



PRELUDE - Passepied from *Suite Bergamesque* C. Debussy

★ OPENING HYMN – *God, Reveal Your Presence* VU 391

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**God, as we gather this morning,  
give us grace truly to seek you.**

**Free us from the cares**

**that claim our thoughts and fill our hearts.**

**Calm the fears that chill us to the core of our being.**

**Break through the complacency and the boredom  
in which we often take refuge.**

**Awaken within us a sweet longing  
for your holy presence.**

**Fill us with your steadfast love.**

**Amen.**

★ HYMN – *Congregational choice*

READER: Ted Lowrey

PSALM: Psalm 37

VU 763

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 19: 11-20

One: Herein is the wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 5: 1-13

One: Herein is good news.

**All: Praise be to God.**

★ HYMN – *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV 79

SERMON: “*The Seven Sons of Sceva*”

MUSICAL REFLECTION – Andante con moto, excerpt, from  
*Sonata #23, Op. 57 (Appassionata)* L. van Beethoven

★ CLOSING HYMN – *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* VU 613

POSTLUDE – *Children Go Where I Send Thee*, traditional  
spiritual arr. B. Edstrom

## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Locke Street Volunteer Recruiting time! ◆

Pick a shift to sell jams/preserves, set up or tear down on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

All that is required is a smile of welcome!

**Shifts are: 8-10am, 10-noon, noon-2pm and 2pm-4pm.**

If you can donate two hours of your time, please contact the church office or Gwyneth ([gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com))

### ◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

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

### ◆ 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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