

◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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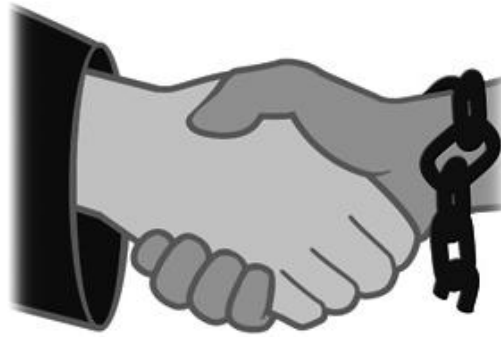
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**...welcome him
as you would
welcome me.**

PHILEMON 1:17, NRSV

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◆ **Sunday, September 8, 2019**
Thirteenth 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 - Petite fugue sur le Chromhorne F. Couperin

INTROIT - Come, I Pray Thee (Brother Richard's Prayer) W.H. Anderson

★ OPENING HYMN - *Let There Be Light* VU 679

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: Jesus said that often he desired to gather his children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but they were not willing.

All: We have come to worship, willing to seek God and answer the call of Christ.

One: Jesus also said, "If with all your hearts you truly seek me you shall find me."

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (said by all)

God who has given us Jesus, we have gathered to worship in answer to his call, searching for guidance and direction in our lives.

We know that the spirit of the living Christ moves among and within us to accomplish your will in our lives and in our world.

Open our eyes to see the signs of your presence,

our ears to hear the words of your guidance
and our hearts to be changed by your redeeming presence, for we pray in
the name of the Holy Trinity,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN – *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

VU 585

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Sylvia Chitty

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 1

VU 724

THE EPISTLE: The Book of Philemon

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 13: 31-35

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Christ, our Saviour.

★ HYMN – *God of Freedom, God of Justice*

VU 700

REFLECTION: “*Philemon: A lesson in Christian Living*”

ANTHEM – Prayer of Saint Richard of Chicester

M. Archer

◆ **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)

**Inspiring and guiding God, we present our offerings
in personal dedication to Christ's ministry in our city
and throughout the world. We open our hearts and
minds to the guidance of your spirit in the mission
and service of our church, through Jesus Christ, the
head of our church, 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 – *O Christian, Love*

VU 594

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 -Etude-Tableau Op. 39 No. 5, excerpt

S. Rachmaninoff

◆ **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** ◆

Join us next week as we welcome Licensed Lay Leader Sarah Ferguson to lead us in worship. Plan to bring your kids because next week is Rally Sunday and the return of KD with JC. After church a simple snack of kraft dinner will be served by the Christian Development Committee. We can't wait to see everyone!

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **Locke Street Family Festival** ◆

A special thank you to everyone who made the Locke Street Family Festival a success. It was wonderful to see the local churches work together to serve the community.

◆ **Loretta Stockton is visiting!** ◆

Loretta will be in town staying at the Amica in Dundas from September 8-22. Visitors are welcome and encouraged! For room information talk to Gwyn.

◆ **Reminder:** Please be kind to our neighbours and careful when street parking. As possible plan to park in our parking lot on Stanley Avenue



◆ **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 September 16) a group of quilters meet in the church parlour from 1-4pm. Bring your project and supplies. All are welcome!

◆ Appointment of a New Minister ◆

A congregational meeting was held on July 23rd, at which the congregation unanimously approved the appointment of Rev. Sonia Ireson as the next minister of Melrose United Church, effective October 1st. Some of you may know Rev. Ireson, as she was part of our congregation many years ago, and in fact Melrose was the sponsoring congregation for her initial candidacy to ministry in the United Church. She preached her first sermon as a summer student in our chapel, and is clearly delighted to be returning to the Melrose family. She comes highly recommended, with an impressive reputation as an effective team player, collaborator, peace maker, and change agent, with strong administrative and pastoral care skills. More information about Sonia and the terms of her appointment are available in the attached draft meeting minutes. I know we all look forward to formally welcoming her back into the Melrose family. Many thanks to the Melrose Search Committee team: Margaret Duff, Sylvia Chitty, Bob Ross, James Young, and Catherine Urbanek for their excellent work on our behalf!

Cheryl Evans,
Chair, Melrose Official Board

◆ Worship and Emergency Pastoral Care Schedule ◆

Emergency Pastoral Care:

September 1-22: Rev. Jeff Chalmers

September Worship:

September 15: Sarah Ferguson

September 22: Margaret Duff

September 29: Rev. Bert Radford

As always – if you require or know of someone who requires pastoral care please contact the church office

☞ Thank you to our guest lay leader – Rev. Bert Radford ☞

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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday – September 9**

Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders	6:00 p.m.	Gym, N.S. Rm, Auditorium
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Tuesday – September 10

Bach Elgar Auditions	5:30 p.m.	Chapel
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 – September 11

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

Thursday – September 12

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 – September 13

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Saturday – September 14

Private Rental	1:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
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Sunday – September 15

Melrose Choir Practice	9:50 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
KD with JC	11:45 a.m.	Parlour