



PRELUDE - Allegro assai, excerpt from *Piano Concerto No. 11* in D Major (Hob XVIII: 11)

F. Hayden

★ OPENING HYMN – *All Praise to Thee* VU 327

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**As on a first day you began the work of creating us;
as on a first day you raised your Beloved from the dead,
so on this first day, O God, freshen and remake us:
and as the week is new, let our lives begin again
because of Jesus, who shows us your loving power.
Amen.**

★ HYMN – *Congregational choice*

READER: Patti Varey

PSALM: Psalm 99

VU 819

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13: 1-10

One: Herein is the wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22: 15-22

One: Herein is good news.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

★ HYMN – *O Christ, the Word Incarnate* VU 499

SERMON: “*To Obey or Not to Obey*”

MUSICAL REFLECTION - Cadenza (Hob XVIII: 11)

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★ CLOSING HYMN – *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*
VU 507

POSTLUDE - Allegro assai, excerpt, (Hob XVIII: 11)

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◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

So much progress has happened! Consider popping down to see all the hard work!

◆ Civic Day ◆

Please note that we are CLOSED tomorrow for the Civic Day holiday. Regular building and office hours will resume on Tuesday August 7th.

◆ Summer Office and Building Hours ◆

The Melrose Office will be open Monday-Friday from 9:30am-12:30pm. Michelle may work less hours if not busy but will be checking the email and phone messages regularly. The building will remain open as usual.

◆ Fall Volunteering ◆

Summer is a wonderful time of rest for our congregation but before we know it fall programming will be back in action! Many of our committees and groups are always looking for more help. If there is a ministry or program you are interested in volunteering with let the office know and they will connect you with the right person.

◆ Re-Imagine Conference ◆

Our social justice team is excited to be partnering with the Re-Imagine Conference coming to Locke Street this fall. Melrose will be providing space for this event on October 19-20.

Our imagination for what it means to be the Church in Canada is changing...dramatically! It's time to gather together with groups from across the country who are practicing what it means to be a life giving presence in, with, and for the neighbourhood.

Start collaborating beyond the usual fix-the-church conversations.

Join with hundreds of neighbourhood practitioners who are reimagining local economies, re-engaging the land and built environment, and recovering a deeper sense of equity and civic voice.

If you're ready to join in growing the fabric of love and care in your everyday context, ReImagine is for you! Register and follow along as we update presenters, environments, resources, and stories on a weekly basis.

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