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◆ 11 June, 2017 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Melrose Church Picnic

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017 ◆

MELROSE CHURCH PICNIC

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour after worship ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

VU 409

- 1 *Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*
- 2 *Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*
- 3 *Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the morning, God hears our voices as we lift our prayers
and songs.

**All: In the morning, God whispers to us in the gentle breezes
stirring the world.**

One: In the morning, we look for God alive and active around us.

**All: In the morning, we find God playing hopscotch
with the kids on the corner.**

One: In the morning we come together to worship our God.

**All: In the morning, God gathers us up to lead us
down the streets of justice and faithfulness.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

★ HYMN – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

VU 291

[Refrain:]

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.*

1 *Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings: [Refrain]*

2 *The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]*

3 *The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. [Refrain]*

4 *The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; [Refrain]*

(continued...)

5 *God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well.* [Refrain]

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Story: "The Darkest Dark"

by Chris Hadfield

Reader: Imogen and Jonathan Clase

PSALM 19

VU 740

Refrain 2: *Glory and Praise to God whose word brings life!*

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,
and night shares its knowledge with night,**
and this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth. R**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky,
it runs its course to the other,
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. R**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

**God's instruction is sure,
giving wisdom to the simple;**

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

**God's commandment is pure
giving light to the eyes;**

God's fear is clean, enduring forever;
God's judgements are true,
every one of them righteous;
more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
pure honey from the comb. R

All: Let the words of my mouth
and the thoughts of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my strength and my redeemer.

SCRIPTURE: Story of Creation, Genesis 1

Family Story Bible

HYMN: *Called by Earth and Sky*

MV 135

[Refrain]

*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.*

- 1. Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. [Refrain]*
- 2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our
grace. [Refrain]*
- 3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our weakening, rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.
[Refrain]*
- 4. Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day. Fire of
passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.*

[Last Refrain]

*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.*

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

CLOSING HYMN: *Jump for Joy*

MV 48 (Refrain)

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia

Jump for joy for you.

I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia

Jump for joy for you.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

BLESSING OF OUR PICNIC MEAL

◆ **Melrose Events** ◆

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday, the second Sunday after Pentecost, our scripture readings will include the delightful story from Genesis 18 that features the laughter of Abraham's wife Sarah on discovering that she will give birth to a son at the ripe old age of 90. The tension in the story is between the inscrutable speech of God (which contains the promise of the birth) and the mockery of Abraham and Sarah who find God's word completely beyond reason and belief. For Abraham and Sarah, the powerful promise of God outdistances their ability to receive it. In this response they stand for all of humanity. Faith is not a reasonable act that fits into any of our normal patterns. The birth eventually does take place and the boy's name "Isaac" ("he laughs") would appear to be a sign that God carries no grudges. Fittingly, for a Sunday when the sermon will focus on a promised child, the service will also be the occasion when we welcome Greyson James-Bentley Scrivens who will become a member of the body of Christ through baptism.

◆ **Women in Touch – WIT –Wednesday, June 14** ◆

The WIT potluck dinner will be held in the parlour beginning at **6:30pm**. Our guest for the evening is **Marion Sewell-Sneyd**. She will share with us her experiences as a volunteer with **Child Haven International**. Check out: www.childhaven.ca. Please join us to share food, fun and fellowship.

◆ **Thank You...** ◆

...to our June coffee hosts – Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey.



◆ **Still Needed** ◆

250 ml Mason or Bernardin jam jars are still needed for the beginning of the Melrose jamming season. Please drop off any unwanted jars to the kitchen.

◆ **Jump for Joy in June!** ◆

Great Father's Day items and lots of summer reading are on hand at **The Corner Shoppe** all week! Proceeds to stained glass window repairs.

◆ **Spring Cleaning with the SJC** ◆

The Social Justice Committee can always find a good home for those little samples of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. that hotels and dentists like to share. Please drop off any unopened personal hygiene products in the Helping Hands blue bin, located in the auditorium.

◆ **It's Observer Renewal Time Again!** ◆

For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking magazine, please enclose \$25 in the envelopes provided at the front of the sanctuary. Please fill in the envelope label and put it on the collection plate. **Subscriptions need to be collected by the end of August, 2017. This early notice is for those who will out of town for the summer.** Thank you.

Financial Update

During the first four months of 2017, donations have been about \$3,000 less than they were last year. This is a decrease of 10 percent. While the numbers of contributors and amounts received through PAR have increased, there has been a large reduction in “collection plate” donations. It will require a considerable increase in donations over the remaining months for us to reach our year’s target of a \$2,400 increase. Please give serious consideration of whether you can increase your donations.

Our rental income during this period has increased by \$2,200 compared to 2016. The departure of one of our tenants, OnCourse, will reduce our income over the coming months. However, we are negotiating with Little Learning House for the rental of the vacated space. It is likely that Melrose will need to make some renovations on a short time-frame. If so, the Official Board will probably need to request the congregation’s approval in the fall to obtain additional funds from the Trustees.

It has been necessary to obtain \$30,000 from the Trustees in order to cover expenses over the four months.



A Job Opportunity

The McMaster Campus Ministries Council (MCMC) is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant for the Chaplaincy Centre office at McMaster University. This contract position is for 24-26 hours/week for 8 months during the academic year. To see who we are and what we do, visit the Chaplaincy Centre website:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/chaplain/>

For a detailed job description and application information please email the MCMC Chair of Personnel, Anne Cholewka, at acholewka@icloud.com.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.



Extreme Hunger Appeal

The United Church of Canada is launching an **Extreme Hunger Appeal** as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels.

Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and starvation in Kenya. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children.

Small-scale farmers supply the majority of food in Africa. But climate change has created a devastating and prolonged drought, resulting in both water and food shortages. Farmers are unable to grow crops and their livestock have died. Ongoing conflict is also contributing to the crisis as many families are forced to flee their homes, farms, and livelihoods.

The people of Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Kenya urgently need your help. All donations raised for this appeal will go to our long-term Mission & Service partners, including ACT Alliance, which is saving lives in the region. This Extreme Hunger Appeal follows the Drought Appeal for Africa that the United Church launched last April. Many United Church members have also generously given to the Canada Food Grains Bank, which is providing emergency food relief.

Please consider using the specially designated envelopes in the pew or chapel chair and donating to this Mission and Services Project. The Social Justice Committee will be collecting the envelopes throughout the month of June.

VBS: Hero Central is coming!
August 7 -11 from 8:30am-12:00pm.

Registration forms available at the office and online
Ages 5-11 for main camp, Teens welcome for CIT (counsellors in training, including opportunities for volunteer service hours)



Please plan to sign up your kids! Sign up your friends' kids! Sign up your neighbors' kids! Sign up kids you find walking down the street! Encourage all those you know to participate. It is a top notch program run by great people through Hamilton Presbytery. Rev. Philip and the CD Team will also be involved in many key parts. The day camp is an excellent ministry opportunity and it is a chance to share with our friends, acquaintances, coworkers and community what Melrose has to offer.

We will be recruiting help in the following ways:

- 1. Snack team Members:** We are looking for two people to sign up for each morning we are hosting and to handle the preparing and cleaning up of snacks. Supplies will be provided if required. We have a very detailed guide complete with photo instructions. Commitment of time would approximately 2 hours per morning.
- 2. Registration Team members:** Each morning we will need 1-2 people to cover the registration desk when the children arrive and leave. It will only require a commitment from 8:30-9:15 and 12:00-12:30.
- 3. Promote!** Please share with those around you and in your workplace that the camp is taking place. In order for this to be a success we need children to attend.
- 4. Prayer, patience and support.** There will be a lot of little ones tramping all over the place during that week. This is an opportunity to serve our community with a free day camp (free will offering to cover our cost of \$500 for the week would be gratefully accepted) and share our message with those around us.

<u>MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR</u>		
Monday – June 12		
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tuesday - June 13		
Bach Elgar Auditions	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Wednesday - June 14		
Women In Touch	6:30 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Thursday – June 15		
Early Years	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Martial Arts	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Friday – June 16		
WrapAround Executive	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Move in Early Years for Summer Programming	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Saturday - June 17		
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Sunday – June 18		
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary