

# **August 13, 2017 Insert for Generic Bulletin**



PRELUDE – *Prelude in C Minor*

J.S. Bach

★ OPENING HYMN – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

VU 327

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for this day  
and for calling us here to your place of worship.  
We gather to praise your name,  
for your faithfulness endures  
from generation to generation.  
Signs of your faithfulness are all around us:  
love, mercy, forgiveness, new life,  
and the gifts of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
Help us claim your faithfulness  
as we seek to increase our faithfulness to you.  
Amen.**

★ HYMN – Congregational choice

READER: Paul Millson

PSALM 42

VU 766

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 24: 1-8

One: Herein is the wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 18-22

One: Herein is good news.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

★ HYMN – *Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold*

VU 605

SERMON “God Hates Figs?”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

★ CLOSING HYMN – *I Hear the Voice of Jesus*

VU 626

POSTLUDE – *Aria*, from Goldberg Variations

J.S. Bach

### ◆ Melrose Events ◆

#### ◆ Thank You... ◆

...to Rev. Philip for doing double duty this morning to lead our worship in both word and music!

#### ◆ Day Camp was a success! ◆

Melrose had an average of 10 kids running around the church every morning this week. A big thank you to the Hamilton Presbytery Day Camp staff for making it so much fun! A very special thank you to the team of Melrose volunteers!

#### ◆ Lemonade ◆

Please join us for lemonade and fellowship on the patio outside the chapel following the service.

#### ◆ Summer Office Hours ◆

Please note that during **July** and **August**, the Melrose office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, and until 11:30 a.m. on THURSDAY.

#### ◆ Summer Custodial Hours ◆

For the custodians, hours for **July** and **August** will be Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

◆ **Observer Subscription Time Is Here Again** ◆

For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking magazine, please enclose \$25 in the envelopes provided. Please fill in the envelope label and put it on the collection plate. **Subscriptions need to be collected by August 31, 2017.** Thank you.

◆ **Locke Street Festival—September 9!** ◆

We need people for 2 hour shifts throughout the day and strong people for set up and tear down. Please help! You get to choose your own time slot! Talk to Gwyneth or the Church office if you are willing to be a "face" on Locke Street for Melrose!

◆ **Opportunity** ◆

Melrose is looking for someone who relates well with people for light custodial work, setups, security duties and locking up the church at the end of the shift - Mondays & covering other shifts when needed.

Contact the office at 905-522-1323 or email [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

**UPCOMING FALL DATES :**

→Choir starts back **September 7<sup>th</sup>**

→Rally Sunday for Sunday School is **September 17<sup>th</sup>**

→Prayer Shawl Ministry starts back **Saturday September 30**, at 9:30 am in the parlour.

→Bible Study group starts back Tuesday **October 3**, at 10:00 am in the parlour.

→WIT - Women in Touch dinners, Wednesday **October 11**, at 6:30 pm in the parlour, Wednesday **December 13**, at 6:30 pm in the parlour.

→Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar, **Saturday November 18**, at 9:30am.

## ◆ **Voting Results for UCC Remits 1 to 4** ◆

As you all know, the Official Board held a congregational meeting on this topic in May, to receive your input into these remits. The congregation voted unanimously in support of Remits 1 to 3, and unanimously opposed to Remit 4. The Official Board reflected these wishes and submitted our votes accordingly. Unfortunately, the UCC has just communicated the final voting results, and Remit 4: Funding a New Model, has passed. As discussed at the congregational meeting, this has unfortunate financial implications for Melrose. As reviewed at the meeting, based on our current budget, under the new funding model Melrose will be required to pay a percentage of all income, including rental and investment income, which is approximately \$11 000 more annually, once the model is fully implemented in 3 years' time. Further information regarding the implementation of this change is not yet available, but will be monitored closely by the Board. We wanted to ensure that you had this information in as timely a manner as possible, and will provide any additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Evans

Chair, Official Board

### **Letter from the United Church of Canada:**

**July 5, 2017**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the General Council Office.

I am writing to let you know of the voting results for Remits 1 to 4. All four remits were approved by a majority of the 84 voting presbyteries and 2136 voting pastoral charges of the United Church.

#### **Remit 1: Three Council Model**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1672 No: 222

#### **Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1792 No: 89

**Remit 3: Office of Vocation**

Presbyteries: Yes: 69 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1681 No: 190

**Remit 4: Funding a New Model**

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1472 No: 398

There is one final step in the remit process to be taken by the 43rd General Council when it meets in July, 2018. We will now be working to be ready for that prospect.

A Remit Scenario Planning group, co-chaired by Alan Hall (Executive Minister, Ministry and Personnel), and Peter Hartmans (Executive Secretary, Hamilton Conference), has been meeting over the past year to do preliminary thinking on the change process, depending on which of the remits received approval. This group will now be re-mandated as the Remit Implementation group, to have broad oversight over the plans for implementation of the changes that will follow if General Council gives its approval to the decisions that have been approved by remit. David Allen has agreed to step away from his position as Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference to accept the full time assignment as Project Leader for this work.

The 42nd General Council will reconvene for an electronic meeting on September 30, 2017 to put plans in motion for determining the boundaries of the regional councils, and a nominations process for the next General Council Executive, pending the final step in the remit process.

Thank you all for your participation in this important work of the church.

Sincerely,



Nora Sanders

General Secretary, General Council