

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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Baptism of  
**MAVERICK ULYSSES PRESTON**  
Farewell to  
**THE REV. DR. PHILIP GARDNER**

# MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ◆

TRINITY SUNDAY

\* 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 ◆  
Choral selections from *Mass in F Major, K. 192*, by W.A. Mozart
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## ◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

\* OPENING HYMN - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

VU 315

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of the Christ is in the world.

All: **God's resurrection love shines in our hearts.**

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

**Majestic Creator God, God before time,**

**we find you in the heavens above us:**

**Light beyond light, our beginning before all beginnings.**

**Emmanuel, God With Us,**

**we find you here on earth, all around us:**

**You make your home in our fellowship and communion,**

**our daily bread, and in your church, the body of Christ.**

**Spirit of Pentecostal fire, we find you burning in truth,**

**ministering with comfort,**

**and interceding with us with sighs too deep for words.**

**God, stretch our imaginations!**

**Open our eyes to see you in your majesty above us,**

**your mystery around us, and your Spirit always with us. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

★ HMYN – *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

VU 444

◆ **SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM** ◆

We welcome to the church family of Christ:  
Maverick Ulysses Preston, son of Seth and Valerie Preston

**The Sacrament of Infant Baptism**

*Statement of Purpose*

The sacrament of baptism  
proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.  
By water and the Spirit,  
we are called, claimed, and commissioned:  
we are called God's own,  
welcomed as children of God;  
we are claimed by Christ,  
united with Christ,  
united with one another and the Christian community  
of every time and place;  
we are commissioned to Christ's ministry  
of love, peace, and justice,  
and strengthened by the Holy Spirit  
for the work of the church in the world.

*A Reading from Scripture*

Matthew 3: 13-17 (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River)

*Presentation* (Libby Cook)

On behalf of the congregation of Melrose United Church,

I present Maverick Ulysses Preston, son of Seth and Valerie Preston for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

**Profession of Faith and Promises**

Do you believe in God, Source of love;  
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;  
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power.

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,  
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

**I do, God being my helper.**

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join  
with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith  
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation,  
and love and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**Commitment of Parents**

In baptism, Maverick marks an important step  
in his journey of faith.

Will you pray for him encourage him by your words and  
actions, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**Commitment of the Community of Faith**

*\*The congregation may stand, as they are able*

As the people of Melrose United Church,  
do you commit yourselves to offer support and nurture  
for these persons within a community that worships God,

loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?  
We do, by the grace of God.

*Affirmation of Faith*

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

*(the congregation is seated)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water*

Let us pray:  
Gracious and Holy God,  
we bless you for the gift of life,

and within it, the gift of water.  
Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.  
By water, comes the growth of the earth.  
Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.  
In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized.  
Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,  
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

*~The water is poured into the font~*

May God's Spirit be upon us  
and these waters of daily use,  
which we now use  
to baptize and to welcome.

### *The Act of Baptism*

Maverick Ulysses,  
I baptize you,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
One God, mother of us all. **Amen.**

### *Marking with the Sign of the Cross*

Maverick Ulysses, child of God, from this day forward, you  
bear the sign of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit, Love's power,  
guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of  
your life. **Amen.**

### *Lighting of the Baptismal Candle* (the baptismal candle is lit)

Maverick Ulysses, let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

**All: Amen!**

*Presentation of Books, Prayer Shawls, Certificates*

One: Maverick, we present you with a book,  
prayer shawl, and Certificate of Baptism. May the stories  
of our faith support and encourage you as you grow in  
your relationship with God. And may your prayer shawl  
remind you that you are wrapped in God's love and care  
all of your life.

*The Hebrew Benediction* (sung, VU 965)

*Presentation of Maverick to the Melrose Congregation*

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship,  
One God in three persons,  
mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity.  
We confess that our own relationships are imperfect:  
we are selfish and greedy.  
We are anxious and resentful.  
We feel the shame of our foolish behaviour and brokenness.  
Forgive us and restore us,  
draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.  
May we long for wholeness and peace,  
may we strive toward gratitude and grace  
by the working power of your Holy Spirit.**

KYRIE ELEISON

*Mass in F Major, K. 192, by W.A. Mozart*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, hear this great good news:

God continually shows us another way.

God's mercy is as wide as the ocean.

God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind.

So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love,  
through the Holy Spirit.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

Reader: Cheryl Evans

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 16: 12-15

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Mass in F Major, K. 192, by W.A. Mozart*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,*

*Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,*

*You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,*

*with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## ◆ SERVICE OF THE TABLE ◆



## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

### OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *There in God's Garden*

VU 346

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us.**

**All that we have is from your creative hand.**

**All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.**

**All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.**

**Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy.**

**Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### **HOLY COMMUNION for Trinity Sunday**

#### *The Invitation to Communion*

One: In the name of the One who said,

“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat this Easter feast.

In the name of the One who said, “I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,

“Love one another, as I have loved you,”

I invite you all to the family table of Jesus Christ.

#### *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

One: God be with you

**All: and also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Before all that is, You were God.

Outside all we know, You are God.  
After all is finished, You will be God.  
Archangels sound the trumpets,  
Angels teach us their song,  
Saints pull us into your presence.  
And this is our song:

Sanctus

*Mass in F Major, K. 192, by W.A. Mozart*

Translation: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
You beyond the galaxies,  
You under the oceans,  
You inside the leaves,  
You pouring down rain,  
You opening the flowers,  
You feeding the insects,  
You giving us your image,  
You carrying us through the waters,  
You holding us in the night,  
Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,  
Your hand with Moses and Miriam,  
Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,  
You lived as Jesus among us,  
Healing, teaching, dying, rising,  
Inviting us all to your feast.

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,  
His life with the humble,  
His death among the wretched,  
His resurrection for us all:  
Your wisdom our guide,  
Your justice our strength,  
Your grace our path to rebirth.

**Benedictus** *Mass in F Major, K. 192, by W.A. Mozart*  
Translation: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!*

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.  
Enliven this bread,  
awaken this body,  
pour us out for each other.  
Transfigure our minds  
ignite your church,  
Nourish the life of the earth.  
Make us, while many, united.  
Make us, though broken, whole.  
Make us, despite death, alive.  
And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

**All: Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: you, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise for ever.

And so we cry, Amen:

**All: Amen!**

### The Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: and also with you.** (all are invited to share the Peace)

### Intercessions

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. Especially, this morning, we pray for Indigenous girls growing up across this country. May they always be able to enjoy times of learning, times of play, and time at home safely. We pray for Indigenous women working hard for their families and communities.

May they always be able to enjoy times of relaxation and respite from their cares, securely and free from fear.

God of grace, receive our prayers for the work of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; for the families and all those who loved the beautiful ones who have been lost; for the justice we all hope for and long for so very much. In the name of all our relations we gather these and all our prayers, thankful that we may turn to you as to a Mother who loves us, and as: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power and the glory for ever and ever Amen.*

### The Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread of life shared with you.

The cup of the New Covenant shared with you.

Come, for the meal is ready!

*(our communion today will be received by intinction. If you are able, please come forward up the centre aisle. There are two stations. Pick up a piece of bread from the tray, **dip it in the cup and consume it immediately**, returning to your seats via the side aisles. The **larger** chalices contain **grape juice**, the **smaller, teal-coloured** chalices contain **wine**. If you are unable to come forward, the servers will gladly come and serve you in the pew. Please help them to locate you.)*

During Communion:

**Agnus Dei**

*Mass in F Major, K. 192, by W.A. Mozart*

*Translation: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.*

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion**

One: Nourished at this table, O God,

may we know Christ's redemptive love  
and live a new life in him.

Help us to recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread  
to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken.

Give us, who are fed at his hand,  
grace to share our bread with the hungry  
and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service  
until that time when we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.

**All: Through Christ,  
all glory and honour are yours, Holy God,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,  
now and forever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Love Divine, all Loves Excelling*

VU 333

## COMMISIONING AND BLESSING

One: Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.

Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit;  
offer yourself for God's mission in the world.

And may God give strength to you and to all;  
may Christ Jesus bless you with peace;

and may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,  
give you assurance that you are God's children.

**All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE -- *The Hebrew Benediction*

VU 965

*The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:*

*The Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee:*

*The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace. Amen.*

Presiding at the table today: Philip Gardner and Eydie Zuk. The two ceramic wine chalices, used for the first time during communion this morning, are presented to Melrose by Philip Gardner in loving memory of Ethel Lapp.

Mozart Mass in F Major performed with string trio:

Adam Didderrich, violin

Megan Jones, violin

Kirk Starkey, cello

Vocal soloists:

Allana Stevenson, soprano

Margaret Duff, soprano

Celine Cascanette, mezzo-soprano

Jim Kraemer, tenor

Chris Palmer, baritone

◆ **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.

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Join us for a service led by Melrose's choir in the lovely chapel.

◆ **Broadview Renewals and New Subscriptions** ◆

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

◆ **Summer Hours and Vacation updates** ◆

Please note the reduced hours for the church office:

July: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9:30am-12:30pm

August: Monday-Friday 9:30am-12:30pm

The office will be also be closed July 15-19 and August 5-9.

Building hours will remain as normal.

◆ **Search Committee Update** ◆

Search Committee is in the process of reviewing applications and interviewing selected applicants.

◆ Thank you... ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey.

A poster for Melrose United Church's summer worship services. The background features a large green tree with a brown trunk, a bright yellow sun in the top left, and soft green clouds. The text is arranged as follows: 'MELROSE UNITED CHURCH' in white capital letters at the top; 'Plan to join us' in a white cursive font; 'Summer' in large, bold black letters; 'worship' in a yellow cursive font; and 'JULY AND AUGUST' in white capital letters on a green rectangular background. A white text box on the right side of the tree contains the service details. At the bottom left, there is a small watermark: 'Made with PosterMyWall.com'.

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

Plan to join us

**Summer**  
worship

JULY AND AUGUST

Believe it or not...Summer is coming!  
Summer chapel services will begin on Sunday June 23. We will worship in our air conditioned chapel on June 23 and 30. During the month of July we will worship together with the congregation of First Pilgrim United @ 200 Main Street East. Onsite parking located at a business on the west side of the building (the business owner is okay with this arrangement). No services will take place at Melrose during this time. In August we will join together with weekly worship here at Melrose in our chapel.

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**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday – June 17**

<b>Monthly Fire Drill</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Entire Building</b>
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

**Tuesday - June 18**

<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Music Class	3:30 p.m.	Room 36
Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

**Wednesday - June 19**

Pilates	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Private Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Parlour

**Thursday - June 20**

Mother Goose Classes	8:45 a.m.	Parlour
Hamilton Women’s	10:00 a.m. 7:00	Auditorium
Connection Yoga Evening	p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Group	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Tai Chi		

**Friday - June 21**

Executive Meeting:	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
WrapAround	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Chapel Piano Tuning		

**Saturday - June 22**

**Sunday – June 23**

<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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