

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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*Stained Glass Window – Luther Rose*

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◆ **Sunday, October 27, 2019** ◆  
**Peace Sunday ◆ Reformation Sunday**

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019 ◆  
PEACE SUNDAY ◆ REFORMATION 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 – *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart* VU 378

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: By lighting this candle, we are acknowledging that God and Jesus are here with us today, bringing light into our lives.

**All: We light this candle naming that timeless grace calling us, nurturing us and ever present with us.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We call this house of prayer home to some of life's greatest transitions, times of joy, and times of struggle where we have felt God's presence.

**All: We gather now in this mystery we call worship, in this place we name house of prayer.**

One: We dare to believe that we can connect with the One who made us.

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**Loving God, the one who searches for us always,**

**Find us this morning, we pray.**

**Find our fears and hold us in the light.**

**Find our anger and soothe us in your embrace.  
Find our joy and dance with us to the drum.  
Find our celebration and sing us into harmony. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN – *We Praise You for the Sun*

VU 225

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Annika Brisbin, Ian Brisbin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 65

VU 782

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9-14

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

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

VU 271

SERMON: *"Unfailing Mercy"*

ANTHEM – Prayer from Psalm 138

J. Weaver

◆ **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)

**Creator God, take these gifts of money that  
Represent the fruits of our love for you, for our community, and for our  
congregation. Use these gifts as you use us to spread your message of  
love throughout 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 – *Go to the World*

VU 420

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

◆ **Reminder to the elder team** ◆

There will be a brief Elders meeting with Rev Ireson in the chapel following church today.

◆ **Calling all green thumbs!** ◆

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

**TODAY - 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

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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!

For more info check out [www.melroseunited.ca](http://www.melroseunited.ca) or call 905-522-1323



| <b><u>MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR</u></b> |                   |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Monday – October 28</b>            |                   |                  |
| Brownies, Guides                      | 6:00 p.m.         | Auditorium, Gym  |
| <b>Tuesday - October 29</b>           |                   |                  |
| <b>Bible Study</b>                    | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Parlour</b>   |
| Bach Elgar Rehearsal                  | 7:00 p.m.         | Auditorium       |
| Tai Chi                               | 7:30 p.m.         | Bowling Alley    |
| <b>Wednesday - October 30</b>         |                   |                  |
| Duet Club of Hamilton                 | 9:30 a.m.         | Parlour          |
| Rehearsal                             | 5:00 p.m.         | Parlour          |
| Mindfulness Group                     | 6:30 p.m.         | N. S. Room       |
| Pilates                               | 7:45 p.m.         | Gym              |
| Pickup Basketball                     |                   |                  |
| <b>Thursday - October 31</b>          |                   |                  |
| 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        |
| <b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>         | <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Chapel</b>    |
| Tai Chi                               | 7:30 p.m.         | Bowling Alley    |
| <b>Friday - November 1</b>            |                   |                  |
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| <b>Saturday - November 2</b>          |                   |                  |
| Private Rental                        | 9:00 a.m.         | Parlour, Kitchen |
| WrapAround Training                   | 9:30 a.m.         | Chapel           |
| Tom Schilling Master Class            | 7:00 p.m.         | Chapel           |
| <b>Sunday – November 3</b>            |                   |                  |
| <b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>         | <b>9:50 a.m.</b>  | <b>Chapel</b>    |
| <b>Melrose Worship</b>                | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Sanctuary</b> |
| Private Rental                        | 11:00 a.m.        | Gym              |

*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.*