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## What's in a Name?

My full name is **Melodie Elaine**. Supposedly, two songs ***Swinging Down Melodie Lane*** and ***Stardust Melody*** contributed to my naming. According to many, my name should be spelt melody as in music. I do love singing, can be quite melodic at times, and have many melodies humming in my head that ***I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing***.

Many songs and hymn titles and their lyrics have taken on new meanings during this Covid-19 pandemic to provide answers to our questions that may be ***Blowin' in The Wind*** or ***Somewhere Over the Rainbow***. Many others give us hope reminding us that after all is said and done, ***It's a Wonderful World***.

***I Believe in Music***, and perhaps as you read the titles scattered throughout this letter, you will remember who sang them, the words to the chorus, hum the tune, or ***Sing, Sing A Song*** right out loud! That's a healthy activity as singing exercises the memory, soothes the soul, and calms the mind and body, just like meditation but without the ***Sound of Silence***.

However wonderful ***One Voice*** may be, it is always great to ***Imagine*** hearing a quartet or chorus of voices harmonize together, bringing the music to life. Although this is now being accomplished virtually through technology, it is yet another joy we can only look forward to personally witnessing or being a part of in the future. ***All I Have to Do is Dream***.

Someone recently used the word '***Anticipation***' in a conversation and immediately I thought of the song that Carly Simon sang in 1970's. I have shared some of the lyrics for you to contemplate how these words relate to today's situation:

***"We can never know about the days to come but we think about them anyway.  
Anticipation, anticipation is making me late, is keeping me waiting"***.

In this stressful time, we are constantly 'anticipating', hoping, praying for the time when we can again be with the ones we love, to hug them, kiss them ***Because Your Mine***. We are missing the human touch that connects people so deeply feeling that, ***All You Need Is Love***.

Right now, we can only anticipate the ***Rainbow Connection***, meeting friends at church again, giving them a caring hug or a firm handshake, something a little more intimate than a fist or elbow bump. And, only anticipate when in the sanctuary again, letting them see the full face that hides behind the mask— that smile that says ***You Are My Sunshine***, shows the joy we feel when we see each other, laugh together, or sing together ***Hallelujah***.

***I Believe***, God, you are the ***Wind Beneath My Wings***, and ***Because You Love Me***, and our HSUC Community of Faith, ***We Will Survive***. I know we can't all ***Get Together, Right Now*** but we are fortunate that we can still gather together at zoom services each Sunday. ***I Can See Clearly Now*** that everyone enjoys our virtual Huron Shores Café, having our tea or coffee, laughing, and chatting

when we ***Come Together*** from home. We 'Stay Connected' through the weekly on-line Letters of Hope, and the Shorelines Newsletter which are also delivered to your door if you aren't computerized. And what a blessing, ***Anytime, Your Feelin' Lonely***, and you answer your phone to hear the caring, friendly voice of one of our HSUC Phone Tree callers, Congregational Visitors, or our Lay Minister saying ***Lean On Me***.

***I'm A Believer***, and know we must ***Teach Your Children Well***. I know that if people ***Put A Little Love in Your Heart***, and ***Walk the Line*** - follow the rules, get vaccinated, and the hardest - social distance until our families, friends and neighbours are double vaccinated too, then we will reach a point where the pandemic is under control and we can all ***Get Together*** once again.

So, in the mean time, ***Let It Be. Breathe.*** Remember ***Don't Be Cruel, Don't Worry -Be Happy.*** Know that ***You've Got to Have Heart***, plus ***Faith, Hope and Charity!*** Know that we always have God's ***Amazing Grace*** watching over us and know that ***On Eagles Wings*** we as HIS community of faith will continue to sing, ***"What the World Needs Now is Love Sweet Love.***

***Wishing you all hopefulness, happiness, and good health.***

Melodie Northey

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.  
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*