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◆ May 20, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Pentecost Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ May 20th, 2018 ◆

PENTECOST SUNDAY

* 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 -From God I Will Not Stray J. Krebs

INTROIT - O, How Glorious H Willan

* OPENING HYMN – *Filled with the Spirit's Power* VU 194

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ-light shines for all people.

All: The light of Christ shines in us.

Thanks be to God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

All: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

One: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

All: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

One: Spirit of God, descend upon us this day and fill us with your
love.

**All: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all
that we do.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**Amazing God,
you call us today,**

just as you called the disciples
on the Day of Pentecost.
You challenge and support us,
revealing the brokenness of our communities;
giving us the peace that our world needs.
You point us to the pain of the cross,
and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection.
Transform us, O God,
through the power of your Holy Spirit.
Help us breathe deeply
of the Breath of Life.
Blow through our worship
and change our lives forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

VU 205

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Phil Farrauto

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 1-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: "Are We There Yet?"

ANTHEM – Come Down, O Love Divine

R. Harris, arr.

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN – *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

VU 379

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**God, we offer to you only a portion
of what you have given us.**

All that we have is from your creative hand.

All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.

All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.

Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy.

Amen

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

✠ Pentecost Communion ✠

The Invitation to Communion

One: In the name of the One who said,

“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat this Pentecost feast.

In the name of the One who said, “I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,

“Love one another, as I have loved you,”

I invite you all to the family table of Jesus Christ.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Thanks and praise, glory and honour

are rightly yours, God of life.

In the beginning, your Spirit moved across the face of the waters, and when we were formed from the red dust of the earth you breathed into us the breath of life.

Even when we resisted and grieved you your Spirit came upon diverse people empowering them to speak your word of life.

Your steadfast love endures for ever and ever.

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, gathered in word and spirit with the choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

All (singing): *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

VU 936

*God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

All: *Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.*

Choir: Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.

All *Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.*

One: In the fullness of time, you gave your son Jesus Christ,
to be for us the way, the truth and the life.
At his baptism in the Jordan your spirit came upon him
declaring him to be your beloved Son.
With your spirit within him he resisted temptation;
he proclaimed justice to all peoples,
good news to the poor, release to the captives,
sight for the blind and liberty for those who are
oppressed. Obedient to your will he gave himself
over to death.

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Spirit

One: On that never-to-be-forgotten night, the night before
he died, he took bread and after he gave you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his friends saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given to you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He gave the cup to his friends, saying,
drink this, all of you;
This is the blood of the New Covenant
which is shed for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

On that never-to-be-forgotten day, when you
raised him from the dead, he was recognized
by the disciples in the breaking of bread

and in the power of your Holy Spirit your people have continued in the breaking of the bread and in prayer. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

All (singing): *Christ has died*
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

VU 939

One: Remembering his death and resurrection, his ascension and his promise to be always with us, we pray that you will send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, blessing this sharing of bread and wine, Christ's life in us. Send your witnesses into all lands, empowered by your holy Spirit. May we be the body of Christ: light, life and love in our world.

All (singing): *Amen, amen, amen.*

VU 939

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(all are invited to share The Peace with one another)

Intercessions

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain, all who are ill or alone. We pray for all whose who suffer loss through natural disaster or human wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear and anxiety. We pray for ourselves and for our church that we may always strive for justice, mercy and peace in the name of the One who

taught us to pray together saying: : *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.*

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The body that we break

All: is a sharing in the body of Christ

One: The cup we take

All: is a sharing of the New Covenant

One: The gifts of God

All: for the people of God

*(our communion today will be received by intinction. If you are able, please come forward up the centre aisle. Pick up a piece of bread from the tray, dip it in the cup and **consume it immediately**, returning to your seats via the side aisles. The **lighter coloured** chalices contain **grape juice**, the **smaller dark green** chalices contain **wine**. If you are unable to come forward, the servers will gladly come and serve you in the pew. Please help them to locate you.)*

Communion Anthem: O, How Glorious

H. Willan

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

One: Gracious God, we praise, worship and adore you for the food received at your table. You have sent your Holy Spirit among us to make our eating and drinking a living remembrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We go from here, strengthened, refreshed and empowered by your Spirit to make our living and working, our loving

and doing and thinking, a true and joyful memorial of him.
We look forward to the day when, with the great company
of witnesses around us, we may eat and drink and be glad
with him in the glory of your realm of Shalom.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Through Christ,
all glory and honour are yours, Holy God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* VU 651

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Hallelujah, amen!* VU 974

Amen, Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (2x)

POSTLUDE-Allegretto from Sonata #19 in D Major W. A. Mozart

◆ **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 week is Conference Sunday (the Annual General Meeting of Hamilton Conference will take place in Port Elgin). Assuming that the restructuring Remits pass in their final reading at the United Church's General Council meeting this summer, this will be the last meeting of Hamilton Conference which will cease to exist as of January 1, 2019 (Hamilton Conference and Hamilton Presbytery will be replaced by something imaginatively called Region #9). Because Dr. Gardner will be attending Conference, Trinity Sunday worship at Melrose will be capably led by our Worship Chair, Margaret Duff and based on a liturgy written for Conference Sunday by the Rev. Debra P. McGill who is minister of St. Luke's, Cambridge.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hour hosts this month Denise and Phil Farrauto

◆ **Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner** ◆

It's official now! On Thursday, May 10 – Rev. Dr. Gardner received his ThD and officially graduated. Remember to pass on your congrats to our very own Dr.²!

◆ **May 21 Holiday** ◆

Melrose will be closed on Monday May 21 for the Victoria Day holiday.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe - Update** ◆

Hip-Hip-Horray!!

As of May 6th The Corner Shoppe Stained Glass Window Repair Fund has \$\$1081 plus an additional \$698 in reserves for a total of \$1779. The next stage of work is scheduled to take place this summer. Let's keep up the FUNdraising!!

◆ **Melrose Garage Sale** ◆

Join us on May 26th @ 8am for our indoor garage sale!

We need the following:

- 1. Donations of gently used toys, furniture, household items**
- 2. Volunteers to assist setting up the garage sale on May 25th**
- 3. Volunteers to run the garage sale on May 26th**
- 4. Volunteers to take the left over items to various receiver stores**

Patti and Gwyn are happy to accept donations. Items can be picked up (if you are unable to bring them to church-contact Gwyn. Let's make this event a huge fundraising event for the church!

◆ **Youth Group May 26** ◆

There will be a youth group event here at Melrose on May 26th in the evening. For more info talk to Meg.

◆ JUNE 17TH - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP ◆

When the Interim Ministry period began at Melrose four goals were articulated for the Transition Team and the Interim Minister:

- Help to bring healing to the congregation
- Help to restore morale within the congregation
- Help to establish good governance behaviour within the congregation
- Work with the whole congregation to establish common mission and values

While excellent progress has been made on the first three of those goals, the Transition Team needs your help and your input with the fourth. The Team met productively with the Official Board in the spring and now it's the turn of the congregation as a whole to shape Melrose's *identity and mission* as the community journeys together into its future. A light lunch will be provided (yes, we know it's Father's Day - bring Dad!).

◆ It's time to go for GOLD!!! ◆

Case for Kids to support Wesley

Urban Ministries is coming! Join us on June 3 for a walk run or ride to end child poverty. Each year we have achieved silver pacesetter status as a team (\$1000 in donations). This year we are going for GOLD! Let's raise over \$2500! To participate get a form in the office or talk to Rev. Philip.

◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

We are renovating the washroom along the lower corridor, located directly below the office. This washroom is used by people from the Norman Slater room, the gymnasium and the bowling alley, as well as by others. It will also be used this summer by the STEM camp that is using our auditorium. We plan to install a new floor, new toilets and new light fixtures, and we will probably also replace the

counter and sinks. We will also be repainting the room. The cost is estimated to be \$10,000, including an allowance for contingencies.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this project. Please mark any donations as being for washroom renovations. We already have funds for two toilets, raised through the Easter breakfast.

If you wonder whether it needs renovations, please go take a look at this circa 1930s room!

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – May 21

Melrose Closed

Tuesday - May 22

New Stair Installation		Basement
Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - May 23

New Stair Installation		Basement
HPL: Locke Street Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Duet Club Annual Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday - May 24

New Stair Installation		Basement
Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton Soccer U12	7:30 p.m.	Gym

Friday – May 25

Garage Sale Setup	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot

Saturday - May 26

Garage Sale	8:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Youth Group	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday – May 27

Amici Music School	9:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary

