



◆ 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 ◆

Our scripture today zeroes in on the Israelites, now safely on dry land, away from their captors. Now they have something new to focus on; their supplies are running out and they begin to complain that they would have been better left in captivity than out in a strange land where they will starve to death. As they wander in the wilderness, they are remembering back to the days of hearty stews and ample variety of food and they express their unhappiness to Moses and Aaron.

Moses brings their complaint to God's attention, and God heeds their complaints and sends bread for their morning meals and quail for their evening meals. Through Moses, God instructed them to gather enough for everyone in their tent. And so it was that God continued to provide for the chosen people.

Matthew records Jesus' take on God's Kingdom as an estate manager hiring workers for the field. Various workers are hired at different times during the day. Some work a full day, some a half day, and some only a few hours at the end of the day. The Manager pays them all the same wage regardless of the hours worked. The workers who put in the extra time complain about the unfairness. I have a feeling we would too.

The manager says. It is my money; I have the right to do what I want. If I choose to be generous, it should be of no concern to you.



You were not treated unfairly. You were told what you would receive for a day's wage and that is what you received. Jesus says this is another example of the last being first and the first ending up last – the Great Reversal. How does this sit with you?

◆ Updated Building Hours ◆

We are slowly increasing our building hours. However, we are still requesting that visiting the building is by scheduled visit only. Additionally, masks are required at all times when you are in the building. Please see planned hours below:

Updated Building Hours

Beginning September 14th

Monday: 8:00am-9:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm; 3:00-9:00pm*

Wednesday: 9:00am-6:30pm

Thursday: 9:00am-1:00pm; 3:00-9:00pm

Friday: 8am-5:00pm

*exception September 15th - 3:00-9:00pm only, no guaranteed morning hours

◆ Donations ◆

The Melrose staff team (and volunteer base) continues to do work behind the scenes even though we cannot use the



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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 Canada Helps.Org
3. Send a donation through e-transfer to donations@melroseunited.ca.