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

## ◆ GATHERING ◆

### PRELUDE

INTROIT - Holy, Holy, Holy

G. Thalben-Ball

\* OPENING HYMN - *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

VU 220

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the morning of our lives, God calls "come"

All: **and we come with joy and energy, basking in new life.**

One: In the noontide of our lives, god calls, come"

All: **and we come with knowledge and confidence  
journeying in God's light.**

One: In the evening of our lives, God calls "come"

All: **and we come with experience and insight,  
remembering that God has always been with us.**

One: In this time and in this place, God calls "come"

All: **and we come to worship our God, who calls to us in love.**

### PRAYER OF APPROACH (said by all)

Holy One,

you who are the Source of all Love  
and the Ground of our Being,

we gather as your people today,  
rooted in your love.

We pray that your Spirit of hope, healing and life  
will continue to embolden us  
to be faithful followers of the Way of Jesus.  
May we be inspired to be the winds of change  
to bring your peace, justice, reconciliation and love  
into our hurting world. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN – *Love Us into Fullness*

MV 81

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Tabitha Marshall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 103

VU 825

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 6: 1-8

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 14: 22-33

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

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

A NEW CREED (said by all)

**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*)

\* HYMN - *Here I am, Lord*

VU 509

REFLECTION: "Be Brave, Be Bold, and Stand up Tall"

ANTHEM - *Jubilate Deo*

Orlando di Lasso

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

\* OFFERING HYMN - *We Praise You, O God  
We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.*

VU 218 verse 1

*We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)  
Source of Love and Ground of our Being,  
accept and bless all that we offer this day.  
Grant that, in responding to your Spirit,  
we heed your call to serve your world  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN  
(followed by the singing of the Prayer of Jesus, VU 960)  
**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 – *Like a Mighty River Flowing* VU 267

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

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

### ◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday is the seventh and final Sunday of the Easter season. It is also the Sunday that is closest to the church's annual liturgical commemoration of the Ascension (Ascension Day is this coming Thursday, May 30). The focus reading of the sermon on June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Luke 24: 44-53, the first of Luke's renderings of the ascension story (the second is found in the first chapter of Acts). The Ascension story is a complicated one for twenty-first century Christians who have long since abandoned the ancient concept of a three-story universe. Nevertheless, there is an interesting small detail in Luke's account. The narrative says: "while he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." Christ's act of blessing is not completed, it is ongoing – in other words, we, his twenty-first century disciples are still in the process of being blessed by those upraised arms. However perplexed we might be by Luke's grasp of physics, there is something truly hopeful and beautiful about the image that he offers us at his gospel's conclusion.

### ◆ **Treasurer's Update** ◆

It has been a good first four months of the year for Melrose's finances. Donations received for our operations were \$7,000 (24%) higher than last year. As well, rental income has been \$3,400 higher. On the expenses side, natural gas costs have been \$3,900 less than last year. However, snowplowing costs were \$3,200 higher than last year.

If these positive trends continue through the year, we will have a significantly smaller deficit than has been anticipated.

### ◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month Denise and Phil Farrauto.

### ◆ **Coffee and Conversations** ◆

Join Meg after church today to chat about the Family Ministries Program at Melrose over a cup of coffee.

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

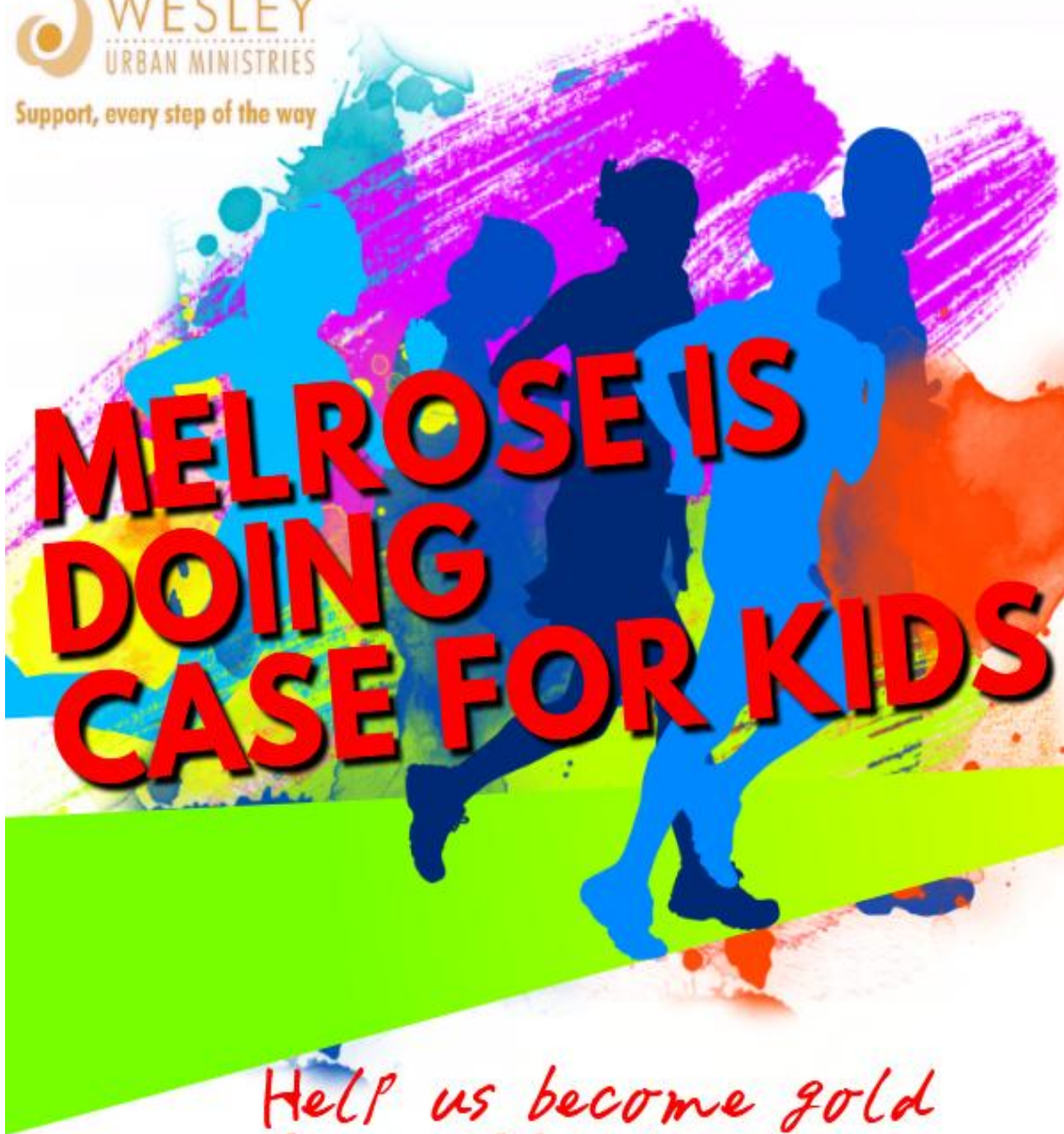
Join us on June 7 for our final TGIF of the church year. More details coming to your email and social media soon.

◆ **It's cookbook time!** ◆

It's finally here! Our cookbook is coming hot off the press. Pre-orders available now. \$17.00 per book or \$50.00 for three (check or cash, check payable to Melrose United Church). All proceeds will go to the operations budget.



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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.

A festive party flyer with a light yellow background. At the top and bottom, there are decorative elements including stylized fireworks in shades of blue, orange, and red, and scattered confetti. A large orange balloon is partially visible on the right side. The text is arranged in several horizontal bands of different colors: a dark red band at the top, a teal band for the date, another teal band for the time, a dark red band for the guest name, and a teal band for the guest title. A dark red band with white confetti is at the bottom.

**TGIF/ FAMILY MINISTRIES  
WRAP-UP PARTY**

**Friday June 7th**

**6:30 - 8:30PM**

**SPECIAL GUEST:  
DARREN THE  
ENTERTAINER**

**JOIN US**

**to celebrate**

**and thank**

**Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner**

**June 16**

**Join us after the church service for  
fellowship and to wish  
Rev. Gardner well!**

## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – May 27

<b>Monthly Fire Drill</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Entire Building</b>
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Extra Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium

### Tuesday - May 28

<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Locke Street B.I.A.	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

### Wednesday - May 29

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 - May 30

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
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

### Friday - May 31

LLH Event	4:00 p.m.	Auditorium
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### Saturday - June 1

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

### Sunday – June 2

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

