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Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins

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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.

- Please welcome Ann Ward as Youth Leader while Martha is away.
- **Melville meat** pies are available. **\$5 each**. You can help by telling friends, neighbour's and family that our pot pies make a delicious easy meal. Come in for pick up on Fridays 10 a.m. - 12 and stay for a coffee. Or pick up on Sunday after church. Or call Marg Frayne 519-843-3274.
- Please join us for a **Lasagna Luncheon May 5** following the service, hosted by Suzanne Flewelling, Colleen Weber and UCW. Lunch will be held in the Chapel and Parlour. Please join us for fun and fellowship!
- Please note that this season of "Mid-Day Music at Melville" concluded 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.
- **Rev. Marion Loree** is here on Fridays during Coffee Hour and is also available for an hour or two afterwards.
- **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.
- **Centre Wellington Singers** will take you on a Journey Through the British Isles offering you a medley of rousing music from across the pond. On this journey some of the selections you will hear are: "The Lark in the Clear Air", "My Heart is in the Highlands" and Danny Boy. Special Guests: Felicia Urbanski accompanying some of the choir selections on violin, and Baritone, Paul Grambo. This is a concert not to be missed. **Saturday April 27th, 3:00 P.M.** at Melville United Church. Tickets: Millie Cumming, Lara Johnson, and Lillian Gohn

- **Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm:** The Fellowship Committee of Bethel Mennonite Church invites you to join us for an evening of **Inspiration, music, and pie!** as we welcome motivational speaker **Gord Martin** to share his story, **“The Pain and Joy of a Father”**. Gord is the author of **“Doing it Afraid”** and he will have copies of his book available to purchase. We will have special music and a time of fellowship with coffee and pie after the presentation. **Everyone Welcome!** Location: Bethel Mennonite Church, 6772 Eighth Line W. RR1, Elora, ON.
- 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.

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:

Jesus the Christ said, I am the Good Shepherd.

We have come to follow him.

We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

We have come to be restored in him.

We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

We have come to be fed by his love, so let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name VU 334

- 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.

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, our shepherd, you nourish our lives and lead us into green pastures. You restore our souls with rest and peace. You give us joy so our lives overflows with goodness and grace. You walk with us through the darkest valleys, offering us courage and compassion. At all times and in all circumstances, you are with us, so we praise you, here and now, now and always. Amen.

Time With Children

Ministry of Music: The Lord Will Be My Shepherd *by Nancy Price and Don Besig*

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, You lead us into green pastures, but our lifestyles put those pastures at risk. You offer us rest, but we like to pursue our goals, whatever the cost to the earth or our health. You call us to show compassion, but we are quick to judge others. Forgive us, and humble us to live with respect in creation.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Scripture: John 10: 11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Sermon: Our GPS

Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds **VU 344**

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 in a believer's ear!
 It soothes the sorrows, heals the wounds,
 and drives away all fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.
- 5 The effort of my heart is weak,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you whom I seek,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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

Minute for Mission

Parting Song: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU 326

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice,

new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!

5 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.

Postlude: Like a Lamb by *Ralph Carmichael*

Welcomers: Alison Rainford and John Cuming

Counters: Mary Lloyd and Ruth Sproule

Worship Schedule

April 28	5 th Sunday of Easter	Rev. Ruth Brown
May 5	Mental Health Sunday	TBD
May 12	Christian Family Sunday	TBD
May 19	Day of Pentecost	TBD
May 26	Trinity Sunday	TBD