



**Celebrating
179 Years**



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**Melville United Church
Sunday October 5, 2025**

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Postlude

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

We come as guests invited to a table.

We come to celebrate with friends and neighbours.

Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour, invites us to gather.

We gather with his friends around the world.

Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

Opening Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table VU 457

- 1 As we gather at your table,
 as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
 let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
 till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
 how to make Love's victory known.
- 2 Turn our worship into witness
 in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
 bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
 to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
 in the world you died to save.
- 3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
 other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
 those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
 nor will pride our peace destroy,

as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful and hopeless. You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup. We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love to you, through Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit. Amen

Children's Time

Ministry of Music: One Bread, One Body *words and Music by John Foley. Arranged by Mark Hayes sung by the Melville Choir*

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, you invite us to the table. You ask us to come with open hearts, in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. Free us from the burdens we carry. May be a source of peace in this troubled world. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Know you are forgiven. have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1: 1-9 *reader Mary Lloyd*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Appeal for Loyalty to Paul and the Gospel

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

Sermon: Danger of Routine

Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See you Face to Face VU 459

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 here would I touch and handle things unseen,
 here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
 here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
 here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 this is the heavenly table for me spread;
 here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
 the fellowship of living wine and bread.
- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
 nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Joys & Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - Morven McCorquodale celebrates on Oct. 5th
 - Martha Duncan celebrates on Oct. 6th

Prayers of the People

The Lord's 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: Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU 481

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

Benediction

Postlude: Scherzetto by *Michael Higgins*

Welcomers: Linda and Norm Porritt

Counters: Eleanor Johnston, David Gohn

Announcements

- **UCW meat pies for sale!** \$5 each. Turkey and Beef available. Come in to pick up meat pies on Sunday or call Marg 519-993-3274.

- **Cozy Closet** We are now collecting **coats, boots, hats, mitts and scarves, and other warm clothing** for our **Cozy Closet, which will begin October 17**. Please place any donations in the chapel or boxes provided.

- **Contemplative Worship** - Taizé is hosted at St. James, 171 Queen St. E, Fergus **every 4th Wednesday** of the month (*except July and August*) at 7:00pm by candlelight. Taizé worship is rooted in the traditions of the Taizé community in France. It's multi denominational and includes live music, meditation, silence and anointing for healing.

- Join Us for **Organ Concerts** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus, during Ontario Culture Days. 4 pm, Sunday, **October 5:** Herb Ciceri. Concerts are free and followed by an Evensong service

- The concert series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented and performed by pianist and singer Brad Halls continues with its 4th season of concerts with the next performance on **Wednesday, October 8** at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at 12 noon and continuing until about 1 p.m.

For this 4th season of concerts, Brad has adopted the theme of "*Songwriters' Inspirations*", with a variety of themes exploring some of the great popular music of the past hundred years and beyond

The upcoming concert on October 8 will conclude our two-week theme of "*Around the World*", featuring enduring popular songs about exotic locales and places closer to home. Next week's show will include songs by popular songwriters from Hoagy Carmichael's *Georgia on My Mind*, Vernon Duke's *Autumn in New York*, and classic songs introduced by some of the great performers including Nat Cole's *Route 66*, Tony Bennett's *I Left My Heart in San Francisco* and Patti Page's *Old Cape Cod*, among several others. Brad will also include three Canadian songs to close out the afternoon. There is no admission charge to any of these performances, but a voluntary donation to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned is always appreciated.

- **Fraud Talk.** Learn simple ways to protect yourself and avoid becoming a victim of fraud Wednesday, **October 8**, 1:30-3:30 pm. Wellington County Museum and Archives (Aboyne Hall). Free admission, refreshments and opportunity for questions.
- You're invited to Habitat for Humanity Guelph Wellington's **Building Hope Together Key Ceremony**. Help us welcome 22 families into their Habitat Homes Saturday, **October 18**, 2-5pm. 465 Garafraxa St. West, Fergus. Complimentary refreshments, activities, home tours, and heart-warming presentations. All are welcome! Please RSVP to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/habitat-gws-key-ceremony-celebrating-hope-together> or karyn@habitatgw.ca
- Join us at Trinity United Church in Guelph on **October 19th** at 3pm for the Liverpool Sessions: **An evening of the Beatles from Studio to Stage**. Tickets are \$35. For more information, please contact Kathy Stephens at 519-829-9622 or kathyrobertstephens@gmail.com.
- **Musical Variety Fundraising Concert** Melville will be "Turning Up the Heat" on **Friday, October 24**, at 7:00 pm in support of the heating system replacement project. Enjoy a wonderful evening of music and entertainment featuring choirs and solo vocalists, pianists, violinists, guitarists, folk musicians, storytelling and more! Following the concert, all are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Call the office for tickets or purchase at the door. \$20 Adults, \$10 Students, age 5 and under free. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.
- **Left Behind vs. Leaving Behind: The Gift of Generational Wisdom** **October 29** from 10:00-3:00 (lunch included). Melville United Church Fellowship Hall. Let's honour our faith stories, share collective church wisdom, and engage in the practice of Rural Café, as we celebrate Rev. Donna Mann's new book "Faithful Choices in Church & Mission. Register with mary@ralphbasset.com. Donations welcomed.

Worship Schedule

October 12 th	Thanksgiving Sunday	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
October 19 th	19 th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
October 26 th	Melville's Anniversary	
November 2 nd	21 st after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins

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.