



**Celebrating
178 Years**



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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.

- **UCW has meat pies for sale!** \$5 each. Pick up your meat pies during Coffee and Conversation on Fridays 10 - 11:30 or on Sunday.
- **Calling all Melville bakers....** Steam Punk Festival is back in Fergus September 7th. We did a grand job of raising funds at the spring/summer bake sales...let's do it again!! What is Steam Punk?? Science Fiction dealing with 19th century societies dominated by historical or imagined steam-power technology...including some really cool costumes. Be sure to pop downtown to see the sights.
- **Friday morning coffee and conversation** will continue through the summer months, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 ish. Thanks to the Fun, Funds and Fellowship Committee for hosting this Friday morning treat. Come along and enjoy.

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Let us bless God at all times;

We will praise God's holy name.

Let us look to God, and be radiant;

For God has delivered us from all our fears.

Opening Hymn: You Servants of God VU 342

- 1 You servants of God, your Saviour proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- 2 God rules from on high, almighty to save,

whose Word still is nigh, a presence we have.
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son!
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
bow down in deep reverence and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give as is right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Opening Prayer:

Living God, you are the source of all good things. Your love reaches wider than the expanding universe, and your kindness embraces the tiny sparrow.

Through the Holy Spirit, you are present in every situation, our daily tasks and demanding challenges. And so we gather to offer you our love and loyalty, the very best of ourselves, for surely you deserve all we can offer, heart, body, mind, and soul. Amen

Children's Time

Ministry of Music: Holy Is God's Name *by John Michael Talbot*

Prayer of Confession:

Forgiving God, in Christ you promise us new life. Yet we often cling to bitter disappointments; anger can hold us hostage for years. We say one thing to someone's face and something else behind their back. Forgive us. Free us from old habits and resentments, and renew us to live according to your mercy. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

God is tender hearted and gracious to all, offering forgiveness in Christ. Trust in God's grace, and be kind to one another, forgiving others as God has forgiven you.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer walk as the gentiles walk, in the futility of their minds; ¹⁸ they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹ For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, ²² to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Sermon: Changing the Oil

Hymn: 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.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Offering Hymn: What Can I Do MV 191

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: Be Thou My Vision VU 642

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
 naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
 I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
 thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
 thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
 be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
 thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
 raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

- 4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always;
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Postlude - 'Till the Storm Passes By *sung by Jeff Hawkins, accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling*

Welcomers: Karen Smillie, Ruth Sproule

Counters: Chris Hopewell, David Gohn

Worship Schedule

August 18	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 25	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
September 1	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
September 8	Creation Time Begins	Rev. Felicia Urbanski