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◆ **Sunday, November 3, 2019** ◆
All Saints Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 ◆
ALL SAINTS 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 J. Brahms

* OPENING HYMN – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* VU 325

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: As Fall settles in, the days grow shorter and light gives way to darkness. Yet, we are always in the presence of the light of our Living Lord, Jesus

All: We light this candle, in remembrance of Jesus who resides in our midst and we remember all those who have gone before, who have influenced us and embraced us in our faith. The light of Jesus Christ can never be extinguished.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Throughout the decades and centuries, we have been led by truth-tellers and justice-seekers.

All: They heard the challenge. They accepted the cost. We remember all those who have died.

One: We are indebted to courageous leaders of bygone eras. They followed Jesus' path of radical love.

All: We come to give thanks for the lasting influence they have in our lives.

One: We come seeking God's transformative power.

All: Let us join our hearts and voices together with all the saints throughout time as we worship God this day.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

Companion God, we are surrounded by many spectators patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, disciples, martyrs, saints. We thank you for their example and praise you for their lives of faith, of following, obeying and adoring you. There are loved ones now residing with you, who guided us, nurtured us, cared for us. They worked, lived and played in our midst and they had become special in our lives. Help us to keep the faith and continue their good work for all our allotted days. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Remembering Our Saints

One: For 90 years our people have been welcomed into their eternal homes of rest.

All: During this time the walls of this beautiful church have heard the rise of their collective voices ringing out in praise.

One: They celebrated in times of peace and of war. They raised their children, they buried their dead.

All: They remained faithful witnesses to the truth of you, our one sovereign God.

One: Thank you God for their example in caring for your creation and one another.

All: May we also follow in their footsteps as we serve to further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Invitation to light candles

Reader: Tabitha Marshall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 32

VU 759

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 1: 10-18

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19: 1-10

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

★ HYMN – *Before You Now, O God*

VU 511

HOMILY: “*Sought Even Before We Are Found*”

ANTHEM – *Lo, Round the Throne*

K. Bissell

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* VU 470

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Throughout time, we, your people have shared our gifts with you, time, talent, prayers, monies, to build up the ongoing saints in your community of love. Accept these gifts of our hands and hearts for continuing your important work. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: I reach past the stillness: into the beyond – and within, clutching at the silence.

We are but the cradles of a soul, entrusted to us upon birth with God's sacred purpose.

Senses vigilant – to nurture this tender soul. Listening... by granting to others. Yearning for the Presence – the love and grace God gives us..

Come, for this table is open to all. Come to Christ's table.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God *is* with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord

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

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

One: In the beginning God's creative Spirit moved. God spoke and there was beauty: the mighty stands of red cedar, the scrub brush of the northern plain, and the scattered branches of the dying birch are Mine and they are beautiful.

All: The crashing waves of the mighty sea, the babbling waters of the spring brook, and the still waters of the stagnant pond are Mine and they are beautiful.

One: The windswept plains of grass and farm, the jagged mountains of rock and ice, and the cracked soil of the arid desert are Mine and they are beautiful.

All: The majestic animals of the African savannah, the delicate

butterflies of the summer fields, and the swarms of ants beneath your feet are Mine and they are beautiful.

One: The star-filled heavens, the clouds and the blue skies, and each drop of rain are Mine and they are beautiful.

All: And you too are Mine, whether strong or weak, rich or poor, whomever or whatever, and you are beautiful.

One: We are created beautiful and in-breathed by the Spirit, and the Spirit of the Lord is where it wishes. It moves across sea and desert, through season and time. And we know neither whence it comes nor where it goes, but it does dwell in and among us seeking justice, compassion, and love for us all.

All: As it caresses the face of the newborn child, it will also lift the soul of the withered nomad.

All Singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full,
full of your glory.**

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

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

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

One: Yet we turned away from the beauty which is God's, from the inspiration of the Spirit's creative challenge, but God did not turn away from us. Jesus came as incarnational invitation, and we are challenged to travel in history and time - to remember:

**All: Remember with whom I shared my meals;
Remember my anger at the temple deals;
Remember how I shared with all;
Remember my lessons at the temple wall;
Remember those I turned to and helped;**

VU 942

**Remember how I said I felt;
Remember what I taught you to pray;
Remember how I lived each day**

One: Remember.

We remember as we travel through history; travel through time – and remember.

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection, awaiting with Spirited hope his coming again, his call to bring peace and justice within and without, proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

**All Singing: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

VU 943

A NEW CREED – Said together)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence

To live with respect in Creation,

To love and serve others, To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Spirit

One: As Jesus shared that last meal with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, held it up, blessed it, and broke it, giving it to them, saying, "Take eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he raised a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Send, O God your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do today that all may be touched by your loving Spirit. United, we become your witnesses and are the signs of life and love to one another and to the world.

All Singing: Amen, Amen, Amen.

VU 943

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: There are many who share in this feast today in the unity of the One: God of Love, we pray for the healing of those in our community who are sick, in pain, undergoing treatments or confined to hospital, or struggling to hold on to their health.

All: God of love, hear our prayer.

One: We pray that your love will envelop our people who are hurting, alone, or estranged from family, or who are away from their loved ones for awhile.

All: God of Love, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for our Federal Leaders, those returning and newly elected, that they may serve the people and their country with integrity and justice.

All: God of Love, hear our prayer.

One: Lastly we pray for ourselves, that we may shine with compassion and mercy wherever we go.

All: God of Infinite Love, hear our prayer.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

The Sharing of the Elements (by Intinction – bread and juice/wine– bread is dipped in the cup) All are welcome at this table, this is not yours or mine, this is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

One: Jesus said: I am the bread of life,

All: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

One: Jesus said: I am the true vine,

All: Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

One: These are the gifts of God

All: for the people of God.

(elements are served)

Communion Music: O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem T. Tomkins

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

All: Thank you, Lord for who I am – all that I have, and for all that I lack. Thank you Spirit, for where I have been, where I am, and where I will be going. Thank you, Christ, especially for this moment. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

VU 806

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Daley

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.

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Once again we are privileged to take part in this annual Service of Remembrance. The two so-called "Great Wars" inflicted much grief on families who paid the price for standing up to injustice in the protection of our freedom which we so lightly take for granted.

This Service is dedicated to the men and women from this congregation who served our country on foreign soil in the midst of great peril. Many did not come back. Many who did, were either physically or mentally diminished and life would never be the same for them or their families again.

One of the featured hymns is a folk song from the 1960s, Travel On, Travel On, by Sydney Carter who is best known for Lord of the Dance. The words are not completely his original words as they have been changed slightly by the established churches.

Phil Farrauto, Ken Holden, Ted Lowry and Patti Varey will take the major part in conducting this Remembrance Day Service which will include Reflections, Music, and Displays of Memorabilia from this significant time in our history.

LEST WE FORGET

◆ **Remembrance day at Melrose 2019** ◆

Last year I researched the WW1 soldiers who enlisted from the two churches which would later amalgamate to form Melrose United Church. I was able to give a reflection during the Remembrance service and create a display for the congregation to more deeply understand what the soldiers experienced.

While last year the focus was on the 100th anniversary of WW1, this year, I would like to research the soldiers from Melrose who served in WW2. The WW2 service files have not been released so it will be of great importance to hear your family stories first hand.

I would like to hear from anyone who had a family member who served either from Melrose or from family who have only recently joined our congregation. Anything you can share of their stories would be greatly appreciated, including their name, the units they served in, and any photos you might be willing to share. Scanned copies would be preferred. If you have any questions or need assistance, please let me know.

I can be reached at kholden2627@gmail.com.



◆ **Announcement from the Social Justice Committee** ◆

Do you travel and stay at hotels?

The social justice committee would be happy to acquire the small shampoo and conditioner, lotion bottles from your trip! We will donate to mission services and Wesley. We collect year round and all donations can be dropped off at the church office.

Thinking of changing out your old towels? Wesley urban ministry and mission services will take gently used ones for their outreach programs. You can drop your donations off in the church office.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today - Barb and Keith Mann

◆ **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 Gwynet

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.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – November 4		
Bowling Brownies, Guides	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bowling Alley Auditorium, Gym
Tuesday – November 5		
Bible Study Bach Elgar Rehearsal Tai Chi	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Parlour Auditorium Bowling Alley
Wednesday – November 6		
Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal Mindfulness Group Pilates Pickup Basketball	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Parlour Parlour N. S. Room Gym
Thursday – November 7		
Early ON Reg. Classes R.S.D.C.S. Class Bowling English Country Dancing Yoga Evening Group Melrose Choir Practice Tai Chi	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Parlour N.S. Room Bowling Alley Auditorium N.S. Room Chapel Bowling Alley
Friday – November 8		
Saturday – November 9		
WrapAround Training Tom Schilling Master Class	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Chapel Chapel
Sunday – November 10		
Melrose Choir Practice Melrose Worship	9:50 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Chapel Sanctuary



MELROSE UNITED ANNUAL 
MISTLETOE
BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2019
9:30am-2:00pm

Join us for handmade gifts, gourmet goodies including frozen chicken pot pies and cabbage rolls, the famous cookie walk, special treasures from Christmas Past, the book nook and antique jewelry.
Plan to stay for fun in the children's corner or for lunch at the tasty Christmas Cafe!

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