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◆ SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 ◆

Seventh Sunday after Easter

Ascension Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 ◆
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE – Waltz for Debby B. Evans

INTROIT – Ascension Intriot H. Willan

* OPENING HYMN – *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* VU 189

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

**All: And we are his hands, eyes and feet,
a benediction to all God's people.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**All: Christ has come; Christ has risen;
Christ will come again.**

One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**All: The Holy Spirit is among us now.
In our baptism, we have already died and risen with
Christ.**

One: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**All: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now,
eternal life to come.
In Christ, we join our hearts to worship,
and we enter into the reign of God.**

DIALOGUE FOR ASCENSION

One: Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!

All: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia!

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

All: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

One: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand."

All: The Lord is high above all nations; his glory above the heavens!

One: He came forth from God, and has come into the world.

All: Again he leaves the world and goes to God.

One: Alleluia! He ascends to my God and your God.

All: He will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

* HYMN - *Shadow and Substance*

MV 44

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Jim Kraemer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM - Psalm 47 (Refrain 2)

VU 771

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 13: 1, 4-13

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 44-53

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

* HYMN – *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

VU 190

SERMON: “Things are Looking Up”

ANTHEM – O Be Joyful

H. Willan

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN – *We Praise You, O God*

VU 218 verse 1

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

(said together)

**Living God, your Son Jesus Christ
at his ascension gave gifts to his church.
Lead us, as members of his body on earth,
to use the gifts we have received to heal the world you so love.
And may Your grace be upon these shawls ...
warming, comforting, healing, and enfolding.
May these mantles be a safe haven,
a sacred place of security and well being ...
sustaining and embracing in times of illness, loneliness, or sorrow.
May each one who receives a shawl be cradled in hope,
kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.
May each know that Melrose holds them in prayer and love,
and that God’s grace surrounds them always.
In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(followed by the Prayer of Jesus, VU 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *All Praise to Thee*

VU 327

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

One: Go out into the world.

In your words and in your lives

bear witness to the Christ who has ascended

to be everywhere present.

And as you come to know him,

may God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation,

may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you,

and may the Spirit open to you all the riches of Christ's

inheritance.

All: We go in peace to love and serve God:

in the name of Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Go Forth with Blessing*

A. Cann

Go Forth with blessing,

Go Forth in peace.

Peace and joy be with you,

Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE – Joy Spring

C. Brown

◆ **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** ◆

By a happy co-incidence, the Feast of Pentecost (the Christian Church's official birthday) will coincide this year with one of the highlights of the Melrose United Church worship year: the annual church picnic. Once again the picnic will be held at the *Dundas Driving Park (Pavillion #4)*. We will begin festivities with worship at 10:30 led by Philip Gardner, Meg Chalmers, and Alex Cann. Search your wardrobe for something red to wear, then pack a lawn chair, something to share for our picnic meal, and your best singing voice for intergenerational worship and celebration. Note that there is no worship service at Locke & Homewood on June 9th.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **Final TGIF of the season is coming!** ◆

Join us on June 7 for our final TGIF of the church year. Entertainment to be provided by Darren the Entertainer! Bring a potluck dish to share. Starts at 6:30pm.

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday June 12th at 6:30 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is: **Valerie Louter**

Donor Relations Officer, Mission Services

She will share with us information on "Willow's Place" drop-in program.

Come & share a meal with friends!!

MELROSE FAMILY MINISTRIES



Coming Up

Sun. May 26th

Coffee and Conversations

Sun. June 2nd ← **TODAY!!**

Walk for Wesley

Fri. June 7th

TGIF/ Wrap-Up Party

Sun. June 9th

Sunday School Picnic

Fri June 14th

Youth Group Escape Room

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – June 3

Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Extra Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday - June 4

Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Music Class	3:30 p.m.	Room 36
Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Auditions	5:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - June 5

Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Private Rental	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - June 6

Mother Goose Classes	8:45 a.m.	Parlour
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Yoga Evening Group	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday - June 7

TGIF: Wrap Up Event	6:30 p.m.	Parlour, Auditorium, Kitchen
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Saturday - June 8

Bach Elgar Meeting	10:00	Auditorium
Tom Schilling: Master Class	a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Sunday – June 9

Melrose Worship and Picnic	10:30 a.m.	Dundas Driving Park
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Church

AND WORSHIP SERVICE

PICNIC

Sunday June 9

DUNDAS DRIVING PARK
PAVILLION 4

Worship @ 10:30am, potluck picnic after

Join us for all ages worship service in the park
followed by a potluck picnic lunch.
Everyone welcome.

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fellowship and to wish
Rev. Gardner well!**