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Melville United Church
January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding: Rev. Linda Butler
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Prelude

Welcome & announcements:

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: Blessed are you, Creator of all.
You have called us out of darkness into your bright light.

Response: VU p. 886 "Arise Be Clothed in the Light"

May Christ, the Light of the world, guide us this day
That we may share this light with all your beloved children.

Call to Worship (*adapted from **Bread for the Journey***)

One: We gather this day to celebrate God's presence,

All: and God's love shown through Jesus Christ.

One: We come remembering Jesus' life and ministry,

All: and the life we are called to live.

One: We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.

All: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

One: Let us pray:

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise **VU 101**

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;

anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word;
with your grace our lives endow,
grace to imitate you now,
that we like to you may be
at your great epiphany,
anthems be to you addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry: Faith To Carry On by Don Besig and Nancy Price. Sung by Jo Anne Hall,
accompanied by Suzanne Flewelling

Children's Time: Signs

Hymn: I Am the Light of the World

VU 87

'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found
their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: R

2 To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth
and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! R

- 3 To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! R
- 4 To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! R

Responsive Reading: Psalm 36

VU p. 762

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains, O God,
your judgements are like the great deep;
all living things you save.**

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river
of your delights.**

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

**Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright in heart.**

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon: From Scarcity to Abundance

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Barbara Lynden celebrates on Jan. 20th
 - Mary Lloyd celebrates on Jan. 21st
- Condolences
 - We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Lorna Fletcher who passed away on Saturday, January 11. 2025

Prayers of the People

The Lord's prayer

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Song: 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)

Offertory Prayer

Hymn: Will You Come and See the Light VU 96

- 1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed
there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least
are the foremost at the feast,

will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

- 5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Benediction and Commissioning (*from Celebrate God's Presence*)

One: Light of God to give us hope.

All: Power of God to protect us.

One: Light of God to give us joy.

All: Peace of God to calm us.

One: Light of God to give us faith.

All: Grace of God to save us.

One: This day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Welcomers: Doreen and Larry Broome

Counters: Phil Brown, Norm Porritt

Worship Schedule

January 26	Black History – Guest Speaker	Social Justice & Outreach
February 2	Celebrate Ministry	All Pulpit Supply
February 9	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
February 16	6 th Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Linda Butler

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.