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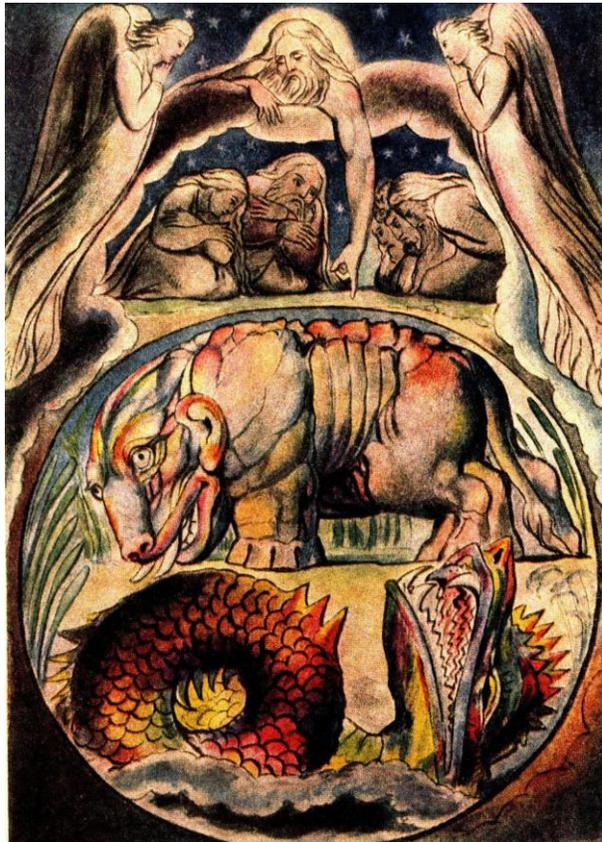
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◆ Sunday, October 28, 2018 ◆

**Twenty- Third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018** ◆
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – Call to Worship

D. Grotenhuis

* OPENING HYMN – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* VU 264

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 (inspired by Psalm 46)

One: Be still!

All: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

One: Be still and know ...

All: we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

One: Be still and know that God is

All: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

OPENING PRAYER (a prayer of Martin Luther, said by all)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,

that my love may go out to my neighbour.
I do not have a strong and firm faith;
at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.
O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.
In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.
I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner; you are upright.
Therefore I will remain with you,
of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.
Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works* VU 308

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Patti Varey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 91 VU 808

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL – Job 40: 1-6, 15-18; 41: 1-4; 42: 1-6

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – Mark 10: 46-52

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

* HYMN – *Come, Let Us to the God of Love* VU 653

FIRST REFLECTION: "Stand by Me" - Job

* HYMN - *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

VU 688

SECOND REFLECTION: "Stand by Me" - Martin Luther

ANTHEM - All Praise and Glory Be to God

J.S. Bach

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN - *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (adapted from John Calvin)
& PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

**O God, we give you thanks
for all the benefits and gifts you constantly shower on us.
We thank you for food and shelter;
for giving us new life through the gospel;
and for the certainty of the best and perfect life,
which is yet to come.
Bless now these gifts we offer
and those who bring them.**

**May God's grace be upon these shawls:
warming, comforting, healing and enfolding.
May these mantles be a safe haven,**

**a sacred place of security and well-being:
sustaining and embracing in times of illness,
loneliness, or sorrow.**

**May each one who receives a shawl
be cradled in hope, kept in joy,
graced with peace, and wrapped in love.**

**May each know that Melrose holds them in prayer and love,
and that God's grace surrounds them always.**

In the name of the risen Christ we pray. 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 - *A Mighty Fortress***

VU 262

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 ♦

In addition to being able to enjoy an extra hour of sleep, next Sunday, All Saints Sunday, offers us the opportunity once again to celebrate the saints of old and to honour our own Melrose saints, in particular those members that we have lost during the past year. The only name on that list this year is Sylvia Vanderby, whose warm, gracious spirit will be greatly missed. The sermon time will focus on a beautiful passage from the Book of Revelation (Revelation 4: 11-14) that offers us a pattern for Sunday worship. Interestingly, Revelation was nineteenth-century American poet Emily Dickenson's favourite biblical book. It proclaims that when all is said and done, of all the considerable noises of which human beings are capable, the enduring sound will be singing. Appropriately, in Revelation all heaven breaks loose in singing when the Lamb (the risen Jesus) is found worthy to open the heavenly scroll. There are more than fifteen hymns sung throughout the whole book that give encouragement to God's people on earth from the perspective of the population of heaven. This emphasis on song is one of the reasons that the sixteenth century reformers wanted to restore and encourage a lost tradition of congregational singing. Indeed, it would likely not be a stretch to say that no other book of the Bible has had more influence on Western music.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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



◆ **Social Justice Committee Thanks You!** ◆

Thanks to all melrose folks who contributed to wrap around on last Sunday. A wonderful amount of \$300.00 was raised to help wrap around continue their supportive outreach work!

◆ **Hamilton Downtown Mosque Open House** ◆

The Melrose community is cordially invited to the Hamilton Downtown Mosque's open house (the mosque is at 221 York Blvd.) which will take place **today (October 28th)** between 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. There will be tours of the mosque, activities as well as speeches on the subjects of: What is Islam? The History of Islam; Women in Islam. For further information, check the website at: downtownmosque.com/open-house-oct28.

◆ **Reminder - Directly Affected Screening** ◆

DIRECTLY AFFECTED: the transmountain pipeline story. (movie)
November 2: 7:30 pm(doors open at 7 pm)
St. John's Anglican Church
Refreshments provided
Cost: free
Hosted by ecolocke

◆ **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.

◆ **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 or at 905-524-5724. – Ken Holden

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Our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and
Website are updated regularly.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – October 29

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 - October 30

Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - October 31

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
Mindful Communication	5:15 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - November 1

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
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday – November 2

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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Saturday - November 3

Mindful Communication Retreat	9:00 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
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Sunday – November 4

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary