

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ **Sunday, October 13, 2019**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019** ◆  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

\* 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 – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

VU 217

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Everyday offers us potential and possibilities, opportunities  
and challenges, sometimes even storms. Everyday is a gift.

**All: Every day, Jesus is God's grace. We light this candle  
naming that grace with us always.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather in, fellow travellers.

Gather in this sanctuary and bring your prayers

Your wounded spirits, your questions,

Your hopes and fears.

We wake to a world of beauty and catastrophe,

A world of visions and violence,

Compassion and cowardice.

**All: We wake and gather and pray and seek the God who is always  
looking for, and loving, the lost, as we come together in worship.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**Steady One, as we enter this fall season, where this part of the earth prepares for winter, we notice the chipmunks and squirrels gathering food;**

**We notice birds flying south for warmth and food;**

**We notice the coats of the deer and horses are thickening as protection from winter weather, we notice country folk laying up wood for winter warmth and preserving the harvest for winter sustenance.**

**For each, quiet prayer are lifted to you**

**That it will be enough for the winter.**

**Today we have come on this Thanksgiving Sunday**

**To hear words of life-giving inspiration,**

**To open our hearts to the Holy Spirit's message**

**That gives us hope, and joy, and refreshment.**

**All of this reminds us that you are enough!**

**We love you. We are in awe of you. We thank you**

**For all your goodness and your hand upon our lives.**

**Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN – *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

VU 570

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Margaret Duff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 111

VU 833

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19

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

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

★ HYMN – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

VU 663

SERMON: “*Going the Extra Mile*”

ANTHEM – Fear Not, O Land

E. Elgar

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING 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 made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Reshape us, Surprising Spirit, until generosity in faith and in expectation proclaims us passionate followers of the way of Jesus.**

**May you bless what we give for radical discipleship, working in us – and despite us – to let your kingdom come. 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 - *O Day of Good, Draw Nigh*

VU 688

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE -

*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

VU 967

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

### ◆ 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: October 19 ◆

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](http://www.acousticblendcafe.com) or at the door.

### ◆ Calling all green thumbs! ◆

We have two drop in and garden events coming up!

**October 19 - 10am-12pm & October 27 - 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.

### ◆ What are YOU thankful for? ◆

This month we would like to share on social media our stories of thankfulness. If you have something you are thankful for send us a quick note or photo with a caption so we can share it online. We will only share people's first names - unless otherwise noted. We are happy to tag you in the post if you share your social media handle. You can even send us a photo of a note - anything at all! If you send us a photo with other people please ensure you have their permission to share online before sending it to us.

Thanks for your help and we can't wait to see what comes in.

### ◆ 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.

For more information contact:

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◆ A special thank you...◆

To my Melrose family: A very special thank you to all of you, first for the beautiful prayer shawl which I will treasure always. It keeps me nice and warm and is so comforting too as I continue to recover; secondly, for the lovely card with notes of well wishes. It felt so good to be back in church this past Sunday too, to help welcome Rev. Sonia, and here her excellent sermon.

Kathy Ross



**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday – October 14**

Thanksgiving Monday: Closed

**Tuesday - October 15**

<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

**Wednesday - October 16**

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
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

**Thursday - October 17**

Early ON Reg. Classes	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
R.S.D.C.S. Class	1:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
LLH Halloween Party	4:00 p.m.	Auditorium
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

**Friday - October 18**

Executive Meeting WrapAround	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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**Saturday - October 19**

WrapAround Training	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
<b>Acoustic Blend Café</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>

**Sunday – October 20**

<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>
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

**October 14: Thanksgiving Monday - Melrose Closed**

**October 16: Resource Management Committee Meeting**

**October 19: Acoustic Blend Café**

**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.*