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◆ Sunday, October 21, 2018 ◆

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

WrapAround Focus

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 ◆  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
*WrapAround Focus*

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

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◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - O Holy Spirit

VU 379

\* OPENING HYMN - *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

VU 232

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ candle is lit.

We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's Spirit.

**All: For the light of Christ within us and around us,  
we give God thanks!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What must we do to inherit eternal life?

**All: We must love God and love our neighbours.**

One: Who is our neighbour?

**All: Everyone whom God has created -  
they are *all* our neighbours.**

**Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**God in Community, Holy in One,**

**Rescuer of the weak: given every reason to judge us,  
you seek justice for us.**

**You stand with the poor**

in the ditches where we have discarded them.  
You plant your Word of truth  
in the One who gives us unexpected answers.

Jesus Christ, Word of Truth: you will not pass us by,  
but stoop to lift us up and carry us out of our pain.

Holy Spirit, Giver of mercy:  
you carry hope in your mouth and breathe it into our souls.  
You take us by the hand,  
You heal and make us whole again.  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
We give you thanks. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN – *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

VU 570

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Bob Ross

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 82

VU 799

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL – Leviticus 19: 1-4; 9-17

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 10: 25-37

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

THE NEW CREED (said by all, standing)

**We are not alone,**

**we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.** (*the congregation is seated*)

REFLECTION: "We Are Not Alone"

-Libby Cook

ANTHEM – Take My Life and Let It Be

R. W. Henderson

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

\* OFFERING HYMN – *For the Gift of Creation*

VU 538

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**May these gifts which we offer be used  
to bring justice to the weak,  
fairness to the outcast,  
and hope to those most in need.  
This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the prayer of Jesus)

**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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN – *Here I Am, Lord*

VU 509

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL BLESSING –

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

## **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 ♦**

Next Sunday, Reformation Sunday, there will be two worship services at Melrose. In the morning, the scripture focus will be Job (42: 1-6, 10-17). This passage occurs toward the end of Job's narrative where his universe seems to have exploded. He is challenged by God to think differently about everything in his life and to see what is around him with new eyes. Interestingly, the reformer Martin Luther had a very similar experience when he suddenly realized that the punishment and reward theology of the medieval church, while profitable, misrepresented the good news of the entire Bible which, in its grand arc, speaks less of punishment and reward and much more of God's love, forgiveness and grace. As a result of Luther's epiphany, the Western Church would never be the same. Then at 7:30 in the evening we welcome our Masonic friends to the Melrose sanctuary for the Hamilton Masonic Districts' Board of Relief Divine Service. All are invited to attend this evening worship opportunity.

## **♦ Thank you... ♦**

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders and Kathy Ross*



◆ **Social Justice Committee** ◆

After service TODAY Social Justice Committee will be hosting lunch in the parlour!

Come and enjoy a stuffed potato and dessert! All donations for the lunch will go towards WrapAround Hamilton to assist them in their outreach work.



◆ **A note from the building staff** ◆

On Friday and Saturday we provided the church chapel and sanctuary at no charge to a local church conference called ReImagine. Many of the churches on Locke Street participated. Since the space was used on Saturday (yesterday) and the building was unlocked and staffed by volunteers (from our congregation) it is possible that there may be a few signs left from their use.

◆ **WrapAround Request** ◆

Wraparound is currently helping a family who was recently homeless and is looking for a few house hold items:

\*3 dressers for children's rooms, Kitchen table and 7 chairs, a coffee table, a desk for homework, pots and pans and cutlery

If you are able to help please contact Libby Cook.

◆ **Mistletoe Bazaar Workshop** ◆

On Wednesday October 24th there will be a "crafter workshop" from 11 - 2 pm to prepare for the Mistletoe Bazaar and the decorating of the sanctuary and the church for the holiday season.

Come with your "creative Christmas ideas". If you have a glue gun it would be great to use them during this time. A light lunch 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](mailto:recipesformelrose@gmail.com).

**Please have your recipes sent to us by Dec 2018.**

◆ **Remembrance Day at Melrose 2018** ◆

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. In preparation for remembering members of the founding churches of Melrose who served, I am also researching other family ancestors of those who have joined Melrose since that time.

I would like to hear from anyone who had a family ancestor who served in WW1. This may have been your grandfather or great grandfather. I would like to be able to include their story in my research.

A great deal of information has recently become available in the national archives and I would like to assist those who are interested in learning more. The focus this year will be on WW1 but I can also provide help with information on other years of service. I can be reached at [kholden2627@gmail.com](mailto:kholden2627@gmail.com) or at 905-524-5724. – Ken

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MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

Halloween TGIF

FRIDAY OCT. 26TH 6:00-8:00 PM

All Ages

Potluck Supper

Scavenger Hunt

Pumpkin Carving (bring your own pumpkin)

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP



**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday – October 22**

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

**Tuesday - October 23**

Locke Street BIA	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

**Wednesday - October 24**

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
<b>Christmas Craft Workshop</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Duet Club Executive Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Mindful Communication	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
RSDCS Event	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium

**Thursday - October 25**

Parent Child Mother Goose	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
RSDCS Dancing Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

**Friday – October 26**

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
<b>TGIF</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Auditorium, Kitchen, Parlour</b>

**Saturday - October 27**

<b>Prayer Shawl and Outreach</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour, Kitchen</b>
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

**Sunday – October 28**

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Masonic Service	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Auditorium, Kitchen