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◆ **September 15, 2019** ◆
Rally Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
RALLY SUNDAY

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT Come, I Pray Thee, W. Anderson

★ OPENING HYMN - *O Worship the King*

VU 235

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: As we light this Christ candle, we remember...

All: We remember that, Jesus Christ is the light of the world!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather this morning, rising from summer sleeping to
sacred singing,

All: from weeding gardens to worshipping God,

One: from camping out to sharing communion,

All: from recreation to re-creation.

One: We rise in the light of long summer days

All: and gather in the light of God's holy presence.

One: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

All: As Summer gives way to fall, so God call us to renew and refresh. To encourage those who return to school and to commit ourselves again, to the life and work of this faith community, God Calls us to search out new opportunities for our own learning and adventuring, to explore our faith and the Word of God that sustains us, to find the ways to help our neighborhood in the Way of Christ. In every

good beginning, you, Loving God, are there. You are our inspiration and our motivation. You are the source of our persistence and the reason for our hope. You never give up on us and we celebrate this gift as we enter into our worship together. Amen

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN -*We Are Marching*

VU 646

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Tim Webb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM - Psalm 139

VU 861

SCRIPTURE- Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL - Matthew 13.24-58

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN - *The King of Love*

VU 273

SERMON: "Weeds and Seeds in the Field"

ANTHEM - Sing to the Lord of Harvest

H. Willa

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow*

VU 541

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Gracious and generous God: as we present these gifts, we seek your presence. You know our needs as a congregation, including our need to touch those fertile places of gratitude that lie so close to the surface of each of our lives. Open our hearts and open our hands, we pray, and teach us to live more fully and give more generously, that your witness and your work might come to its full flowering, in the name of Jesus. Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the prayer of Jesus)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 – *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* VU 681

CHORAL BLESSING

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

◆ **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 for a service led by our very own Margaret Duff. Music will be led by Alex Cann. Meg is away so Michelle Millson will be stepping in to cover children's programming.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **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.

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

We are scheduled to serve dinner at Wesley! We need 6 volunteers to help prep and serve the dinner. We also need donations of Chocolate Chip Cookies. If you are willing to bake 3-4 dozen cookies for this event, please have them ready in the kitchen on Sept 29th. This year please bring the cookies **IN SEALABLE PLASTIC BAGS - NO TINS PLEASE**. *The bags allow us to not have to worry about returning tins. Thanks! ☺* Please talk to Penelope Ferrie or Gwyneth Xagoraris or Sharon Jones if you can volunteer between 3pm-5pm

◆ **Coffee Hour on September 22 - HURRICAN DORIAN RELIEF** ◆

The Social Justice Committee will be collecting funds on September 22 during coffee hour in support of this cause. Please see this excerpt from the United Church Website:

Hurricane Dorian, a powerful category 5 hurricane, landed in the Bahamas in early September 2019 and left a trail of destruction. The slow-moving storm destroyed thousands of homes and left approximately 60,000 people without shelter.

As the scale of the destruction unfolds, The United Church of Canada is accepting funds to help with relief and reconstruction efforts, working with global partners the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) and ACT Alliance (ACT).



A road is flooded during the passing of Hurricane Dorian in Freeport, Grand Bahama, the Bahamas on September 2, 2019.
Credit: AP Photo/Tim Ajien

◆ 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

◆ **Thank you!** ◆

Message from the team who organized the Locke Street Family Festival at Melrose:

Thanks to all the folk who helped on Sept 7th Family Day at Melrose. It did not rain! It did not have a strong wind storm! It was a wonderful day with two food trucks, face painting, magician and music!!! Thanks to the jam sellers and organizers! With advanced jam sales and Sept 7th, approximately \$900.00 was received from this event.

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

◆ **Worship and Emergency Pastoral Care Schedule** ◆

Emergency Pastoral Care:

September 1-22: Rev. Jeff Chalmers

September Worship:

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 – Sarah Ferguson ∞

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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – September 16

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders	6:00 p.m.	Gym, N.S. Rm, Auditorium
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Tuesday - September 17

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 18

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 19

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 20

Private Rental	8:00 a.m.	Gym
Executive Meeting WrapAround	9:30 a.m.	Parlour

Saturday - September 21

Bach Elgar Choir Camp	10:00 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen, Aud.
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Sunday – September 22

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
Bach Elgar Choir Camp	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium