



PRELUDE – With a Little Help from My Friends
Lennon and McCartney

★ OPENING HYMN – *Make a Joyful Noise* VU 820

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)
**Centre us, O God
to worship you today.
Remove our needless armour.
Be our stronghold. Grant us calm.
Give us joyful hearts and ready our minds,
that we may be open to your grace.
Amen.**

★ HYMN – *Congregational choice*

READER: Denise Farrauto

PSALM: Psalm 67 VU 786

SCRIPTURE READING: Ruth 1: 1-18

One: Herein is the wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 15: 12-17

One: Herein is good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN – *When I Needed a Neighbour* VU 600

SERMON: *“Be a Friend”*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

★ CLOSING HYMN – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* VU 664

POSTLUDE – The Friendship Waltz J. Bellak

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

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

◆ Summer Scripture Readers ◆

We now have a full roster of summer readers. Thank you from Carolyn Duff. I will send reminders to you from Nova Scotia. Please, readers, make sure that Michelle, in the Church Office, has your up-to-date email address.

◆ 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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