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Melville United Church
October 26, 2025
180th Anniversary Sunday

Presiding today - Rev. Felicia Urbanski
Musicians – Colleen Weber & the Melville Choir, with flutist Mercedes Weber
Liturgical Dancers - Bria Moore & Cynthia Croker; Reader - Flora Burke

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement .

Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

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 (in unison):

**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.**

Ministry of Music: With a Heart of Praise, words & music by Mark Weston. Colleen Weber with
the Melville Choir and flutist Mercedes Weber

Call to Worship (responsive)

Today we are celebrating our church's presence in Fergus.

This has been a worshipping community for 180 years!

We have gathered to celebrate God's presence in our lives.

Sometimes in worship the scripture is exactly what I need to hear.

Sometimes the sermon feels like it's been written just for me.

Sometimes only the prayers break into my heart.

**And sometimes, perhaps most of the time, it's the music
that lifts my spirit and inspires me.**

So let's worship God in word, through prayer, and in song!

Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV 1

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *(Refrain)*

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *(Refrain)*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *(Refrain)*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *(Refrain)*

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

Gracious God, as you call us to be the church in this place and time, we come together to celebrate your presence among us for these 180 years. In this hour, as we sing and pray and listen, may you awaken in us a hope for the future. May our time together remind us why the church is needed in the world. Amen.

Introducing Liturgical Dance – for the children, and everyone.

Scripture Reading through spoken word and dance: Luke 12: 22-34

Music - *Miss Sloane Solo & I Will Never Forget You*, by Max Richter.

Scripture Read by Flora Burke; **Dancers**, Bria Moore & Cynthia Croker;

Directed by James Croker and Jack Langenhuizen.

Sermon

Hymn: Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - Graeme Chalmers celebrates on Oct. 27th
 - Chris Hopewell celebrates on Oct. 27th
 - Marlene Tosh celebrates on Nov. 1st
 - Judy Leitch celebrates on Nov. 1st

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission *read by Shawna Dunsmore*

Offering Invitation

Offering Hymn: Grant Us God the Grace of Giving VU 540

Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn: How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord VU 504

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are over all
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear,
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind

its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.

3 We mark your saints, how they become
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, here, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines and ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon --
all you endeavoured done.

Commissioning and Blessing (responsive)

We go back out into the world to love and serve the world around us,
just as we have done for 180 years, so we continue to do so.

We go out, held in the loving arms of God who creates,
redeems, supports, and sustains us.

We are not alone! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude: Fanfare *by John Cook*

Household Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this church anniversary and for Your faithfulness over the years. We gather with grateful hearts to celebrate Your blessings, acknowledging both our joys and struggles, and to thank You for the community You have built. Guide us with Your Holy Spirit as we celebrate the past and look to the future with hope. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Welcomers: Larry Broome, John Cuming

Counters: Eleanor Johnston, Richard Wright

Worship Schedule

November 2 nd	21 st after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
November 9 th	22 nd after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
November 16 th	23 rd after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
November 23 rd	Reign of Christ Sunday	Rev. Felicia Urbanski

Council Meeting Nov. 5, & Dec. 3. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.