

# **Celebrating** 179 Years



June 1, 2025

#### Melville United Church

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Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins Ministry of Music: Colleen Weber

**Prelude** 

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Land Acknowledgement** 

**Lighting the Christ Candle** 

## Call to Worship:

Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

## Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name VU 334

- All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace R
- 3 Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; praise him whose way of pain you trod, R
- Let every tongue and every tribe,
   responsive to the call,
   to him all majesty ascribe R
- O that, with all the sacred throng,
  we at his feet may fall,
  join in the everlasting song,
  and crown him, crown him, crown him,
  crown him Lord of all.

#### **Opening Prayer:**

God of glory in Christ Jesus you came, sharing in our joys and sorrows. So we claim the hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love, offering you our praise and worship in the

name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Children's Time

Ministry of Music: Amazing Grace Southern Harmony. Arranged by Albert Mendoza

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

Creator God, you are Three in One. We confess such unity often eludes us.

We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other. The love you called us to offer one another disappears when we disagree. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within the body of your Church. Call us again to honour the unity and love you cherish for your followers so we may witness to unity and love in this divided world.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a ministry of reconciliation for his sake.

#### Scripture: John 17: 20-26 reader Don Grant

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Sermon: As We Are One

## Hymn: Lord, Speak to Me VU 589

- 1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.
- O lead me, so that I may lead
   the wandering and the wavering feet;
   O feed me, so that I may feed
   your hungering ones with manna sweet.

- O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## **Joys and Concerns**

## **Prayers of the People & Lords Prayer**

Offering Hymn: 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)

## **Offering Prayer**

## Parting Song: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life VU 681

- Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your words of life again.
- In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of your face.
- O Jesus, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide, and tread the city's streets again,
- 5 till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,

till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

## Benediction

**Postlude: Trumpet Tune** by David Terry

Welcomers: Barb Gregory, Alison Rainford

**Counters:** Karen Smillie

## **Worship Schedule**

June 8 <sup>th</sup>	UCC 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Rev. Tom Watson & Lisa Leffler
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Sunday	Rev. Tom Watson
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski

Council Meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.