



Life and Work At Melrose

May 17, 2020

◆ 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.

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

We are one week away from the powerful wind of Pentecost. Today we celebrate the "Ascension of the Lord" in our churches, that final moment when the disciples witness the Saviour floating heavenward out of their midst and into the great beyond.

Luke is the only gospel that chooses to report this event. The other gospels prefer to leave Jesus' departure open ended, like a good cliff-hanger, with a hint of more to come. God's story continues to unfold in Jesus and Luke uses this moment of revelation to mark a turning point in the disciples in which they move forward and are never the same.

The Ascension is not as well celebrated and recorded as the events from trial to crucifixion and then resurrection. It has been barely noticed in the church, yet it is a moment of importance. It has a science fiction like quality to it that stands outside the realm of explanation. One minute he is there with them, the next he is not.

Jesus leaves them with the anticipation that there is more to come. There will be an auspicious transfer of power through the Holy Spirit unlike anything they have ever experienced. Wait for it!

- Rev. Sonia Ireson



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◆ Donations – Now accepting E-transfers ◆

Our treasurer, Ralph, set up the ability for E-transfer donations over the past couple weeks.

The Melrose staff team (and volunteer base) continues to do work behind the scenes even though we cannot use the building to worship together. If you are looking to support the ongoing work of the church you can:

1. Sign up for P.A.R. (preauthorized remittance) through the office.
2. Make a one time or ongoing donation through [CanadaHelps.Org](https://CanadaHelps.org)
3. Send a donation through e-transfer to donations@melroseunited.ca.

All donations are tax receiptable. The office team or treasurer will notify you that your donation has been received and can answer any questions about tax receipts or use of your donation.