

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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## Church Picnic



Minister:

The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner

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◆ June 10, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Second Sunday after Pentecost

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ SUNDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 ◆  
MELROSE PICNIC

\* indicates a time to stand, if you are able  
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour  
after worship ◆

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◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE - Here Comes the Sun

G. Harrison

WORDS OF WELCOME

- \* OPENING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken* VU 409
- 1 *Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*
- 2 *Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*
- 3 *Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the morning, God hears our voices as we lift our prayers  
and songs.

**All: In the morning, God whispers to us in the gentle breezes stirring the world.**

One: In the morning, we look for God alive and active around us.

**All: In the morning, we find God playing hopscotch with the kids on the corner.**

One: In the morning we come together to worship our God.

**All: In the morning, God gathers us up to lead us down the streets of justice and faithfulness.**

## OPENING PRAYER

O God of life,

be amongst us as we gather together

to hear your word and share your gifts.

Open our eyes that we may greet you in friend and stranger,

open our ears that we may discern your voice

and open our hearts that we may reach out in generosity

to become good neighbours to your people near and far.

We ask this through the power of your Spirit

and in the name of your beloved, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

### ◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

\* HYMN – This is God's Wondrous World

VU 296

1 *This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.*

2 *This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;*

(3)

*the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.*

3 *This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!*

#### A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Story: "Jeremiah and the Letter 'e'"  
Read by: Meg Chalmers

by David Guiliano

Reader: Imogen and Jonathan Clase

PSALM 19

VU 740

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,  
and night shares its knowledge with night,**  
and this without speech or language;  
their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,  
their words to the ends of the earth.**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun  
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,

like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,  
it runs its course to the other,  
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

**God's instruction is sure,  
giving wisdom to the simple;**

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

**God's commandment is pure  
giving light to the eyes;**

God's fear is clean, enduring forever;

**God's judgements are true,  
every one of them righteous;**

more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;

**sweeter also than honey,  
pure honey from the comb.**

**All: Let the words of my mouth  
and the thoughts of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O God,  
my strength and my redeemer.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION "Who is My Neighbour?"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE - Blackbird

J. Lennon/P. McCartney

**◆ RESPONSE ◆**

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Lágrima

F. Tárrega

\* OFFERING HYMN – *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
TALLIS' CANON

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**O Lord our God, there is no one like you  
in heaven above or on earth below.**

**You are faithful to your promises,  
showing steadfast love to your people.**

**Receive this offering of our lives  
as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.**

**Let our lives show forth to all the world  
the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SUMMER PRAYERS AND LEAP OVER THE SOLSTICE FIRE

\* LEAPING SONG – *Jump for Joy* MV 48 (Refrain)

*And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you.*

*I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you.*

\* CLOSING HYMN – *One More Step* VU 639

**1 One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go,  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with you:**

**R: And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.**

**2 Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;**

*all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me: R*

3 *As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know: R*

4 *Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough,  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you: R*

5 *You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me,  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

BLESSING OF OUR PICNIC MEAL

POSTLUDE - Hey Jude

J. Lennon/P. McCartney

a special thank you to  
our featured musicians:  
Barb Bloemhof,  
Jonathan Clase,  
Chris Palmer

## **Melrose Vision ♦**

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ. To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

### **♦ Newcomers and Visitors ♦**

Welcome to Melrose United Church!

Please feel free to fill in the form in the Welcome Binder located by the Name Tag boxes which are located on the tables by the east doors on each side of the chancel steps.

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### **♦ Melrose Events ♦**

#### **♦ Worship Next Week ♦**

Next Sunday is a busy week at Melrose. We will celebrate Holy Communion, welcome new members into our community, celebrate some members-of-long-standing and, following worship, enjoy a light lunch (bring Dad) while we talk with the Transition Team about our sense of Melrose's identity and its mission. During the sermon time, we will continue our exploration of material from the first Book of Samuel by looking at the passage describing the anointing of David (1 Samuel 15:34-16:13). The story begins with the fascinating statement "And God regretted/was sorry/grieved" having made Saul king of Israel. Samuel, the prophet is similarly distraught over the actions of Saul. God, however, reveals to Samuel (a member of God's Transition Team) that there is a way to restore the kingship. God has selected a new king from among the sons of Jesse. Shockingly (at least in the context of societal expectation) it is not to be Jesse's eldest child, but David, his youngest who is out tending the sheep. In the selection of David, monarchy is revealed in a new light. Eventually the concept of monarchy will altogether transcend

earthly concepts of rule to the point where God will again grieve, comfort, promise, surprise and anoint in the form of Jesus, the Christ.

## ◆ JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP ◆

When the Interim Ministry period began at Melrose four goals were articulated for the Transition Team and the Interim Minister:

- Help to bring healing to the congregation
- Help to restore morale within the congregation
- Help to establish good governance behavior within the congregation
- Work with the whole congregation to establish common mission and values

While excellent progress has been made on the first three of those goals, the Transition Team needs your help and your input with the fourth. The Team met productively with the Official Board in the spring and now it's the turn of the congregation as a whole to shape Melrose's *identity and mission* as the community journeys together into its future. A light lunch will be provided (yes, we know its Father's Day - bring Dad!).

## ◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

We are renovating the washroom along the lower corridor, located directly below the office. This washroom is used by people from the Norman Slater room, the gymnasium and the bowling alley, as well as by others. It will also be used this summer by the STEM camp that is using our auditorium. We plan to install a new floor, new toilets and new light fixtures, and we will probably also replace the counter and sinks. We will also be repainting the room. The cost is estimated to be \$10,000, including an allowance for contingencies.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this project. Please mark any donations as being for washroom renovations. We already have funds for two toilets, raised through the Easter breakfast. If you wonder whether it needs renovations, please go take a look at this circa 1930s room!

*We have already raised \$1889.50! Let's keep going!!*

◆ **New Members** ◆

And now for some good news ... two lovely persons are planning to be received into full membership of our Melrose congregation at the morning service on June 17<sup>th</sup>. If anyone else would like to join them, I'm sure they would welcome companions! Speak to Rev. Philip about this opportunity to enter fully into the life and work of our community.

◆ **Garage Sale Update** ◆

Garage sale raised \$1535.00. Fantastic work everyone!

◆ **Observer Renewals and New Subscriptions** ◆

If you would like to renew or subscribe to the United Church Observer please let the church office know. The cost is \$25 per year. All subscriptions are due by August 1.

◆ **Summer Scripture Readers** ◆

We now have a full roster of summer readers. Thank you from Carolyn Duff. I will send reminders to you from Nova Scotia. Please, readers, make sure that Michelle, in the Church Office, has your up-to-date email address.

◆ **WrapAround Request** ◆

Wraparound is currently helping two families that are looking for one or two bedroom pet friendly apartments in Hamilton. Please contact Libby Cook if you have any helpful information. Thank You!

◆ **Birthday Wishes** ◆

A couple exciting birthdays happened in our church family recently – make sure to send wishes to Flo L. and Doreen M. next time you see them!



Good morning,

**WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner**

**Wednesday June 20th at 6:30 pm**

in the Melrose church parlour

"POTLUCK PROGRAMME"

Bring an idea to share

or

Just come & enjoy!!

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – June 11

Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room, Auditorium

### Tuesday - June 12

Ontario Music Festival	8:00 a.m.	Chapel, Parlour
Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary

### Wednesday - June 13

Pilates	4:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Official Board</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>

### Thursday - June 14

Organ Work		Sanctuary
Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
EarlyON Move in	11:30 a.m.	Parlour

### Friday – June 15

Executive Meeting		
WrapAround	9:30 a.m.	Chapel
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot

### Saturday - June 16

Singin' Women Concert	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
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### Sunday – June 17

Amici Music School	9:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>