**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**

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| Worship Leader: | Jan Landeen |
| Music Director:  Guest Pianist:  Custodian:  Church Administrator: | Alexander Cann  Brad Ross  Kevin Geluch  Sue Hawthorne-Bate |

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

# *GATHERING IN COMMUNITY*

*The* PRELUDE ~ Prelude no. 9, Chopin

*The* OPENING HYMN ~ VU 120 O Jesus, I Have Promised

*The* WELCOME *and the* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

*The* LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *&*

CANDLE OF PEACE

*the Christ Candle is lit….*

*The* CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God’s still, small voice of comfort, to God’s rushing whirlwind of challenge.

In the beginning, God created heaven and earth.

**All: Through word, music, art, and sacrament,  
in community and in solitude,**

One: God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world**.**

**All: Let us worship!**

*(adapted words Rev. Heather Leffler)*

*The* OPENING PRAYER

**All: Things are a-changing, Holy One, moving so quickly that we only seem to grasp quickly before we are left with only air in our fingers and in our minds.**

**There is so much turmoil in our world right now with events coming at us so quickly.**

**Your Spirit holds all of these close to our hearts and we see how our world, our denomination and our community of faith is changing in the light of what we see and know and want to be.**

**Only air in our fingers and in our minds seems to be left – but that air is blowing with the Spirit into our minds and souls.**

**Open us to listen, to hear, to feel, and to make decisions on change that are healthy and true to you.**

**Bless us, Loving God, in these turbulent and moving times. Amen.**

*(adapted from George and Joy Bott, 2022)*

*The* PRAYER *of* FORGIVENESS

**All: God of unfailing love,**

**Saviour to whom we belong,**

**Spirit of Truth,**

**you we worship, you we love,**

**you we trust.**

**We listen for the wisdom**

**to live well and faithfully all the days of our lives.**

**You know the fears that bind us.**

**You know how lost we get sometimes.**

*time for quiet confession….*

**Amen**

*(adapted from George and Joy Bott, 2022)*

*The* WORDS *of* ASSURANCE

***TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US***

A Children’s Story

*A* HYMN ~ VU570 Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands

***HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

*The* PRAYER *of* ILLUMINATION

**All: Living God; written in bygone ages, but still relevant; heard by countless saints of the faith, but still a life-changing witness; your Word finds us, your Word tests us, your Word inspires us, your Word motivates us; and we thank you, Living God. Amen.**

*The* FIRST BOOK *of* KINGS, Chapter 19, verses 1 to 15a

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 42-43 ~ VU 766-769

**Refrain: Why restless, why cast down my soul?**

**Hope still and you will sing!**

*The* GOSPEL *of* LUKE, Chapter 8, verses 26 to 39

One: Hear the Good News!

**All: Praise be to Jesus Christ!**

*The* REFLECTION ~ Finding God in Unexpected Places

*A* HYMN ~ VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

*The* INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*An* OFFERING HYMN ~ VU 541 Praise God From Whom

All Blessings Flow

**Sing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures high and low;**

**Give thanks to God in love made known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

*The* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Timeless God, you have revealed yourself through ancestors of faith and continue to speak to us. We gather as people of faith have gathered over the eons, in humility and commitment. May the gifts offered continue to tell the story of faithfulness, gifts that we offer in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(adapted words of L. Turnbull, Pentecost 1, Gathering 2017)*

*The* PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

*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***

*The* CLOSING HYMN ~ VU 507 Today We are Called to

Be Disciples

*The* BLESSING

**ALL: With faith, we have sought to offer service to God in this community and this country. God bless us in all that God has ahead for us. May God bless you and keep you. Amen.**

*(adapted words by E. Bidgood Sveet, Pentecost 1, Gathering 2023)*

*The*BENEDICTION

*The* POSTLUDE ~ Juba, R Nathaniel Dett

*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.*

*Personal prayer requests – please write your prayer requests in our Prayer Share Book during the service.*

**Announcements**

**Saturday, June 21st**

**Knitting & Crochet @ 9:30 – 11:30**

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

A poster with text and flowers

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**Friday, June 27th ~ Progressive Euchre** ~ Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30 sharp! Beginners welcome!

**Melrose Congregation’s 100th Anniversary**

**Join the Celebration!**

On November 13th, we will joyfully celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Melrose congregation! Throughout the month of November, we’re planning special events to honor our rich history and look forward to a bright future. If you’re interested in helping plan our anniversary celebrations or have ideas to share, please reach out to Libby or Gwyn by **July 31st**. Planning meetings will begin in late August or early September. We’d love to have your input as we prepare for this meaningful milestone! Contact Gwyn at gwynxag@gmail.com or Libby at cook\_feenstra@hotmail.ca.

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Did you know? 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! Please visit: www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch

www.instagram.com/melroseuc/

**News From the Office**

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

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