



**Celebrating  
178 Years**



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*Presiding: Rev. Felicia Urbanski*

*Ministry of Music: Suzanne Flewelling, piano*

**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. Buy on Fridays during Coffee & Conversation, 10 - 11:30 at the church, on Sunday after church, or call Marg Frayne. 519.843.3274.
- **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:**

We light a light in the name of the God who creates life,  
in the name of the Christ Presence who loves life,  
in the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

**Call to Worship** (responsive):

Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

**Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

There is one body and one Spirit,

**just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Let us worship God!

- *Adapted from Ephesians 4: 1-6, by John Wurster, [www.pres-outlook.org](http://www.pres-outlook.org)*

## **Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU 271**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings have such gracious judgement given.
3. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that Christ has shed;  
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
4. Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
5. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

## **Opening Prayer**

**Music Ministry: On Wings of Song** – by Felix Mendelssohn. Played by Felicia Urbanski, violin, and Suzanne Flewelling, piano

## **Children's Time**

### **A Prayer for Emancipation Sunday**

#### **Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16**

I urge you, then – I who am a prisoner because I serve the lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; there is one God and Father of all mankind, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.

Each one of us has received a special gift in proportion to what Christ has given. As the scripture says,

“When he went up to the very heights, he took many captives with him; he gave gifts to mankind.”

Now, what does “he went up” mean? It means that first he came down to the lowest depths of the earth. So the one who came down is the same one who went up, above and beyond the heavens, to fill the whole universe with his presence. It was he who “gave gifts to mankind”; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. And we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we

shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful men, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

### **John 6: 24-35**

When the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they got into those boats and went to Capernaum, looking for him.

When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Teacher, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. Do not work for food that goes bad; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him."

So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?"

Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent."

They replied, "What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

"I am telling you the truth," Jesus said, "What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always."

"I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

### **Hymn: Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus      VU 661**

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; come to my heart today. Give me peace and joy that only you can bring. Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; fill me with love today. Give me peace and joy that only you can bring. Fill me with love, Lord Jesus; give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus; teach me to walk in your way. Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;

answer my prayer today. Give me peace and joy that only you can bring. Answer my prayer,  
Lord Jesus, give me a song to sing,

### **Sermon: "Food That Endures for Eternal Life"**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Joys and Concerns**

- **Anniversary**
  - Laurelyn & Don Grant celebrate 56 years on Sat Aug 10th

### **Offertory Invitation**

### **Offertory Song: One More Step VU 639 (verse 1)**

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go.  
From the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.

### **Offertory Prayer**

### **Hymn: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me VU 635**

1 All the way my Savior leads me—  
What have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy,  
Who through life has been my guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,  
Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well;

2 All the way my Savior leads me—  
Cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,  
Feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter  
And my soul a-thirst may be,  
Gushing from the rock before me,  
Lo! a spring of joy I see;

3 All the way my Savior leads me—  
Oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised

In my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal,  
Wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages:  
Jesus led me all the way;

**Benediction and Commissioning**

**Postlude: Shall We Gather at The River** *played by Felicia Urbanski, violin, and Suzanne Flewelling, piano*

**Household Prayer:**

When I wake up each day  
let gratitude  
stir and strengthen me, O God.  
Let it draw me to goodness  
and hold me there...

There, where your Spirit sings,  
"Go define love today,"  
and my heart chooses  
to rise to the occasion.

Amen.

**Welcomers:** Vivian and Havey Andrews

**Counters:** Mary Lloyd, Ruth Sproule

**Worship Schedule**

August 11	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 18	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
August 25	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
September 1	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson