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◆ 11 November, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday
Centenary of the Armistice of 1918

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

CENTENARY OF THE ARMISTICE OF 1918

* 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 ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – A Song of Victory from *Songs to be Sung in a Time of War*
R. V. W.

* OPENING HYMN – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* VU 806

* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ's light shines in the darkness.

All: The darkness cannot overcome it.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

**All: I lift up my eyes to the hills –
from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**

One: This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

**All: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.**

One: What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL WREATHS

Piper: Phil Farrauto

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

One: We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to
work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the
nations, that all people may, together live In freedom,
justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability
and pain continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving
and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and in
conflicts past and present, have been given and taken
away.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

An older person says:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: We will remember them

SONG – To Blossoms
soloist: Chris Palmer, baritone

H. Willan

THE LAST POST

LAMENT

SILENCE (A minute of silence will be observed to stand, remember, honour, hope and pray for peace in our broken world)

REVEILLE

★ *THE NATIONAL ANTHEM* VU 524

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Eric Windhorst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 139 (sung together)

VU 862

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21: 1-6a

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION – Ken Holden

* HYMN – *I Vow to Thee My Country*

VU 679

1. *I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*

2. *And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are
peace.*

REFLECTION – Ted Lowrey

* ANTHEM – *They Are At Rest*

E. Elgar

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN – *O God of All the Many Lands*

VU 523 Vs 3

*We thank you that from many lands
intrepid people came,
to pledge their love and loyalty
where scarlet maples flame.
May justice here belong to all,
and may our nation play
its rightful role in ushering in
the peace for which we pray.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**We lift up these gifts to you, O God,
as symbols of our commitment to the ministry
of peace with justice in our world.**

We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible.

We know that your love can work through us, O God.

**We offer these gifts for the transformation of ourselves
and our world for the good of all. Amen.**

LITANY FOR PEACE

One: Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and
ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the
violence of war, each one remembered by and known to
God; May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For those who love them in death as in life, offering the
distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this
day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their
safe return; May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For civilian women, children and men whose lives are
disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep
this world secure and free; May God give peace

All: God give peace

One For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom
and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

★CLOSING HYMN – *Who Would True Valour See*
John Bunyan, *A Pilgrim's Process*

1. *Who would true valour see,
let him come hither:
here's one will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.*
2. *Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound:
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right to be a pilgrim.*
3. *Since, Lord, thou dost defend
him with thy Spirit,
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away!
I'll fear not what men say,
but labour night and day to be a pilgrim.*

★COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

★ CHORAL RESPONSE

VU 423 Vs. 1

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again!*

POSTLUDE

*A special thank you to Jennifer Peace, Trumpet
and Phil Farrauto, Bagpipes*

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.

♦ Newcomers and Visitors ♦

Welcome to Melrose United Church!

Please feel free to fill in the form in the Welcome Binder located by the Name Tag boxes which are located on the tables by the east doors on each side of the chancel steps.

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

This coming Sunday, the penultimate Sunday of the Christian Year provides us with a precious gift: an "ordinary" Sunday – and an occasion to take up one of the apocalyptic currents that runs through the Gospel of Mark (Year C of the Ecumenical Lectionary, which begins on Advent I, will focus on the Gospel of Luke). Although we are becoming increasingly acquainted with global disasters many of which are wrought by the climate altering policies of First World nations, we often find it much easier to relate to gentle Jesus, meek and mild, who taught us to be kind to one another than with the fierce prophet who cried out warnings about the fragile state of the world. The gospel reading for this Sunday (Mark 13: 1-8) introduces this other, darker side of Jesus. But there is also a hopeful dimension to a difficult passage. Whatever pain and discouragement we experience may be "the beginning of the birth pangs" of a better order.

♦ Thank you... ♦

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Patty Varey and Cheryl Evans*



◆ **Upcoming Event** ◆

What: **"Consuming Less - Better for you, Better for the Planet"**

When: **Friday, November 23rd**

Where: **St. Paul's United Church, 29 Park St. W.**

Speaker: **Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Executive Director, Environment Hamilton**

Cost: This is a **free event**. Light refreshments will be provided.

◆ **Melrose United Church Cookbook!** ◆

Yes - finally a cookbook is being created! The cookbook team will be reaching out to everyone at Melrose to contribute their favourite recipes. Please start looking in your recipe files for recipes to share. There is a lot of cooking / eating history at Melrose; so bring out those memories! The Team will be handing out recipe templates in the next few weeks for everyone to write down their recipes. We hope to have the cookbook available by March 2019. This is a fundraiser for Melrose! Send recipes to recipesformelrose@gmail.com.

Please have your recipes sent to us by Dec 2018.

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place **November 25** and the following week **December 2nd!** Wesley Urban Ministries is looking for new toys for all ages, gifts of non perishable foods, gift cards to support the families in need in Hamilton at Christmas Time. By supporting WUM we support our own community. These items are used in the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store. For more info on the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store please see the flyers on the Wesley bulletin board.

Christmas Candy Making

Sunday December 9, 2018 - 12:30-3:30 p.m.

At Candiwerx
560 Concession Street, Hamilton
905-920-8937

Come learn how to make chocolates,
decorate, package and take home your results.

\$40.00 per person
includes a lunch and soft drinks (tea, espresso etc.)
They are also licensed for other drinks.

Space is limited and we will book on a first come basis.
Just in time for a special gift to someone or yourself.

Please reply to Jeff Ogino
jeffricho55@hotmail.com or 289-683-9176

Please join us for a fun time.

Lyrics from Music Featured in Today's Worship Service

They Are at Rest, Edward Elgar Text: Cardinal Newman

*They are at rest.
We may not stir the heav'n of their repose
By rude invoking voice, or prayer address
In waywardness to those
Who in the mountain grotts of Eden lie,
And hear the fourfold river as it murmurs by.*

*And soothing sounds
Blending with the neighb'ring waters as they glide;
Posted along the haunted garden's bounds,
Angelic forms abide,
Echoing, as words of watch, o'er lawn and grove
The verses of that hymn which Seraphs chant above.*

To Blossoms, H. Willan Text: Robert Herrick
soloist: Chris Palmer

*Fair pledges of a fruitful tree,
Why do ye fall so fast? Your date is not so past,
But you may stay yet here awhile
To blush and gently smile, And go at last.*

*What, were ye born to be
An hour or half's delight, And so to bid good-night?
'Twas pity Nature brought ye forth
Merely to show your worth, And lose you quite.*

*But you are lovely leaves, where we
May read how soon things have Their end, though ne'er so brave:
And after they have shown their pride
Like you, awhile, they glide Into the grave.*

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 12

Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
LeapYear Education	5:30 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - November 13

Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Ancaster U12 Soccer	6:30 p.m.	Gym
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - November 14

Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
HPL Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Sportball Hamilton Classes	10:00 a.m.	Gym
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Duet Club Exec. Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Mindful Communication	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	6:30 p.m.	Gym
Private Event	6:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Thursday - November 15

Parent Child Mother Goose	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
RSDCS Dancing Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday – November 16

Bazaar Set Up	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot

Saturday - November 17

Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar	9:30 a.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen, Parlour, Sanctuary
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Sunday – November 18

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
ABC Auditions	1:00 p.m.	Chapel

