

SERMON ~ "When God's Timing is Taking Too Long"

HYMN ~ Fire of God, Undying Flame

VU 209

THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

~ As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought

VU 518

Sing: As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field

**to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: As you share your blessings with us, Gracious God, you show great faith that we will use them wisely and offer them generously to others. So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken, hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn. This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN ~ O God of Every Nation

VU 677

BLESSING

One: There is a time and a season for everything: A time to gather together

All: and a time to depart.

One: A time to make promises

All: and a time to bring those promises to life.

POSTLUDE

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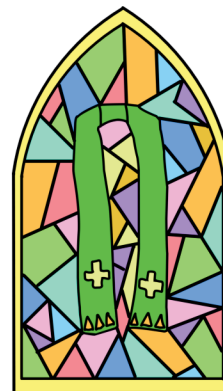
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SUMMER
WORSHIP
2025

Worship Leader:

Rev. Eun-Joo Park

Music Director:

Alexander Cann

Custodian:

Kevin Geluch

Church Administrator:

Sue Hawthorne-Bate

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10:30AM



SUMMER WORSHIP 2025

All are welcome for lemonade and fellowship after worship!

THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN ~ Your Hand, O God Has Guided VU 274

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

One: The land on which we worship and serve God each week was first inhabited and cared for by the people of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe who are covered under the Upper Canada Treaty. For thousands of years, they walked on and treated the land with respect. May we continue with respect, by living our lives moving gently in creation, listening, learning, and striving to be people of reconciliation.

LITURGY OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,

All: may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: When the sky is blue, and the water is calm, and the journey ahead is crystal clear,

All: God is with us. God is with us.

One: When the sky is dark, and the water is violently crashing against our boat, threatening to swamp us, and the journey ahead is shrouded in fog and uncertainty,

All: God is with us. God is with us.

One: No matter where we find ourselves today on the journey of our lives, as we gather in this space for worship,

All: God is with us. God is with us.

One: Come, let us worship the one who calls us beloved and promises to walk with us every step of our journey and with every breath we are given.

All: God is with us. God is with us.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

All: O God, we trust in you, we confess, we acknowledge before you that we can't see what you see. And that we struggle, because of our lack of sight, because we can't see what's coming. And because we can't see all that you're doing, God, we confess, we struggle to trust in you many times. Forgive us, O God, we pray. Our minds are so small. Our view is so small. We trust that your view is throughout all time and that you are all wise in ways that we are not, that you are all loving. You are perfect in a holy way that we are not. In Christ Jesus, whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Turn again, O people, to God who always loves you. Remember God's loving mercies and faithfulness.

All: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN ~ All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

VU 635

CHILDREN'S STORY

THE SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, verses 1 to 11

One: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.



LIFE AND WORK AT MELROSE

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- **Community Knitting and Crochet** ~ Saturday, August 16, 9:30am - 11:30am. All skill levels welcome! Tea, coffee and snacks provided!
- **Jam Jars Needed!** ~ Its jamming time again! We are in need of 250ml and 500ml jars. Please drop them off at the office. No spaghetti sauce jars or other glass! Thanks!
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We can't wait to savor these delicious food memories!

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In August the office will usually be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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