



## PRELUDE

- \* OPENING HYMN – *Spirit of Gentleness* VU 375

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**We go out into the world, into the full life  
we find all around us.**

**We hear Your call to get involved, and to open our hearts,  
to allow Your love and care into places both new and  
familiar.**

**Dear Jesus, help us to meet and to enjoy all the new  
people, and the new opportunities, that may be coming our  
way.**

**And may we all treat each other – both the familiar and the  
new – with the love and care You would show to us.**

- \* HYMN – *One More Step Along the World I Go* VU 639

READERS: Shari Saunders and Ted Lowrey

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10: 25-37

One: Herein is the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25: 35-40

One: Herein is good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

- \* HYMN – *Congregational Choice*

SERMON: “*Compassion*”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

- \* CLOSING HYMN – *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*  
VU 556

POSTLUDE

## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

*We have already raised \$4114.50! Let's keep going!!*

Thank you everyone for your contributions so far. The work is coming along and the room is really starting to take shape!

### ◆ Observer Renewals and New Subscriptions ◆

It's Observer subscription time! The cost is \$25 per year. All subscriptions are due by August 1. Contact office for more information.

### ◆ Upcoming Summer vacation plans ◆

Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner will be off from Sunday, July 2 through Sunday, July 29 inclusive. Rev. Alison Nicholson will be covering emergency pastoral care during his time away. Contact info available from the office.

Michelle will be away from July 16-20 inclusive. Custodial staff will be checking messages during this time.

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ Note from the Official Board ◆

The Transition Team has formally advised the Official Board of their request that the Interim Ministry be extended until June 30, 2019. They have indicated that this additional time is needed in order to facilitate the completion of the interim ministry goals, and in anticipation of the United Church of Canada restructuring likely to occur on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. This restructuring will impact both the joint needs assessment and search processes, and additional time is needed to both understand and adopt the new processes that

will be in place. Rev. Gardner has indicated his willingness to extend his Interim Ministry to fit this revised timeline.

Procedurally, the Official Board needs to advise Presbytery of the need to extend the interim ministry and seek its approval to do so. Prior to approaching Presbytery with this request, which must be made prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Official Board wants to move forward in a timely and transparent way to ensure that the congregation is aware of the Transition Team's request, and of the Board's intention to therefore proceed to seek this extension of Interim Ministry. If anyone has any questions re this process, please contact me directly by phone (905-522-2724) or email ([cheryl.rn@sympatico.ca](mailto:cheryl.rn@sympatico.ca)) prior to July 16<sup>th</sup>

Thanks,  
Cheryl Evans  
Chair, Official Board