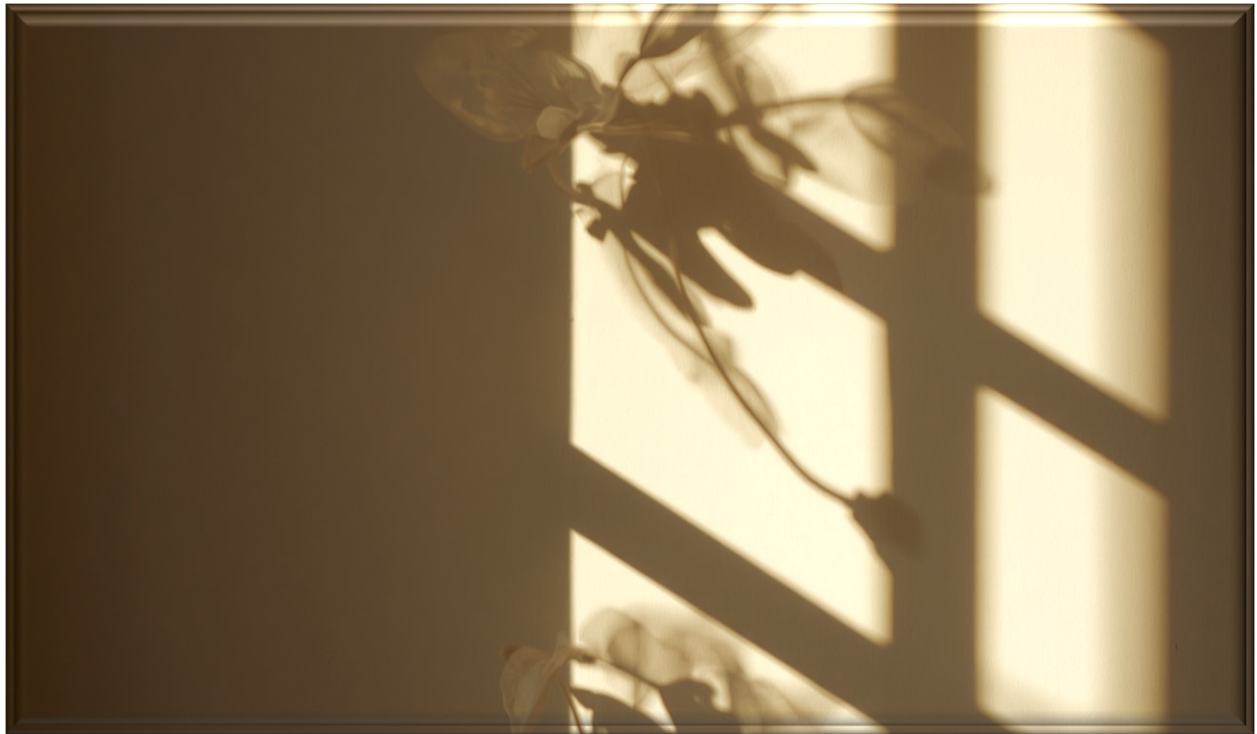




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9th after Pentecost

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Melville United Church Worship

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Presiding: Kate Keilty

Ministry of Music: Suzanne Flewelling

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Hymn: Oh a Song Must Rise MV 142

(Chorus)

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

1. From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

(Chorus)

2. From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

(Chorus)

3. From every house of worship,
in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.

From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

(Chorus)

Call to Worship: A Body Prayer

Welcoming the Light of Christ

[Jesus said:] “And you, beloved, are the light of the world. ... Let your light shine everywhere you go, that you may illumine creation, so that people everywhere may see your good actions, may see creation at its fullest, may see your devotion to Me, and may turn and praise your Father in heaven because of it.”

(Matthew 5:14–16 [The Voice translation])

**All: We light the Christ candle,
reminding us that the light of life lives on in us
and we are called to share that light with the world.**

Opening Prayer

God of new life,
reach us in our worship this morning.
Reach us in our minds—
 in our searching for you, in our faith that seeks understanding;
Reach us in our hearts—
 in the joys and the heartbreak we lift to your care;
Reach us in our voices—
 may we feel that our prayers are heard,
 may you delight in our songs of praise and holy connection;
Reach us in our sinews, our joints, the movements of our hands and feet—
 may our worship today fuel the good work that is to come.
God of new life,
Reveal this time of worship to be an agent of change in our lives,
 uncovering new ways of being in this world,
 and as a growing, and changing, community of your faithful people.
Amen.

Children’s Time: New Beginnings

Celebrating a New Covenant

Rev. Marion:

Out of all of your prayers and discernment, the faith and trust of this congregation, and the work of your Search Team, we now have a new ministry relationship to celebrate. Today, Melville United Church, and Candidate for ministry, Kate Keilty, begin this journey of faith, growth, and learning together.

The church recognizes the different pathways that lead to ministry and celebrates the particular ministry of each person. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving but the same God is served. Christ is like a single body that has many parts. All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. Kate Keilty has heard the call to serve the church as an ordained minister. She has been accepted in her calling by the larger church, and she has been diligently studying and practicing to meet the standards of academia and ordered ministry.

Kate, you have been called to learn and serve at Melville United Church in a position of Supervised Ministry Education, and they have accepted this call. Kate, are you willing to share your God-given gifts for ministry as you work and worship with this faith community, and are you willing to serve as the Spirit enables you?

Kate:

I will, God being my helper.

Rev. Marion:

Kate will be appointed a Supervisor by the Regional church, who will work with her to develop learning goals and to regularly reflect on her ministry and learning.

Kate also has a Connection Team from within this congregation: Eleanor, Grace, Alison, Heather, and Alan. This Connection Team is committed to openly share their faith, offer wise counsel, and support Kate in her learning path.

Eleanor, Grace, Alison, Heather, and Alan, are you willing to support Kate in this phase of Supervised Ministry Education, helping her grow in faith leadership, offering your time, compassion, and care for this congregation and the wider church?

Connection Team:

We will, God being our helper.

Rev. Marion:

Members of the congregation:

Will you support Kate in her calling to ministry and in her learning at this place? (please stand as you are able, and repeat after me;

We promise to support you

With truth and grace

With patience and conviction

With love and kindness For the sake of our ministry together.

Let us pray

...

Amen.

Ministry of Music: Let It Be

By: The Beatles

VERSE 1

When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.
And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

CHORUS

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

VERSE 2

And when the broken hearted people living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be.
For though they may be parted, there is still a chance that they will see
There will be an answer, let it be.

CHORUS

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
There will be an answer, let it be
Let it be, let it be, Let it be Let it be,
There will be an answer, let it be.

VERSE 3

And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow, let it be.
I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

CHORUS

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5–12

Reader: Allan Hons

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Sermon: The courage to pray something new**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.

(Chorus)

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.

(Chorus)

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.

(Chorus)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

- **Birthday**
 - Diane Maloney celebrates July 29
 - Rev. Tom Watson celebrates July 29

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Our Offering Is Received

Offering Hymn: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, (behold,) behold, (behold,)
I make all things new,
my promises true,
for I am Christ the way.

Dedication Prayer

All-embracing God,
we praise you for the blessings of love and care that we have received.
You do a new thing in each of us.
Your Spirit enables us to do more than we can possibly imagine.
So as we offer our gifts, we ask that you bless them in Jesus' name,
that they may live on as extensions of the work to which we have been called.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

A Blessing By: Lois Wilson

May the blessing of the God of Sarah and Hagar,
as of Abraham,
the blessing of the Son, born of the woman Mary,
and the blessing of the Spirit, who broods over us
as a mother her children,
be with you all. Amen.

Postlude: Take Up His Song MV 213

Take up his song of faith,
and go into the world.
Take up his song of faith in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;

lay them down, in faith, lay them down,
and take up his song.

Take up his song of hope,
and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope in every moment.
In every moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in hope, lay them down,
and take up his song.

Welcomers: Doreen and Larry Broome

Counters: Kaillie Rawn, Chris Hopewell

Worship Schedule

Aug 2 nd	10 th after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
Aug 9 th	11 th after Pentecost	Kate Keilty
Aug 16 th	12 th after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
Aug 23 rd	13 th after Pentecost	Kate Keilty