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◆ **Sunday, October 20, 2019** ◆
World Food Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019** ◆
WORLD FOOD SUNDAY

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – Create in me, O God, a pure heart

* OPENING HYMN – *Now Thank We All Our God*

VU 236

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Jesus is in our midst. He brings God closer to us in understanding and makes His love known to us.

All: We light this candle recalling all Jesus has done for us. He is nurturing and leading us into tomorrow.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God we gather here together in this glorious autumn season of cool starry nights and bright Sunny days.

All: We wonder how tragedy, illness, food shortages and evil can coexist with such beauty.

One: Where are you, O God in this foolish mixed up world? How do we make sense of apparent nonsense?

All: We come to you, seeking comfort, answers, and wisdom, knowing that, in your compassion, you are near us. Let us come to you boldly.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

God of Creation, Ever-creating God, you are always at work in us, changing us, reshaping us and our faith, opening our hearts and minds to many ways of knowing you.

Act upon us, we pray, in this time of worship, and in the midst of our everyday lives, reminding us who we are and whose we are, through Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold*

VU 605

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Joanne Hannaford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 121

VU 842

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Genesis 32: 22-31

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 18: 1-8

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

* HYMN – *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

VU 512

SERMON: *“Prayer with Suction”*

ANTHEM – Anthem on the tune Quanta Qualia

H. Willan

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *Our God, Creation's Loving Source*

VU 490 v. 3

*Desire and tenderness and joy are holy gifts,
and ours to share in love that's giving, faithful,
kind and grows in mutual love and care.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Loving God, please accept these gifts that we bring to you. We give them not because you expect it, but because you have given us so much, and we want to share with you and with others in return.
We give them in Jesus' name, in order to continue his work in the world.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, said together)

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 – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

VU 651

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

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The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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 guest book in the narthex. After service we join together in the church parlour for refreshments and fellowship. Kids are welcome to hang out in the Children's corner at the front of the church during service and join the children's programming in the auditorium after Children's Time.

Children are also always welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire service if they choose.

◆ Thank you... ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today - Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders and Kathy Ross

◆ Calling all green thumbs! ◆

We have one more drop in and garden events coming up!

October 27 - 12:30pm-2:00pm

We will:

- cut back plants
- pull out weeds
- tidy up the gardens
- dig out a little more of the thorny hedge on Homewood Avenue
- plant a few bulbs (graciously donated by Gwyn)
- plant perennial plants

Anyone who would like to help out is welcome. People should bring gardening gloves, favourite tools and garden waste bags (although we will also bring some of all of these items to share around). If people have a

perennial plant from home that they would like to donate to the garden, that would be great. Perennials that don't require a lot of care, and that don't spread too quickly are the most desirable, because they make the gardens easy to maintain.

◆ **Quilting** ◆

Do you like to quilt? Have a project you started but would like some help with? The third Monday of each month (next date October 21) a group of quilters meet in the church parlour from 1-4pm. Bring your project and supplies. All are welcome!

◆ **Cookbooks are available!** ◆

Christmas is coming and what to give your friends or relatives? How about a cookbook? There are still cookbooks "Melrose at your Table" available for purchase. \$17.00 /book. Contact Gwyneth.

◆ **Collect your used stamps for Effect Hope** ◆

Stamps, Stamps and Postcards pre 1960. The Effect Hope (Formally Leprosy Mission) still accepts stamps and pre 1960 postcards . If you have any, please put aside and drop them off at the church office. Effect Hope helps treat rare subtropical diseases and Leprosy across the globe. Selling stamps and post cards to collectors is one of their fundraisers.

◆ **What are YOU thankful for?** ◆

This month we would like to share on social media our stories of thankfulness. If you have something you are thankful for send us a quick note or photo with a caption so we can share it online. We will only share people's first names - unless otherwise noted. We are happy to tag you in the post if you share your social media handle. You can even send us a photo of a note - anything at all! If you send us a photo with other people please ensure you have their permission to share online before sending it to us.

Thanks for your help and we can't wait to see what comes in.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday October 26th at 9:30 in the church parlour.
Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks
and patterns supplied.

Enjoy coffee, tea, a light snack and fellowship.
All are welcome!

◆ Exhibit on the untold stories of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls ◆

Dundurn National Historic Site

October 1, 2019 to November 5, 2019

610 York Boulevard – 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

This exhibit is designed to bring awareness to many of the untold stories of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The exhibit housed in Dundurn's historic dining room contains 12 busts each representing a murdered or missing indigenous woman or girl, statics around violence amongst women and girls, local Indigenous art and traditional medicines. A path of red dresses will line Maple Walk in Dundurn Park (behind Dundurn Castle) throughout the duration of the exhibit, and red dress pins and earrings will be available to purchase in The Castle Shop with all the proceeds going to the Drag the Red Campaign. This exhibit will run Tuesdays to Saturdays from September 27 to November 5, 2019. The Museum is closed Mondays and Sundays. For ages 12 and older. **This is a free exhibit.** Regular admission rates apply for the museum.

For more information contact:

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MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

Halloween TGIF

FRIDAY OCT.25TH 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 21		
Monthly Fire Drill	10:00 a.m.	Entire Building
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Gym
Tuesday – October 22		
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Locke Street BIA	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Wednesday – October 23		
Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Mindfulness Group	5:00 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym
Thursday – October 24		
Early ON Reg. Classes	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
R.S.D.C.S. Class	1:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Yoga Evening Group	7:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Friday – October 25		
T.G.I.F.	6:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Parlour, Kit.
Saturday – October 26		
Prayer Shawl and Outreach Min.	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Sunday – October 27		
Melrose Choir Practice	9:50 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Private Rental	2:00p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen

Does your group or committee have an upcoming church event? Remind the office to ensure the event is advertised on social media and in the bulletin. With adequate notice the office is happy to create and arrange for printing any of advertising you need for church run events.