

◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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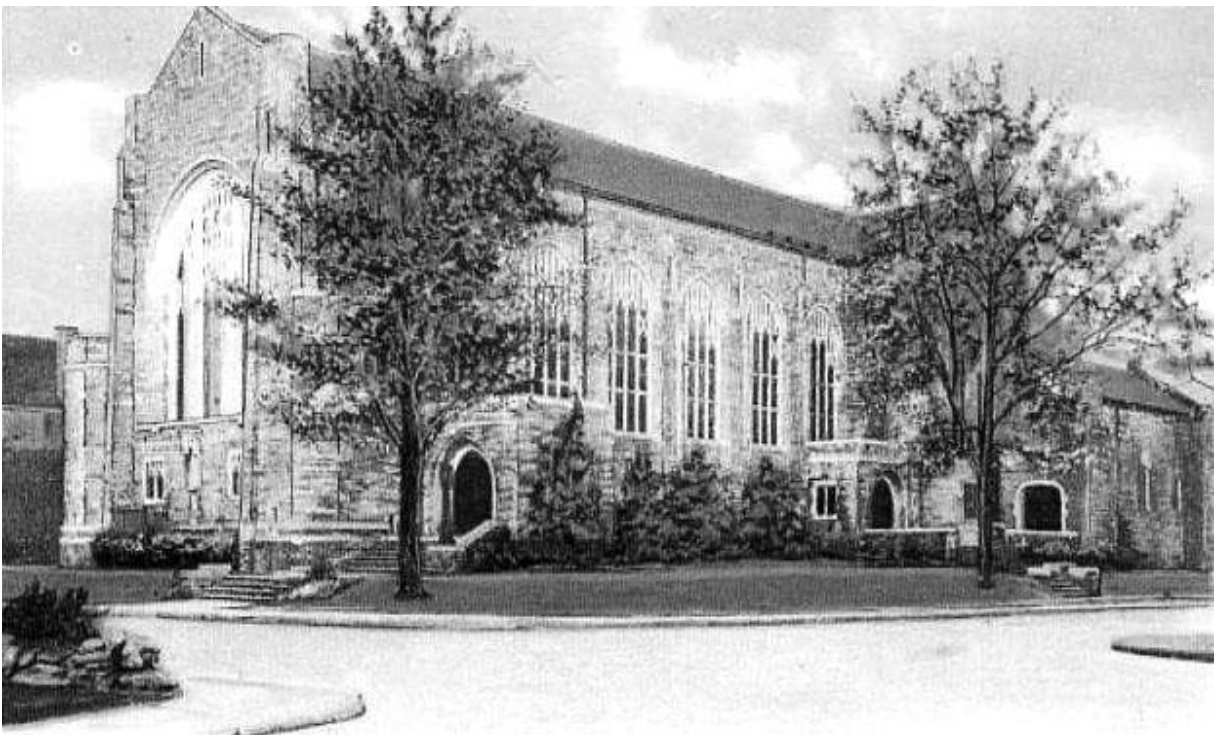
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The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner

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Alexander Cann

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Darcy Feaver

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Pamela Kovacek

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◆ Hymn Sing Service ◆
Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m.

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ HYMN SING SERVICE ◆

◆ All are welcome for lemonade and fellowship on the patio after worship ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

* OPENING HYMN – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

VU 211

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ has overcome the darkness.

All: Let all creation sing with joy!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, come with a spirit of joy!

**All: We come to worship God
with hearts and hands and voices.**

One: People of God, come with a spirit open to mystery!

**All: We come to worship God
trembling, filled with awe and wonder.**

One: People of God, come with humility and simplicity!

**All: We come to worship God
deeply aware that we long to be more.
Let us worship God, be filled with God,
be changed by God. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (from VU 434)

**O laughing light, O first born of creation,
radiance of glory light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy, bright and blessed: you shine upon us.**

**Day's light is fragile, your light is eternal;
we look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.
You shine before us.**

- Sylvia Dunstan

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

HYMN – *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

VU 519

HYMN – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

VU 664

MCMMASTER HYMN – *Jesus, Wondrous Saviour*

1. *Jesus, wondrous Savior! Christ, of kings the king!
Angels fall before Thee, prostrate worshipping;
Fairest they confess Thee in the Heav'n above.
We would sing Thee fairest here in hymns of love.*
2. *Fairer far than sunlight unto eyes that wait
Amid fear and darkness, 'til the morning break;
Fairer than the day-dawn, hills and dales among,
When its tide of glory wakes the tide of song.*
3. *Sweeter far than music quivering from keys
That unbind all feeling with strange harmonies.
Thou art more and dearer than all minstrelsy;
Only in Thy presence can joy's fullness be.*
4. *All earth's flowing pleasures were a wintry sea,
Heav'n itself without Thee dark as night would be.
Lamb of God! Thy glory is the light above.
Lamb of God! Thy glory is the life of love.*
5. *Life is death if severed from Thy throbbing heart.
Death with life abundant at Thy touch would start.
Worlds and men and angels all consist in Thee:
Yet Thou camest to us in humility.*
6. *Jesus! All perfections rise and end in Thee;
Brightness of God's glory Thou, eternally,
Favoured beyond measure they Thy face who see;
May we gracious Savior, share this ecstasy.*

Reader: Denise Farrauto

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Draw us close, Holy Spirit,
as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed.
Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts,
and let all other words slip away.
May there be one voice we hear today —
the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

PSALM - Psalm 65

VU 782

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

One: Herein is good news.

All: Praise be to God.

HYMN — *O God of All the Many Lands*

VU 523

SERMON: "The Canadian Hymnody"

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

HYMN — *Christ, Within Us Hidden*

MV 162

HYMN — *The Ninety and Nine*

1. *There were ninety and nine that safely lay
in the shelter of the fold,
but one was out on the hills away,
far off from the gates of gold --
away on the mountains wild and bare,
away from the tender Shepherd's care,
away from the tender Shepherd's care.*

2. *"Lord, thou hast here thy ninety and nine;
are they not enough for thee?"
But the Shepherd made answer:
"This of mine has wandered away from me,
and although the road be rough and steep,*

*I go to the desert to find my sheep,
I go to the desert to find my sheep."*

3. *But none of the ransomed ever knew
how deep were the waters crossed;
nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed
ere he found his sheep that was lost.
Out in the desert he heard its cry --
sick and helpless, and ready to die,
sick and helpless, and ready to die.*

4. *"Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way
that mark out the mountain's track?"
"They were shed for one who had gone astray
ere the Shepherd could bring him back."
"Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?"
"They're pierced tonight by many a thorn,
they're pierced tonight by many a thorn."*

5. *But all thro' the mountains, thunder-riv'n,
and up from the rocky steep,
there arose a glad cry to the gate of heav'n,
"Rejoice! I have found my sheep!"
And the angels echoed around the throne,
"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!
Rejoice, for the Lord brings back his own!"*

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERTORY HYMN – *Creator God You Gave Us Life*

MV 27

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received.
Multiply these gifts that we give,
so that the world may more deeply know
fullness of life in you. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 921, Ecumenical Version)

HYMN – *Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold*

VU 134

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

HYMN – *O God of All the Many Lands*

VU 523

HYMN – *God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie*

MV 53

* COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

* HYMN – *Would You Bless Our Homes and Families*

VU 556

* SENDING FORTH – *Peace Be with You*

MV 215

*Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.*

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Rev. Philip's Vacation Schedule ◆

Rev. Gardner will be on holiday from July 3-30 inclusive. During his absence, the Rev. Jane Wyllie of First-Pilgrim United Church will be available for urgent pastoral care needs (janewyllie@gmail.com, 905-522-9900).

◆ Thank You... ◆

...to our Music Director, Alex Cann for today's musical service!

◆ Lemonade ◆

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

◆ Summer Office Hours--CORRECTED ◆

Please note that during **July** and **August**, Melrose office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY and until 11:30 a.m. on THURSDAY. The office not staffed on MONDAY.

◆ 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.

◆ The Melrose Corner Shoppe ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe is now closed for the summer. It will re-open in September. Thank you for your continuing patronage and support. Enjoy the Summer!

◆ Observer Renewal Time Is Here 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.

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

Needed: strong (men or women) for putting up the booth and setting up jams and selling of jams. Also required are folk at the end of the day to tear down tables and bring everything back to the church. We need people for 2 hour shifts throughout the day. 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!



Where?

Melrose United Church – 86 Homewood Hamilton

When? August 7th-11th

**Inc. the holiday, but attendance on Monday not required.*

What time? 8:30am-12:00pm

NO CHARGE – LIMITED REGISTRATION

Ages 5-11

For more information

call Michelle @ 905-522-1323

or visit our website

www.melroseunited.ca

Join us for games, healthy snacks, music, a visit from the Bravery Bead Program @ McMaster Hospital, a visit from the Hamilton Fire Department and more!