



Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

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Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins

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Prelude

Welcome and 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.

- **Job Opportunity** at Melville United Church for a **part-time Youth Leader**. The candidate will be responsible for leadership and resources in areas of Christian Education for children and youth. The successful applicant will lead Kids' Church on Sundays and plan/attend regular Youth Groups. The Youth Leader will work in collaboration with our ministry team. For the Position Profile and information about applications please email mrthdncn@gmail.com
- **Search Team Update:** We're busy finalizing the "job description" for a long-term supply minister for Melville. Our thanks to those who have contributed to the process, and for the support, encouragement, and prayers. All is appreciated! Confidentiality is critical for this process, so we won't be sharing many details. Our work looks at the effort, support and caring that our congregation gives to our members and our community. Joyfully, it is abundant. So many people generously share their time, talents, and treasures; living our mission and values. This is an exciting time for Melville! Change often comes with anxiety and discomfort. Melville's history shows we have the heart for it. ❤️ With thanks, Jane O'Leary (chair), Heather Halls, Chris Hopewell, Lara Johnston, Alison Rainford, David Ogilvie.
- **UCW meat pies** are available \$5 each. Buy after church or contact Marg 519-843-3274 or margfrayne@hotmail.com
- The music series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented by pianist Brad Halls returns on **Wednesday, April 3rd** from 12 noon to about 1:00 p.m. at Melville United Church, Fergus. 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 the Broadway seasons between 1981 and 1987, Come and enjoy selections from hit productions such as "Little Shop of Horrors", "La Cage aux Folles", "Big River" and the blockbuster hits "Cats" and "Les Miserables", among others. Come and enjoy classic Broadway selections such as "I Dreamed a Dream", "Somewhere That's Green", "Muddy Water", "Memory", and many 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.

Please note that this season of “Mid-Day Music at Melville” will conclude with the performance of April 10th and will resume again on the first Wednesday of October this coming fall, when Brad will lead a similar 100-year trip through “Music from the Movies”. Thank you to our very loyal and growing audience for your support of this concert series, and for your generous contributions to our host, Melville United Church for the use of their beautiful space.

- **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.
- Join the **Watoto Children's choir** as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration and hope. Bethel Baptist Church, 675 Victoria Terrace, Fergus **April 3rd at 6.30pm**. Enjoy this **Free Concert** featuring music from the new album, “Better Days – There Is Hope”. Promotional Video: [Better Days Watoto](#)
- The **Annual Meeting** will be held on April 14th with a lunch to follow in the Chapel and Parlour

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

O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

Christ has led us from death to life. Hallelujah!

O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

Christ has led us from earth to heaven. Hallelujah!

Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

God of Resurrecting power, you lift our hearts with joy when we see the tomb is empty.

God of Resurrecting hope, you fill us with excitement when we hear that Christ is risen.

God of Resurrecting love, you embrace us with courage when we trust in the power of new life that you promise in the Risen Christ. We offer you all glory, honour, and praise, with hearts overflowing, in Jesus' name. Amen

Opening Hymn: VU 164 The Day of Resurrection (trumpet played by Kaillie Rawn)

- 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.

Children's Time

An Easter Musical by Ruth Elaine Schram

THE DAWN OF RESURRECTION: (including readings by Ann Ward and John Cuming)

Behold the King *with* Open the Eyes of My Heart

As the Deer

Day of Darkness *with* Were you There

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go *with* Great Is the Lord

Shine, Jesus, Shine *with* Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Meditation "Changed Plans"

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays

- Tuesday March 26th Havey Andrews celebrated his 93rd birthday...well done!
- Shawna Dunsmore celebrated this past Thursday March 28th
- Norma Porritt and John Duncan celebrate on Tuesday April 2nd
- Lorri Wright celebrates on Wednesday April 3rd.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering Invitation

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

Closing Hymn: VU 173 Thine is the Glory (trumpet played by Kaillie Rawn)

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
 endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
 Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. R
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
 life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. R

Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Welcomers: Linda and Norm Poritt

Counters: Lynne Lamb and Karen Smillie

Worship Schedule

April 7	2 nd Sunday of Easter/Baptism	Rev. Marion Loree
April 14	Social Justice	Martha Duncan
April 21		Rev. Jeff Hawkins
April 28		Ruth Brown