Melville United Church

Celebrating 180 Years

June 14th, 2026
Pride Sunday
Celebrating Rainbows - Social Justice Team
Guest Speaker - Jey Plourde

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging the Territory

Lighting the Christ Candle
We light the Christ candle, reminding us that God's light shines among us
and through us. We are called to carry that light into the world in beautiful, colourful, loving ways.

Call to Worship
People of God, join the crowd;
don't let the parade pass you by.
God loves us…All of us!
Bring your whole selves;
leave no part behind.
God loves us…All of us!
Show the world who you are; witness to the Love that knows no bounds.
God loves us…All of us!
Join together across differences; rejoice in the many colours of the rainbow.
God loves us…All of us!
Worship God in the beauty of this holiness; we are the family of God!
God loves us…All of us!
adapted from "United Church of Christ"

Hymn: Find a Home Here Words and Music by Mary-Ellen Kish

<u>Refrain</u>
Find a home here, live out your faith here, gather strength here, find family here.
Be yourself here, feel secure here, celebrate here, be at home here.

1. The doors here are open wide. All who venture by are welcome inside.
   Honouring the gift of diversity with different ways of loving, diff'rent ways to be.

<u>Refrain</u>
Find a home here, live out your faith here, gather strength here, find family here.
Be yourself here, feel secure here, celebrate here, be at home here.

2. Commitment to love's command, people have discerned and taken a stand.
   Prejudice and fear have gone on too long. It's time for ev'ry person truly to belong.

<u>Refrain</u>
Find a home here, live out your faith here, gather strength here, find family here.

Be yourself here, feel secure here, celebrate here, be at home here.

3. Surrounded by those who care, share the love of God in worship and prayer.
   Trusting the support, letting go of doubt, the opening is made for safely coming out.

Refrain
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Be yourself here, feel secure here, celebrate here, be at home here.

Opening Prayer: Unison
God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation.
In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. Ame
(Brian Stevens, Hope United Church)

Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV 138
1. My love colours outside the lines,
   Exploring paths that few could ever find
   And takes me into places where I've never been before
   And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain
We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

2. My Lord colours outside the lines,
   turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
   and takes me into places where I've never been before
   and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain
We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

3. My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
   tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine,
   I want to walk beyond the boundaries, where I've never been before,
   throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain
We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

Celebration with Children: I Was Born This Way: Lady Gaga
Born This Way: Metropolitan United Church (video)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:13-14 Read by Heather Halls
For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

1 John 4:11-12
Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Reflection – Guest Speaker: Jey Plourde, Chair CW Pride

Ministry of Music: We're the light of all the world Words and music: David Kai, Sung by: The Melville Choir
1. We're the light of all the world, we are a cit-y on a hill,
we're a can-dle on a stand pro-claim-ing light,
we will not hide our lamp be-neath a bush-el an-y-more,
we will shine a ray of hope that's burn-ing bright.

Refrain
We are a rain-bow, sign of cov-e-nant and peace
for the flood of tears will fin-'lly cease to be,
come shine your rain-bow, splash your hues a-cross the sky,
paint the world in col-ours proud and bold and free.

2. We're a coat of many col-ours, sewn from many diff-'rent threads,
cov-'ring all in warmth, in wel-come and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", cre-a-ted ev-ery var-ied shade,
in the rain-bow each of us can find a place.

Refrain
We are a rain-bow, sign of cov-e-nant and peace
for the flood of tears will fin-'lly cease to be,
come shine your rain-bow, splash your hues a-cross the sky,
paint the world in col-ours proud and bold and free.

3. We are hope to still be-lieve in to-mor-row's bet-ter day,
we are peace in a world that's torn a-part,
we are joy that will last in all the strug-gles that we face
we are love that blooms and grows in ev-ery heart.

Refrain
We are a rain-bow, sign of cov-e-nant and peace
for the flood of tears will fin-'lly cease to be,
come shine your rain-bow, splash your hues a-cross the sky,

paint the world in col-ours proud and bold and free.

4. When we face the storms of life, we will nev-er be a-lone,
for our God will be with us on the way,
here we are, side by side, we won't be fright-ened an-y-more,
as the mourn-ing night of tears breaks in-to day.

Refrain
We are a rain-bow, sign of cov-e-nant and peace
for the flood of tears will fin-'lly cease to be,
come shine your rain-bow, splash your hues a-cross the sky,
paint the world in col-ours proud and bold and free.

Written as an Affirming hymn. David Kai's note regarding the tune name SLOCAN: "It is my custom to name my hymn tunes after camps and ghost towns where Canadians of Japanese descent were interned during the Second World War. In this way I hope to ensure that these places and injustices will not be forgotten."
Words and music: David Kai, 2017, rev. 2023
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Invitation of Offering

Offertory Hymn: Take, O take me as I am;
Take, O take me as I am;
summons out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me (X2)

Offertory Prayer

Mission Story: Created and Loved Shawna Mallory-Dunsmore

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
- **Birthdays**
  - Isabel Weaver celebrates June 14
  - Lara Johnston celebrates June 20
- **Anniversary**
  - Bob and Barb Zirk celebrate June 14
  - Ken and Morven McCorquodale celebrate June 17

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Gracious and loving God, may your Spirit guide us in remembering and praying for those who have not been treated in loving, respectful ways because of prejudice or misunderstanding. We remember *LGBTQIA+ people in some countries who have been murdered and tortured because of who they are. We remember them and those they love.*
We pray for LGBTQIA+ refugees from around the world seeking safety and sanctuary. We pray for Trans and gender-diverse people in Canada and elsewhere, who are targeted victims of hate crimes and assaults. We remember them and those they love.
As we celebrate Rainbows and Pride, and the ongoing success of Centre Wellington Pride and those like Jey that create space for the LGBTQIA+ community, we are grateful for your Spirit of love and inclusion both within the

United Church and Canadian society. We pray that all people who feel excluded by families, faith communities, and society because of who they are, may experience your love in their lives.

We pray for spiritual and political leaders at all levels as they struggle to make the world a better place. We pray that the teachings of Jesus and those of other world faiths will work together to meet the challenges of our world today.

As we pray in silence, we take a moment to express our personal prayers for loved ones and ourselves. For those amongst us who have personal challenges, have family members who are ill and need support, or anyone who is feeling alone.
At all times, we are grateful that we can turn to the one who guides us in our lives, saying together…
..***the Lord's Prayer***

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide MV 145

Refrain
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle,
   'Round whom all creation turns;
   nothing lost, but held forever,
   In God's gracious arms.

Refrain
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
   So encompass great and small;
   Let our loving know no borders,
   Faithful to God's call.

Refrain
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger
   Than we've ever dreamed before;
   Let the dream of Christ be in us,
   Open every door."

Refrain
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Commissioning

This morning we have seen and heard that God's light shines in many colours, through us.
We are called to share this rainbow of colours in our lives—in conversations and interactions at home, at work, and at play. As we go out into our community and the world, let us share the message that God's love is for everyone!

Sung Blessing: Go Now in Peace
Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there, within around above,
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love
Amen

Postlude: Queerly beloved Words and music: Amanda Udis-Kessler, Arr: Jason D. Locke
Queerly beloved, we have assembled,
joining in wonder, singing in praise.
Lifting our hearts, raising our voices,
trusting in hope, in love, and in faith.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is great!

Queerly beloved, we have been hated,
treated as outcasts, ragged and rough.
Still we persist, joyous and grateful,
trusting that grace is ever enough.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is love!

Queerly beloved, we have discovered,
love that is perfect, ending our fear.
There is a truth waiting to claim us.
There is a call so strong and so clear.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is here!

Welcomers: Eleanor Johnston, Mildred Perkin

Counters: David Gohn, Chris Hopewell.

Worship Schedule

June 21	4th after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
June 28th	5th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
July 5th	6th after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
July 12th	7th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson