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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN
UNITY

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◆ **Sunday, January 19, 2020** ◆
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020 ◆
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

INTROIT

★ OPENING HYMN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christmas has been packed away once more. Yet we feel the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent as it continues to flow in our lives.

All: May the light of Christ continue to shine in the world and into the shadowed corners, so that all may know God's light.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship together,

All: followers of Jesus, disciples of Christ,

One: all children of the same Parent,

All: created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We worship in many different denominations:

All: United, Catholics, Mennonites, Presbyterians and more.

One: Yes, we are all disciples of one Teacher.

All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: Different people, different lives, and different histories,

All: Yet we are one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

One: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Let us worship together in unity.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

We meet you, O God, in many a guise.

Our days are filled with many different experiences and thoughts.

As we gather here, we gather up our days. We have struggled to be true to you, to be loving, fair, and forgiving.

We have thrilled at your presence and agonized at your absence.

Give us the gift of your Spirit in our worship, we pray, and oneness as your people, with all your people. Amen.

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

ANTHEM

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Tabitha Marshall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 40, Parts 1 & 2

VU 764

WISDOM OF ISRAEL – Isaiah 49: 1-7

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – John 1: 29-42

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “Kindness with Patience”

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**These are but tokens, Gracious God,
Of the riches you have given us.
Take, with these, our time, our talents,
Our questions, our hopes.
We dedicate these gifts and our lives,
In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

concluded by the Prayer of Jesus

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
for for ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN

COMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE - Amen, Amen, Amen

VU 973

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 ◆

Next week we celebrate the first communion of the new year. The following is our scheduled dates for communion until June: March 31, first Sunday in Lent; April 12, Easter Sunday; May 31, Pentecost Sunday; and June 28, fourth Sunday after Pentecost, the last Sunday before our summer services begin.

I will be reflecting on our Gospel lesson in Matthew. It highlights the beginning of Jesus' ministry with the call of his first four disciples, two sets of brothers, Simon Peter, and Andrew, and James and John. All four were part of families of hard working fishermen who saw something in Jesus that grabbed their imagination and caused them to leave behind all that they knew to follow him.

Jesus chose ordinary, unpolished men as part of his crew of disciples and turned them into extraordinary loyal and devout followers. We know from

many examples in the Bible that they were flawed, weak, slow to understand and yet, following his resurrection they were responsible for the beginning of this wide-spread faith-based movement that established our Christian churches we have today.

From January to mid April, we will take you through the exciting and turbulent ministry of Jesus , and his disciples. I invite you to come along for the journey, you never know how it might change you.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today – Barb and Keith Mann

◆ **Annual Report Deadline** ◆

Please note that all reports and submissions for the annual report is January 26. This is a firm deadline in order to allow for editing and production of the final report. Copies of each committee's previous year's submission were sent out by email on January 3. If you have any questions please check in with Michelle in the church office

◆ **Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry** ◆

Join us on Saturday Jan 25 in the church parlour for fellowship, tea, coffee and a snack. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns are supplied. The finished projects are blessed during a church service and distributed to members and friends of the congregation during times of sickness and struggle or times of joy like the birth of a child or graduation from high school.



Join us for a special service

Covenanting Service

SUNDAY JANUARY 19 @ 2PM

AT MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

TO MARK THE MINISTRY COVENANT BETWEEN

THE REV. SONIA IRESON

AND

THE CONGREGATION OF MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday – January 20**

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	Entire Building
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Bowling	1:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Gym

Tuesday - January 21

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley

Wednesday - January 22

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Mindfulness Group	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

Thursday - January 23

R.S.D.C.S. Class	1:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
Bowling	1:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
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 - January 24

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Saturday - January 25

Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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Sunday - January 26

Melrose Choir Practice	9:50 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship: Pageant	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary

Have you been
thinking about
joining Melrose?

become a member!

Melrose United Church

A number of people have expressed interest and we are planning to receive members at a service in the coming months. Membership includes perks like coffee, fellowship, spiritual guidance, a gymnasium in the basement and more.**

If you are interested please connect with the church office or Rev. Sonia Ireson.

****membership is totally not required for any of this.
It might make it more fun though.**