



PRELUDE - Invention #15 in B minor

J.S. Bach

- * OPENING HYMN – *O Splendour of God's Glory Bright*

VU 413

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**In this place where we are gathered,
we bow down before God,
from whom every family in heaven
and on earth takes its name.**

**In this time of worship,
by the presence of the Spirit
and with Christ in our hearts,
may God grant strength within
and love to fill us with the fullness of God.
Amen.**

- * HYMN – *Congregational choice*

READER: Jim Kraemer

PSALM: Psalm 62

VU 779

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 15: 1-11

One: Herein is the wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 8: 4-17

One: Herein is good news.

All: Praise be to God.

- * HYMN – *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

VU 701

SERMON: *"Don't Hold Back"*

MUSICAL REFLECTION --Nachstucke #4

R. Schumann

- * CLOSING HYMN – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

VU 288

POSTLUDE --Rondo Alla Turca, Sonata K.331

W.A. Mozart

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Locke Street Volunteer Recruiting time! ◆

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

All that is required is a smile of welcome!

Available Shifts are: noon-2pm and 2pm-4pm.

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

◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

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

◆ Upcoming WrapAround Event ◆

Former Pastor Andrew Hawkins will be presenting **September 12 (6:30pm-8:00pm) @ Melrose United Church on Relational Ministry-WrapAround** and his work through NeighbourLink in Chatham-Kent. Refreshments and Donut Monster Donuts will be served. RSVP to Shalem Mental Health Network-WrapAround Services at 905-528-0353 or at office@shalemnetwork.org. For more info check out www.shalemnetwork.org

◆ 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.

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