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Melville United Church
February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Presiding: Rev. Felicia Urbanski

Soloist: Melanie Steenburgh

Ministry of Music: Colleen Weber, (piano & organ)

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

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 (responsive)

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,

may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Call to Worship (responsive)

From fishing fleets and busy harbors,

God gathers simple sailors and ordinary people.

Through persecution and injustice,

God calls brave prophets and those willing to speak their truth.

When we least expect it, Christ gathers us in, and calls to follow him.

Let us gather and answer Christ's call.

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me **VU 567 (verses 1, 2 & 5)**

- 1 Will you come and follow me
 if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
 and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
 will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
 in you and you in me?

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
 if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
 should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer

in you and you in me?

5 Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music: *Oceans sung by Melanie Steenburgh, soprano*

Children's Time:

1. **Song: The More We Get Together** (all are invited to join in singing):

**The more we get together, together, together,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.
For your friends are my friends, and my friends are your friends,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.**

2. **Story**

3. **Prayer**

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Reflection: Friendship with Other Followers of Jesus

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563

- 1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
 O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
 and while smiling, have spoken my name;
 now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
 by your side I will seek other seas.
- 2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. R
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Don Kruger celebrates on Feb. 11th
 - Ron Anticknap celebrates on Feb. 15th
- Condolences
 - We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mervin Caldwell who passed away at the age of 88. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Ministry of Music: This Day *sung by Melanie Steenburgh*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

Whom should God send? Who will go for God's people?

Here we are, God is counting on us.

Let us share our gifts and our offerings in answer to God's call.

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

Gracious God,
you call us to leave behind our preoccupations
and to follow you into the future.
Sometimes we find your call challenging.
We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present.
May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness
to follow where you lead.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
 tender and true, tender and true,
 out of the heart of the Father above,
 streaming to me and to you:
 wonderful love, wonderful love
 dwells in the heart of the Father above.

- 2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
 joyfully came, joyfully came,
 came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
 sharing their sorrow and shame,
 seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
 saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

- 3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
 why do they roam? why do they roam?
 Love only waits to forgive and forget;
 home, weary wanderers, home!
 Wonderful love, wonderful love
 dwells in the heart of the Father above.

- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
 Come and abide, come and abide,
 lifting my life till it rises above
 envy and falsehood and pride:
 seeking to be, seeking to be
 lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Benediction and Commissioning

Listen for God's word. Answer Christ's call.
Go into the deep and love courageously.
Rejoice in the harvest of grace!

Postlude

Household Prayer:

Merciful God, despite our divisions as churches, your Spirit shows us, as we come together in prayer, that we are one in our allegiance to Christ. Teach us to use this gift in the world so that believers of all faiths in every country may be able to listen to each other and live in peace.
(from the World Council of Churches)

Welcomers: Alison Rainford, John Cuming

Counters: Mary Lloyd, Norm Porritt

Worship Schedule

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| 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 |
| March 9 | 1 st Sunday in Lent | Rev. Linda Butler |

Council Meetings

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.