time.  
And we'll never move the grave-stones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines

2. My Lord colours outside the lines,  
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
and takes me into places  
where I've never been before  
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking  
from time to time.  
And we'll never move the grave-stones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

- 3, 4 My soul longs to colour outside the lines,  
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries  
where I've never been before,  
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water  
if we're not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking  
from time to time.  
And we'll never move the grave-stones  
if we're not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines

**Opening Prayer**

Creator God, Great Spirit, we give our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space.

Here we are most aware of the gift of wind:

**and the four directions from which it comes.**

Here we are most aware of the gift of sun:

**and the four directions on which it shines.**

Here we are most aware of the gift of humanity:

**and the four directions in which we exist.**

Here we are most aware of the gift of Creation:

**and the four directions which support our living, breathing, and being.**

This day we give thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people of this Land;

**and we commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus.**

**We pray in his name. Amen**

**Hymn: Like a Rock MV 92**

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore. *(repeat)*

### **Time With Children**

**Prayer Seeking Forgiveness** *(in unison, based on Lamentations 5)*

**O Great Creator, look at what has happened: lands have been stolen, drinking water must be bought. Our Indigenous kin are exhausted, many have no food, wars are waged against the innocent, bodies are taken advantage of, Elders are disrespected, many work for low pay, in unsafe conditions. The sounds of violence and loss drown out the melodies of music and laughter of play. Hearts ache and spirits are weary from experiencing the rending of the web of all our relations. O Great Creator, Earth cries out to you. Creator, as ancestors of settlers we confess that we must help repair all of these wrongs.** *(silent prayers)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Hymn: Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU 299**

1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.

2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. R

3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take. R

4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R

**Scripture: Paraphrase of Psalm 106:1–5**

Praise our Creator! O Meegwetch give thanks to the Maker, for Turtle Island nurtures us; love lives forever in ancestors dancing in the aurora borealis. Who can truth talk the mighty doings of the Creator or drum all their praises? Joyful are those who observe justice, who work for right relations at all times. Remember me, O Great Spirit, when you show honour to your people. Help us when you lead us into places of protection. We see the grateful hunting of creatures, generous gathering, and abundant harvest and prosperity of our kin, that we may dance in the ceremonies of our nation's people, that we may glory in your ancestry. All my relations.

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**Message:** Guest speaker Dianne Wallace

**Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154**

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.
3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

**Joys and Concerns**

• **Birthdays**

- Chantel McIntosh celebrates on Sun Oct 15th
- Ioan Shortt celebrates on Sun Oct 15th
- Our own "Lynda Rivet!" Celebrates on Wed Oct 18th
- Karen Smillie celebrates on Thurs Oct 19th
- Elmer Shortt celebrates on Sun Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern:**

**Tender and loving Creator, Living Spirit, we are all relations in your family. We are thankful for all of our blessings. We pray for...**

...people living on reserves with shortages of funds for decent housing, water, water treatment, schools, and other community infrastructure, that justice will finally come.

...Indigenous neighbours living in urban areas, facing the challenges of prejudice and discrimination, for those living with PTSD and addiction, that justice will finally come.

...those Indigenous women and girls who are among the thousands of murdered and missing, for them and their families, our lament at the shame of what has happened and our pledge to advocate for their safety, that justice will finally come.

... the air, that all might breathe it clean and free, that justice might finally come.

All this, as well as the prayers of our hearts, we pray in the name of Creator, who is Mother and Father of us all. We pray as well in the Spirit of Christ, whose words continue to guide our lives today as we say:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Creator, 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 and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Invitation to Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer:**

**Creator God, we ask you to bless these gifts, which have been given in love. May our gifts be used in many ways to build good relations. May your will be done through these gifts and through us and in spite of ourselves. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Mission Stories**

#### **Hymn: Though Ancient Walls      VU 691 (Verses 1-3,5)**

- 1      Though ancient walls may still stand proud  
        and racial strife be fact,  
        though boundaries may be lines of hate,  
        proclaim God's saving act!  
                Walls that divide are broken down;  
                Christ is our unity!  
                Chains that enslave are thrown aside;  
                Christ is our liberty!
  
- 2      When vested power stands firm entrenched  
        and breaks another's back,  
        when waste and want live side by side,  
        it's Gospel that we lack. R
  
- 3      The truth we seek in varied scheme,  
        the life that we pursue,  
        unites us in a common quest  
        for self and world made new. R
  
- 5      This broken world seeks lasting health  
        and vital unity.  
        God's people by God's Word renewed,

cast off all slavery! R

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

As God's united yet diverse peoples, we go to become neighbours to each other and to the earth.

**For in Christ we are all kin. We are called to be neighbours, to share generously with each other.**

As we learn more, respect more, love more, we all can gain, not lose!

**God as Creator will be our rock. Christ and Spirit be our guides.**

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### **Worship Schedule**

October 22	Anniversary Sunday	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
October 29	Halo Study 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Service	Rev. Tom Watson
November 5	23 <sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost	TBD
November 12	Remembrance Sunday	TBD