



**Celebrating
178 Years**



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Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins

Ministry of Music: Colleen Weber

Prelude

Welcome

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.

Children's Time

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts;

We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Call upon God to increase our strength of soul.

In the midst of troubling times, God reaches out to us.

So we gather to worship God, trusting in God's goodness and guidance.

We come to offer our prayers and praise, seeking God's renewing love day by day.

Opening Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful VU 291

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
 each little bird that sings,
 God made their glowing colours,
 God made their tiny wings. R

- 2 The purpleheaded mountains,
 the river running by,
 the sunset and the morning
 that brightens up the sky; R

- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
 the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden:
 God made them every one. R

- 4 The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; R
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. R

Opening Prayer:

God of all creation, we marvel at all the detail. You tend the fragile beauty. You have seen your Church grow from tiny beginnings into a worldwide community. Open our eyes to your purposes for each of us and all of us, and for the Church in every location. Awaken us with insights from your Holy Spirit and show us how to fulfill your will in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Ministry of Music: Reflections on “O Store Gud” *Swedish folk melody arranged by Brian Glyncannon*

Prayer of Confession:

God of purpose and possibility, you give us work to do and the skills we need to do it. Yet we prefer to follow our own ways. We think we know better. Forgive our stubborn natures. By the power of your Holy Spirit, create in us a spirit so we can learn new ways to serve you.

Assurance of Pardon

God requires three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Scripture: II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sermon: Using Our Spiritual Eyes

Hymn: Dear God Who Loves All Mankind VU 608

- 1 Dear God, who loves all humankind,
 forgive our foolish ways;
reclathe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
 in deeper reverence, praise.

- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
 rise up, and follow thee.

- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
 interpreted by love!

- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness
 till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
 the beauty of thy peace.

- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
 thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire:
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - Isabel Weaver celebrates on Friday June 14th
- **Anniversaries**
 - Barb & Bob Zirk celebrate 66 years on Fri June 14th

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: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts VU 472

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
 the fount of life, the light of all
 from every bliss that earth imparts
 we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

- 2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
 you plead with all to call on you,
 to those who seek you, you are good,
 to those who find you, life is new.

- 3 We taste your everliving bread,
 and long to feast upon you still;
 we drink of you, the fountainhead,
 our thirsting souls from you we fill.

- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
 make all our moments calm and bright;
 chase the bleak night of sin away;
 shed o'er the world your holy light.

Welcomers: Vivian and Havey Andrews

Counters: Chris Hopewell, David Gohn

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.

- **Can You hear me?** Council is asking members of the Congregation to help everyone hear better during the Worship service. If you are using the microphone, remember to speak slowly and clearly and keep your mouth close to the microphone. In this way no one will miss anything. Thank you.
- **Lock it up!** From time to time when you arrive at Melville during the week, you may find the parking lot door locked during office hours. If you do, kindly phone the office or ring the doorbell and someone will look after you. Thank you for your understanding.

- **Broadview subscriptions are now due!** To renew your subscription or to sign up, please see Ralph Rainford. The cost is \$30.00. A great magazine at a reasonable cost.
- Our **Garage, Bake and Plant Sale** continues **Friday and Saturday 8 am to 4 pm**. We receive new donations each week and have lots of customers come in. This week on our bake table we have lots of rhubarb custard pies and some rhubarb crisps and many more treats such as fudge, squares and muffins. Our plant sale will include some really nice hostas and other perennials. If you wish to donate just bring in items early Friday a.m. or at another time, contact Lorna 519-787-0570, 519-994-1939.
- **The Rogersons - Celtic/Folk Family Band Concert**, Arthur United Church, **Saturday, June 22, 7:00 PM** (doors open at 6:30 PM). Tickets are \$20.00, and available at Donna's Designs for You in Arthur or contact Karen for info or to e-transfer at 519-848-5659. Join us for an enchanting evening of Celtic and Folk music.

Worship Schedule

June 16	Indigenous Day of Prayer/Communion	Rev. Tom Watson
June 23	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
June 30	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
July 7	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins