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◆ **Sunday, November 25, 2018** ◆

Reign of Christ Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018 ◆
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT

* OPENING HYMN – *Come Now, Almighty King*

VU 314

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

All: the light that the deepest night has never overcome.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship the King of kings, the Lord of Lords.

**All: When he was born, the angels sang. He is the Wonderful
Counsellor, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords,**

One: the Prince of Peace.

**All: Through his teaching and life we have learned how to
live,**

One: and we have learned how to love God.

All: Let us come rejoicing! Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

We come this day,

rejoicing in the presence

of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

**At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be
Emmanuel, God with us.**

Today in this place, in this time of worship,

may we truly feel the power
and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives.
May our hearts and spirits be warmed
and challenged to proclaim with our lives,
"Christ is Lord!" Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Come, Children, Join to Sing*

VU 345

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

ANTHEM

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Michael Clase

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 132

VU 855 (Parts 1 & 2)

SCRIPTURE – Revelation 1: 4b-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – John 18: 33-38

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

* HYMN – *Come, My Way, My Truth*

VU 628

SERMON: "What is Truth?"

ANTHEM – Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

K. Bissell

◆ **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 (said by all)

**With gratitude for all the blessings
you have poured into our lives, gracious God,
we come bringing these our gifts
that they may be used in service to those in need.
Bless these gifts and those who have given them,
that they may truly be a blessing
in Jesus' name 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 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

VU 211

COMISSIONING AND 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

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 ♦

Are you ready for the New Year? Next Sunday is New Year's Day in the Christian Church. It marks the beginning of the four-week Advent season, the day that we light our first Advent candle, the candle of hope. The Gospel lesson (Luke 21: 23-36) with its apocalyptic foreboding may seem like a strange choice for a Sunday whose theme is "hope." There is grief in the passage that nothing ever changes and that God seems unable to prevent those who seek power from exercising it in inhumane ways. In the gospel passage Jesus can be discovered not so much predicting the future as stating the truth of life as we experience it. Nevertheless, despite the distempered state of the world, we are invited to prepare the way of the Lord; our best response, Jesus suggests, is to choose hope instead of fear. The promise throughout this time of preparation is that God has created a different life for us which is, like Advent itself, full of the tension of the already/not yet of God's Reign of Shalom.

♦ Thank you... ♦

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

◆ **Interim Ministry Extended** ◆

As requested, Presbytery has now confirmed the extension of Rev. Philip Gardner's Interim Ministry until the end of June, 2019. Given the imminent changes within the United Church of Canada taking effect in January, the Official Board is currently clarifying with Presbytery the process to be used for conducting what was previously known as the JNAC process. We will keep the congregation updated with next steps as soon as possible.

– Cheryl Evans, Official Board Chair

Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar 2018

THANK YOU

to all involved at the Bazaar on Saturday

cookie bakers, crafters, soup & pie makers, cafe
servers, gourmet gurus
jewellery & books & Xmas past donators
Volunteers



The success of this event is because of
ALL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT!!

Funds raised at the 2018 Mistletoe Bazaar

\$6732

Melrose U C is so grateful to ALL

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place TODAY **November 25** and NEXT 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. For more info on the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store please see the flyers on the Wesley bulletin board.

◆ **Sweet Blessings!** ◆

Sweet Blessings! Sincere thanks to the bakers and volunteers who made Cookie Walk 2018 a great success. The bountiful tables were awesome in their number and variety of cookies, and the contributions affirmed Melrose's sweet generosity!

◆ **Decorating the Sanctuary** ◆

We will be preparing the church for the Christmas season on Friday November 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will decorate and share a pot luck lunch with those who can help out. If you are able to assist, please contact the office for Jeff's information. Thank you.

◆ **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.

Melrose United Church
86 Homewood Ave

**Breakfast
-with-
Santa!**

Saturday Dec.8th 9:00am - 11:00am

Adults \$10
Children 5-10 \$7
Children under 5 - \$5

To register, please email Meg Chalmers by Thurs. Nov 29th at mucfamilyministries@gmail.com or visit the Church Office.
Please include names and ages of all children.

ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE A GIFT FROM SANTA

******Reminder: there is a Transition Team
Meeting today after church!***

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 26

Film Crew Filming	6:00 a.m.	Auditorium, Chapel, Parking lot
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 - November 27

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
Locke Street BIA Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Wednesday - November 28

Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Sportball Hamilton Classes	10:00 a.m.	Gym
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
WrapAround Cookie Exchange	5: 30 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:00 p.m.	Gym
Melrose Trustees Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Thursday - November 29

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
Pilates	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Kirkendall Gardening Group	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday – November 30

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
Film Crew Lunch	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Sanctuary Decorating	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary

Saturday - December 1

Pointsetta Pick Up	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
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Sunday – December 2

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
M&P Meeting	12:00 p.m.	Chapel

