

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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PRIDE!

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

Pride Sunday

If you would like to light a candle to represent your prayers for a person or situation that is in your heart, you are invited to do so at the beginning or end of any worship service.

Gathering In Community

✠ **Please stand as you are able.**

The PRELUDE ~ Andantino, G. Fauré

The WELCOME

We enter the Sacredness of Worship...

The INTROIT ~ This Is My Commandment, G. Thalben-Ball

The CALL to WORSHIP

One: God calls us.

All: We gather in response to the invitation.

One: Christ leads us.

All: We follow, united in love and purpose.

One: The Holy Spirit empowers us.

All: We grow in faith, made ready to answer God's call with boldness.

One: As we worship together this morning,

All: God is here! Let us give thanks!

✠ *The PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~*

See the Morning Sun Ascending

VU 406

The LIGHTING of the CANDLE of PEACE

The LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

One: Light should be understood as more than simply a generic light. Light can be opened into the entire spectrum of colours.

All: Light can overcome fear and shadows and guide us on our way.

One: Light may reveal a particular vision, an insight, an inspiration that opens the door to understanding life and relationships in new ways.

All: This morning, we light this Christ candle, naming Jesus in our lives as life-giving in a full spectrum of dimensions.

The Christ Candle is lit...

The OPENING PRAYER

✠ A HYMN ~ Jesus Calls Us

VU 562

Time For the Children and the Child Within Us

A CHILDREN'S STORY

Hearing and Responding to the Word

Reader ~ Rev. Brenna Baker

A READING *from the BOOK of GENESIS, Chapter 12,*
verses 1 - 9

One: The Word of the Lord,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33

VU 760

**Refrain: A new song to our God proclaim, from age to age
rejoice!**

The GOSPEL of MATTHEW, Chapter 9, verses 9 - 13

One: For the word of God in scripture, among us, and
within us,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY ~ "A Calling, A Journey"

An ANTHEM ~ Let All the People Praise Thee, O God

The INVITATION to the OFFERING

✠ *The OFFERTORY HYMN ~*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

**Sing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creature, Word and Spirit, One.**

The OFFERING PRAYER

The PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and the LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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,
the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending Forth

LIFE *and* WORK of the CHURCH

✠ *The RECESSIONAL HYMN ~*

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

VU 533

The COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~

May the Grace of Christ Attend Us, J. Sam/F.K. Graham

The POSTLUDE ~ Chris Palmer, baritone,

*Rolling In Foaming Billows from
The Creation J. Haydn*

We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississauga. May we continue to live with respect on this land, and to live in peace and friendship with all its people in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Life and Work of the Church

We always welcome children and understand that they may not be quiet during the service. We appreciate their joyful noise and are glad that they are here!

TODAY! Sunday, June 7th @noon ~

Wesley Case For Kids

A huge **THANK YOU** for all your support for Case for Kids. Together we have raised just over \$900! If you have not donated yet and would like to, your kind donations can be made online at Wesley Case for Kids <https://wesley.ca/giving/case-for-kids/> or by cheque or cash at the Church Office. The campaign will end on June 30th. To join our team or for more information see Libby Cook. We hope to reach our goal of \$1,000! Would you like a Case for Kids t-shirt? Speak with Libby!



Sunday, June 14th ~ Board Games!

Come and play your favourite board game or bring your own! You do not need a partner. Entry fee is \$5, children under grade 1 are free!

Saturday, June 20th

Knitting & Crochet @9:30 - 11:30

Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.





Sunday, June 21st ~ Rev. Dr Philip Gardner Retires!

Friends at Melrose, Rev. Dr. Philip Gardener is retiring at the end of June from active ministry. His retirement service will be held at West Plains United church, where he has served since leaving Melrose. The service will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 21st. All are welcome. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to West Plains United Church at info@westplains.ca or call 905-529-4871.

Friday, June 26th ~ Progressive Euchre

Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp!
Beginners welcome!



Social Media at Melrose!

Melrose has an active social media presence on Facebook and Instagram! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events, the wider church and for messages of inspiration. Don't forget to like and share our posts! Please visit: www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch and www.instagram.com/melroseuc/

News From the Office

Please be sure to submit your church related news items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email the office. Thank you!

35th Annual

Case For Kids



Sunday, June 7, 2026
12 noon - 2:30 pm
Bayfront Park, Hamilton

Help Local Kids and Support Case for Kids!



Case for Kids is a community fundraising event with food, music, activities and fun for all ages and all abilities. This event raises funds for Wesley's Children and Youth programs in Hamilton, Halton and Brantford.



Come join us! Participants are encouraged to walk, run or ride (bicycle, scooter, etc.) at your own pace, around the Bayfront Park pathway which spans almost 1.5 km.



Make a donation, join a team, share on social media, and come to Case for Kids!

wesley.ca/caseforkids