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◆ **Sunday, September 29, 2019** ◆
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 8, 2019 ◆
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – A Prayer of St. Patrick

J. Rutter

* OPENING HYMN – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

VU 220

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: In Christ was life, and his life was the light of all people.

All: The light shone in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All of us have, at one time or another, failed ourselves, failed others and failed God.

All: All of us depend daily on God's compassion and redeeming grace.

One: God is faithful and just, showing kindness and favour toward those in need

All: We worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (said by all)

God of the living Christ you call us from our daily routines to the joy and inspiration of worship. You call us from the regrets of yesterday's failures and the dread of future challenges to the

assurance and peace of Christ, and the confidence of living in his love and care .

Accept our Praise, inspire our thoughts and hear our prayers as we worship in the name of the living Christ. Amen

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Dianne Coons

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: As we hear the words of scripture O God, may your spirit speak your living word to us.

**All: for your word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path Amen**

RESPONSIVE PSALM - Psalm 146

VU 868

THE FIRST TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 18: 1-9

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 18: 9-14

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Christ, our Saviour.

* HYMN - *O God of Bethel*

VU 650

REFLECTION: "*Failure, Faith and New Beginnings*"

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

- ★ OFFERING HYMN - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
VU 541

Praise God from who all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

We present our gifts, generous and giving God, recognizing the unfathomable love of Christ who redeems our failures and restores our faith. We give these gifts so that through the work of your church many who are in need may know of Christ's love and be restored to wholesome living.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(followed by the Prayer of Jesus, VU 914)

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 – *All My Hope on God Is Founded*

VU 655

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Let Us, O God, Depart in Peace* VU 961

Let us, O God, depart in peace,
who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face,
and be forever near.

POSTLUDE

*A special thank you to our guest
leader of worship today – Rev. Bert
Radford*

◆ **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** ◆

Please plan to join us next week as we welcome our new minister Rev. Sonia Ireson!

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month Denise and Phil Farrauto.

◆ **Wesley Urban Ministries Dinner on Sept 29th** ◆

We are scheduled to serve dinner at Wesley **TODAY!** We need 6 volunteers to help prep and serve the dinner. Please talk to Penelope Ferrie or Gwyneth Xagoraris or Sharon Jones if you can volunteer between 3pm-5pm.

◆ **Special Visit from Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre** ◆
Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre will be here both before and after worship on **NEXT Sunday, October 6th with a selection of books, children's books, boxes of cards, and serviettes.** Purchases may be made with credit card, debit, cheque or cash.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday September 28th at 9:30 in the church parlour.
Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied.

Coffee, tea & a light snack.

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday October 9th at 6:15 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Deborah Mensah

director of "Save The Mothers"

(savethemothers.org)

◆ *A special thank you from the Social Justice Committee -*
HURRICAN DORIAN RELIEF ◆

Thanks to Melrose!! What a super supportive family!! Last week's coffee hour raised \$320.00 for Bahamian Relief through the Mission and Service Fund.

◆ **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!

◆ Next Acoustic Blend Café Concert ◆

Andy Griffiths: Andy is a energetic and passionate rootsy folkin' rock singer/songwriter who writes from gut feelings and personal experiences. He sings lead and plays a driving rhythmic/percussive style on acoustic guitar. Catchy melodies and tight vocal harmonies are prevalent throughout his tunes. Andy thoroughly enjoys playing live shows as a solo artist, duo, trio or full band and is enjoying a busy schedule currently playing venues and events of all shapes and sizes. Andy's band mates comprise of good friends who happen to be some of the top musicians in the area. "We always have a great time playing shows together!" Audiences pick up on that and get drawn in to the excitement and fun vibe of the performance! Tickets available online - www.acousticblendcafe.com or at the door.

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 1: Bible Study Resumes

October 2: M&P Committee Meeting

October 7: Melrose Official Board Meeting

October 9: Women in Touch Dinner

October 14: Thanksgiving Monday - Melrose Closed

October 19: Acoustic Blend Café

October 16: Resource Management Committee Meeting

October 25: TGIF

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.

A Message from your soon-to-be new Minister
And a Request for support of Fund-Raising
For Wayside House

Hello to you all:

The days of summer are slipping by and I trust it has been a pleasantly eventful one for each of you.

I am enjoying an 11 week stay on my birth province of Prince Edward Island and will be heading home September 15. I am looking forward to meeting you all and am already preparing material for our October and November Sundays together.

Request -

I would like to bring to your attention a pet project I am passionate about.

My friend, Regan Anderson is the Chief Executive Officer of Wayside House, a non profit residential treatment facility for men battling addiction.

On Saturday, October 5 I will be walking at Pier 4 in their first ever Walk 4 Wayside to help raise funds to assist in increasing capacity of beds and decrease wait times to their program.

If you have had a member of your family who has been ensnared by addiction as I have, you will understand how important it is to fight this form of mental illness.

I would ask if you would be willing to pledge a monetary commitment to help me help them raise the funds to meet their goals.

If you are interested in supporting this important community service, please let Michelle know in the office. Tax receipts will

be provided by Wayside House and payment may be received up until October 31st.

Thank you for your consideration and your support.

Blessings

Rev. Sonia Ireson

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – September 30		
Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders	6:00 p.m.	Gym, N.S. Rm, Auditorium
Tuesday - October 1		
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Wednesday - October 2		
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
M&P Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Thursday - October 3		
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 4		
Saturday - October 5		
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Sunday – October 6		
Melrose Choir Practice	9:50 a.m.	Chapel
Martial Arts Class	11:00 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary