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◆ 10 November, 2019 – 10:30 a.m. ◆
Remembrance Day Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ November 10, 2019 ◆

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY

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

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour
after worship ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT -I Vow to Thee, My Country

G. Holst

* OPENING HYMN - *Travel On, Travel On*

VU 647

* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Out of the darkness and chaos of destructive and
devastating wars, comes the sounds of silence and the
hopes for peace.

**All: The light of Jesus shines through that darkness to give
us hope that one day all peoples will be united and
there will be peace.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our measure of humanity demands that we remember the
sacrifices of the past;

**All: And how we work for peace in the present,
And how we speak about hope for our future**

One: We come before God to name our dream for God's reign of

shalom.

All: Let us commit ourselves to the cause of peace and to remember. Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: As we sit in the comfort of our safe homes surrounded by our happy families, We forget - that our Dads and Moms, our Grandpas and Grandmas lived in times of War.

All: On beautiful starry nights when we are safe in our houses, We forget - that little boys and little girls live in places where bombs fall interrupting their sleep, and they tremble in fear.

One: There are many days when we forget - to be thankful for those who fought for us so that we could live in peace. Forgive our forgetting and help us to live so that war comes no more. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We give thanks, O God, for our veterans and their families: for all who have given their lives for freedom and justice, and those who returned, and those who stayed behind and waited. Help us to remember, lest we forget. Grant us peace. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE ◆

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL WREATHS

Piper: Phil Farrauto

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

An older person says:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them

THE LAST POST

LAMENT

SILENCE (A minute of silence will be observed to stand,
remember, honour, hope and pray for peace in our broken world)

REVEILLE

★ THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

VU 524

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Ted Lowrey, Patti Varey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 91

VU 807

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 3-10

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

All: Praise to you , O Christ.

REFLECTION – Ted Lowrey and Patti Varey

★ HYMN – *Abide with Me*

VU 436

READING OF THE NAMES

The names of those of the congregation who served and died in wars are read aloud

REFLECTION – Ken Holden

★ ANTHEM – They So Softly Rest

H. Willan

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *O God of all the Many Lands* VU 523 v. 3
*We thank you that from many lands with varied gifts they came,
to pledge their love and loyalty where scarlet maples flame.
May justice here belong to all, and may our nation play
its rightful role in ushering in the peace for which we pray.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Peace is such a precious gift that all creation cries out for it.
May these gifts be a witness to others of our faith in the Good
News, that one day all of creation will be at peace, and we will
all share in its blessings, giving thanks to the Creator of all.
Amen**

LITANY FOR PEACE

One: The presence of God is here, speaking the Light of Truth
that diminishes the shadows of ignorance and evil.

**All: In God's presence we know that it is right to remember
and to give thanks for the sacrifice made by so many. It
has made a difference for all of us today. May we strive
to be worthy of the debt we owe.**

One: May we have the courage to stand with all in solidarity who
seek a better and kinder world.

**All: Let us pray for men, women, and children who
constantly live with war, tragedy and hate. Help us to
live so that our life may reflect a reverence for life.**

One: It may not be today, God, but we hope and trust for the
dawning of a new day when weapons of warfare will be
turned into tools of peace, so that not one more gentle,
vulnerable soul will be sacrificed to the selfish madness of
power-seeking humans.

**All: Let this day be a day of vision and hope for each of us.
Amen**

★ CLOSING HYMN *Who Would True Valour See*

1. *Who would true valour see,
let him come hither:
here's one will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.*
2. *Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound:
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right to be a pilgrim.*
3. *Since, Lord, thou dost defend
him with thy Spirit,
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away!
I'll fear not what men say,
but labour night and day to be a pilgrim.*

RECESSIONAL

★ COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

– Ted Lowrey and Rev. Sonia Ireson

★ CHORAL RESPONSE - Amen

VU 967

POSTLUDE

*A special thank you to Geoff Tiller, Trumpet and Phil Farrauto,
Bagpipes*

◆ 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 is Children's Sunday. The children will be quite visible leading in all aspects of church worship. We will also have a Blessing of the Animals for those who wish to bring in their pets. (Crocodiles, excepted.)

My sermon will be based on Luke 21:5-19 – Jesus' words about the demise of the temple and end times. These texts make us squirm. We much prefer feel-good stories. Yet, we know that life gives us real contrasts that test our ability to cope. Our growth and spiritual maturity depends on our being able to accept the bad with the good and assist others in their times of trial.

One of the hymns is God of the Sparrow, written by Jaroslev J. Vayda, a leading contemporary hymn writer of Lutheran faith. He died in 2008. It was originally written as a poem and put to music. It speaks about how God's creatures and children serve him. "The law of God demands perfect love from every creature; the love of God and the Gospel coax a willing response to live as an expression of gratitude."

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today – Barb and Keith Mann

◆ **Logs from the Large Tree are available** ◆

If you or someone you know could use some of the wood available on the north side of the building from the tree that was cut down – help yourself!

◆ **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.

◆ **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

◆ **Concert Opportunity** ◆

Brahms Requiem

Bach Elgar Choir

Sat Nov 16 7:30 pm

The Bach Elgar Choir is performing the masterpiece "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms, on Saturday November 16, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available through the choir website (bachelgar.com), at the door, or through a choir member.

◆ **WrapAround Announcement** ◆

Wraparound Hamilton is looking for donations of bus tickets and grocery gift cards to help our families .Please contact Libby Cook if you are able to help.

◆ **Website** ◆

Please note that the website is currently undergoing work for a re-launch. During this time some of the editing abilities are not available. If you are able please follow us on facebook, twitter or instagram for regular updates on events or services. The church is always reachable by email as well. We appreciate your patience during this time.

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 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 or call 905-522-1323





Please join us for
**Candlelight
Carol Service**



Sunday, December 15, 2019
7:30 p.m.

*Join us for a special evening of
carol music led by the Melrose
Chancel Choir and Music
Director Alexander Cann*

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<u>MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR</u>		
Monday – November 11		
Remembrance Day		
Bowling	1:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Gym
Tuesday – November 12		
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Wednesday – November 13		
Duet Club of Hamilton	9:30 a.m.	
Rehearsal		Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.	Chapel, Sanctuary
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym
Thursday – November 14		
Early ON Reg. Classes	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
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 – November 15		
WrapAround Executive		
Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Saturday – November 16		
Private Rental	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Concert	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Sunday – November 17		
Melrose Choir Practice	9:50 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
ABC Auditions	1:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel