



**February 11, 2023**

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*Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins*

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## Welcome

## Announcements

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

- **UCW meat pies** are available \$5 each. Buy after church or contact Marg 519-843-3274 or [margfrayne@hotmail.com](mailto:margfrayne@hotmail.com)
- The music series “**Mid-Day Music at Melville**” presented by pianist Brad Halls returns on **Wednesday, February 14 from 12 noon to about 1:00 p.m.** here at Melville. Brad will continue his musical voyage through the last 100 years of the Broadway musical, and on this coming Wednesday, he will present selections from classic musicals from 1960 and 1961, including “*Camelot*”, “*Bye Bye Birdie*”, “*The Unsinkable Molly Brown*” and “*The Fantasticks*” among several others. Enjoy wonderful songs including “*Put on a Happy Face*”, “*Make Someone Happy*”, “*If Ever I Would Leave You*”, “*Try to Remember*” and more. There is no admission cost for these concerts, but a voluntary donation to Melville United Church to help keep the heat on and the piano tuned is always appreciated.
- **Rides needed for seniors:** Can you help? Rides to Wed Piano Concert (Noon - 1pm), Friday Morning Coffee (10 - 11am), and Sunday Service (11am - Noon). Please speak to Lorna Bevcar
- **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.
- Thank you for your donations to the **Food Bank** there is an **ongoing need** of nonperishables, toiletries, or a gift card. Baskets are in the sanctuary.
- **Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers!** For more information visit [habitatgw.ca/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities](http://habitatgw.ca/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities) or email [volunteer@habitatgw.ca](mailto:volunteer@habitatgw.ca)
- **World Day of Prayer Friday March 1st, 2024, 2:00 P.M.** at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fergus. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine. The Theme: I Beg you Bear With One Another in Love. Guest Speaker: Rev. Peter Bush. Time of fellowship will follow the service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.
- **TCOW Sleepover March 22-23, 2024** - Parkminster United Church, Waterloo. TCOW is hosting a fun sleepover event for youth (grade 8-12+) and Youth Leaders for a fun event full of good, games, community, faith, and learning! For more details visit <https://www.waterlootcow.ca>

## Land Acknowledgement

Let us take time to acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial.

God, help us to be thankful, and to become better neighbours and stewards that we might continue to honour these lands.

**Call to Worship:**

Lord Jesus, on this day when you revealed your glory to your disciples;

**Reveal your glory to us.**

As we gaze on the splendour of your love;

**Help us to love you and our neighbours around us.**

Emmanuel, Everlasting God, Prince of Peace

**We worship you today, with all our hearts and our minds. Amen**

**Opening Hymn: VU 104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

- 1 We have come at Christ's own bidding  
to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing  
for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples  
for a sign both clear and plain.
  
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;  
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
Moses and Elijah marvel  
as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.
  
- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Creator God, the one who at the beginning said "let there be light" and there was light: shine the light of your grace, love and mercy on us, as we gather for worship today. On this Transfiguration Sunday, help us to see you in all your glory. In a world filled with hate, and injustice, inspire us to build the tabernacles of justice, peace and love, until the earth is full of your glory, as the waters cover the seas. Amen**

**Ministry of Music Choir: Proclaim Christ's Glory!** *arranged by Nancy Woodin (based on the hymn 'O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing' by Charles Wesley)*

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**Forgive us Lord, remove things that cause us to hate and distrust each other. Help us to follow the example our Lord revealed to us today, remind us of Jesus' love, mercy and compassion. Make us instruments of your love and peace in our world today. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: Christ died for our sins and rose again that God may free us from the tyranny of judging others to live fully in the power of God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives your sins and offers you a transformed future. Live fully into God's grace. Amen.

### **Childrens' Time**

#### **Scripture: Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

### **Sermon: Jesus, Not Just Ordinary.**

#### **Hymn: VU 334 All Hail the power of Jesus Name**

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.
- 2 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace R
- 3 Crown him, you martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
praise him whose way of pain you trod, R
- 4 Let every tongue and every tribe,  
responsive to the call,  
to him all majesty ascribe R
- 5 O that, with all the sacred throng,

we at his feet may fall,  
join in the everlasting song,  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.

## Prayers

### Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kindom 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 kindom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**
  - Don Kruger celebrates today!
  - Ron Anticknap celebrates on Thurs Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Sydney Parkin celebrates on Sun Feb 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Condolences**
  - We offer deepest condolences to the family of Glenise Ladd who passed away Monday, February 5, 2024 . A Graveside Service will be held at Belsyde Cemetery in Fergus, on Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 11:00am. Following the service a Celebration of Glenise's Life will be at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 275 Fergus Hall from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

### 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: VU 684 Make Me a Channel of your Peace

- 1      Make me a channel of your peace:  
         where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
         where there is injury, your healing power,  
         and where there's doubt, true faith in you:
  
- 2      Make me a channel of your peace:  
         where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
         where there is darkness, only light;  
         and where there's sadness, ever joy.  
         O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
         so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

- 3     Make me a channel of your peace.  
      It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
      in giving to all that we receive,  
      and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**Welcomers:** Doreen and Larry Broome

**Counters:** Mary Lloyd, Phil Brown

**Worship Schedule**

February 18	Lent 1 / Communion	Rev. Tom Watson
February 25	Lent 2	Rev. Felicia Urbanski