



**Celebrating
179 Years**



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Melville United Church
February 2, 2025
Special Celebration of Thanksgiving

Presider: Martha Duncan

The Melville Congregation Honour:

Rev. Jeff Hawkins, Rev. Marion Loree, Rev. Felicia Urbanski, Rev. Tom Watson

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle, reminding us that God's light shines among us and we are called to carry that light, like Jesus, into the world.

Call to Worship (responsive)

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, with community
and with leadership.**

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –

Because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

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

Almighty and everlasting One,
You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present.
In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort,
and so we bring you our worship.
We celebrate and give thanks this day for the many gifts of ministry and your guidance in all we
do. Amen.

Children's Time

Song: The Whisper Song

God sent me, I sent you, to go and tell what God can do,
And I will be with you all a-long the way
Whispering "God Loves you today"
Whisper "One", Whisper "Two"
Whisper "Peace now be with you"
It is wonderful to hear that it is true
Jesus says "Peace be with you"

God sent Paul, sends us too, to go and tell what God can do.
Jesus will be with us all a-long the way
Whispering "God Loves you today"
Whisper "One", Whisper "Two"
Whisper "Peace now be with you"
It is wonderful to hear that it is true
Jesus says "Peace be with you"

Prayer

Music Ministry: Every Day is a Gift from the Lord

Scripture: Luke 4:21–30

²¹ Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today."

²² All the people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said.
They kept on asking, "Isn't he Joseph's son?"

²³ Jesus answered:

You will certainly want to tell me this saying, "Doctor, first make yourself well." You will tell me
to do the same things here in my own hometown that you heard I did in Capernaum. ²⁴ But you
can be sure that no prophets are liked by the people of their own hometown.

²⁵ Once during the time of Elijah there was no rain for three and a half years, and people
everywhere were starving. There were many widows in Israel, ²⁶ but Elijah was sent only to a

widow in the town of Zarephath near the city of Sidon. ²⁷ During the time of the prophet Elisha, many men in Israel had leprosy.^[a] But no one was healed, except Naaman who lived in Syria.

²⁸ When the people in the synagogue heard Jesus say this, they became so angry ²⁹ that they got up and threw him out of town. They dragged him to the edge of the cliff on which the town was built, because they wanted to throw him down from there. ³⁰ But Jesus slipped through the crowd and got away.

Reflection: It Takes a Village

Ministry of Music: Hold On to the Rock *performed by the Men's Chorus*

Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - Russ Glendenning celebrates on Feb. 6th

Prayer Prelude: And When You Call for Me **MV 96**

And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.

Prayers of the People followed by the Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Song: One More Step Along the World I Go **VU 639**

- 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.

- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
 more and more about the world I learn;
 all the new things that I see
 you'll be looking at along with me: R

- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,
 keep me travelling the way I should;
 where I see no way to go
 you'll be telling me the way, I know: R

- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
 keep me loving though the world is tough,
 leap and sing in all I do,
 keep me travelling along with you: R

5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me,
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

Offering Prayer

Faithful God, your church is a beacon of hope in a world that often feels lost. We offer these gifts to support the ministries of Melville United Church and ensure its continued growth. We ask that your blessings and presence be felt ever more strongly within these walls, and beyond. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Bless Now, O God, the Journey VU 633

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
Whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

Benediction:

As God's covenant people, we travel the road where faith is found.

We travel courageously, for we know that God is always with us.

Whether beside still waters, or on roads that wind through unknown places...

We travel together, supporting each other, upholding each other in our work.

Go now, travel in peace and hope.

So be it. Amen.

Postlude: What a Wonderful Lord *by Scott Wesley Brown, Arr. John Innes*

Sung Grace: For Health and Strength

For health and strength and daily food, we give you thanks, O God!
(repeat as a round)

For health and strength and daily food, we give you thanks, O God!
(one last time, together)

For health and strength and daily food, we give you thanks, O God!

Welcomers: Vivian and Havey Andrews

Counters: Karen Smillie, Phil Brown

Worship Schedule

February 9	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
February 16	6 th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Linda Butler
February 23	Melville closes to worship at Hope Springs – Moderator Special Guest	
March 2	Transfiguration Sunday/Annual Mtg.	Rev. Jeff Hawkins

Council Meetings

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.