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◆ **Sunday, January 20, 2019** ◆
Second Sunday after Pentecost

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 ◆
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIHPANY

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – Jesu, Our Blessed Hope of Heaven G. Young

* OPENING HYMN – *All Praise to You* VU 297

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ has come to us.

All: Let us celebrate God's abiding love!

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Cor. 12)

One: There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

All: But there is only one Spirit.

One: There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

All: But it is the same Lord we all serve.

One: There are many activities we can do to serve God:

teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

All: But all these are activated by God.

One: There are many manifestations of God's Spirit
in the world.

All: It is impossible to list them all.

One: To say that one is better than another is foolish.

All: God gives to each as God chooses.

Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)
**Holy One, God of all Creation,
you call us to be your people,
to carry your vision in this time and place,
to go where you send us
to help welcome your amazing good news.
As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ
to spread the news that your realm is near,
fill us with your Holy Spirit,
O God of all Creation.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may share your good news
with a world in need.
Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

VU 299

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Phil Farrauto

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 36

VU 762

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – John 2: 1-11

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN - *Deep in Our Hearts*

MV 154

SERMON: "All For One and One For All"

ANTHEM - Creating God

D. Hurd

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN - *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

HB 33 Verse 4

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before God, God's glory proclaim
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
These are the offerings we lay at God's shrine.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**We give you thanks, God of all creation,
for the power of your life-giving Word,
making the winds blow and the waters flow.
Receive these gifts from our hands,
and use them to bring peace and blessing
to all your people; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(followed by the Prayer of Jesus, VU 916)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.**

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Creating God, We Give You Thanks* VU 292

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *May God's Sheltering Wings* MV 214
*May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.*

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 preparation for the celebrations in late March that will honour the completion of our Melrose church building (designed by Scottish architect J. Gibb Morton), each Sunday over the next few weeks we will feature themes drawn from one of our beautiful stained glass windows. Next week, the featured window will be the first on the north aisle in which artist Peter Haworth depicts the sojourn of Abraham and Sarah, who are called to leave behind everything that was familiar to them and to depart for a new life in an unknown land that God will provide (Genesis 12: 1-7). God's promise to Abraham involves not only the supplying of land to a landless people (and protection along their journey to that new land), it also involves the offer of offspring to an aging, barren couple. God promises that Abraham will be the father of a great nation.

Abraham responds to the promises of God with unwavering faith. The theme of the journey will become central to Israel's identity (further revealed in the companion window depicting Moses and the Exodus from Egypt). In larger thematic terms, the nomadic motif of movement through space further becomes symbolic of openness toward the future. The excitement of departing on a journey holds within itself optimism about the new possibilities that the future may bring.

◆ **Celebrating our stained glass windows in Worship** ◆

2019 marks the 90th anniversary of the completion of our beautiful sanctuary designed by renowned Scottish architect John Gibb Morton, who used the ruin of Melrose Abbey as his creative inspiration – hence our church name. In honour of the anniversary, and in anticipation of our forthcoming celebration weekend in late March, elements of worship on each of the forthcoming Sundays will feature themes from one of the glorious stained glass windows that adorn the sanctuary walls. We begin this week with the Creation window of the South Transept.

◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

Saturday January 26th at 9:30 in the church parlour.

Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied.

Coffee, tea & a light snack.

Thank You Margaret Duff for being our “host” for this Saturday.

◆ **Acoustic Blend Cafe - February 2** ◆

Join us to hear Joss & Em: Jocelyn Russell and Emily Kemp are two very versatile performers playing sultry covers and originals. Songs in the styles of rock, jazz, pop, folk and blues, with some originals in the mix. Their music is vocal-driven, full of rich, sultry harmonies that create a down-to-earth feel of true feminine beauty. We had Emily as a feature performer in April of 2012 and we are excited to have her back again with Jocelyn Russell. Advance Tickets available online for \$14 or buy at the door: \$18 or Two for \$35.

◆ **A special thank you** ◆

A message from the administrator at the Dundas Retirement Home stated: "I want to thank you for all your help the residents were given your presents today and loved them all. Could not of been done without your help. Thank you so much. "

The social justice team thanks for all the soap, facecloths and socks, razors and clothing! The car was filled over twice with wrapped gifts

for the seniors at Dundas Retirement Home. We had leftovers that were shared between Interval House, Helping Hands and the Aboriginal Women's Centre. So thanks to all folk at Melrose! Truly a **GIVING** Church.

Check the facebook page out for pictures of the presents.

Also thanks to Nicola and Chris for providing wonderful carol leadership on Christmas Day to the seniors in the Home! It was a **GREAT** Christmas Day!!

◆ **Let's boost our online presence!** ◆

Do you have any fun Melrose news to share?!? Let the office know! The office staff are always looking for ideas for content to share on our social media and website. Keep the office informed of upcoming events and news. Let's all stay informed! Another great part of keeping our online content current is we can easily share info with family and friends. Please send any content to melrose@melroseunited.ca.

Thanks!

◆ **Last Chance** ◆

If you haven't submitted a recipe for the cook book, and you wish to do so, you must **ACT NOW!** **TODAY** (Jan 20th) will be the final date we will accept recipes. Please either write out your recipe by hand and get it to the church office, or email it to recipesformelrose@gmail.com

◆ **Next Steps: Congregational Survey** ◆

As you know, the United Church of Canada (UCC) is undergoing significant restructuring effective January 1st, with changes to many of its processes. We have now been able to clarify some important aspects related to moving out of Interim Ministry, which will occur at the end of June, 2019. As part of the UCC's new pastoral relations process, what was formerly a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) report is replaced by a Community of Faith profile. Responsibility for this lies with "the governing body of the

community of faith", which in the case of Melrose is the Official Board. The Board understands that key to developing that profile is broad consultation with the congregation regarding our future direction and what we are looking for in a search process. To that end, the Official Board strongly encourages all who are connected to Melrose to provide us with input and complete a congregational survey. This survey will be able to be completed electronically and returned to the church office via email, or in paper format and either mailed to the office or returned to a survey drop box which will be located in the auditorium.

The survey will be available starting Sunday, December 23rd, and the deadline for response is **TODAY January 20th**. In addition, there will be opportunities for "fireside chats" with the Board after the church service on January 20th and 27th. If you have any questions, please feel free to connect with any member of the Board, or contact me directly by email: cheryl.rn@sympatico.ca.

Many thanks!

Cheryl Evans, Chair, Official Board

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Barb and Keith Mann*.

◆ **Upcoming World Day of Prayer Service** ◆

Friday evening, March 1st (TBD), Melrose will be hosting World Day of Prayer, a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer.

This year, the writing country is Slovenia: "Come - Everything is Ready".

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – January 21

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

Tuesday - January 22

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, Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

Wednesday - January 23

Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:00 p.m.	Gym

Thursday - January 24

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

Friday – January 25

Saturday - January 26

Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
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Sunday – January 27

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