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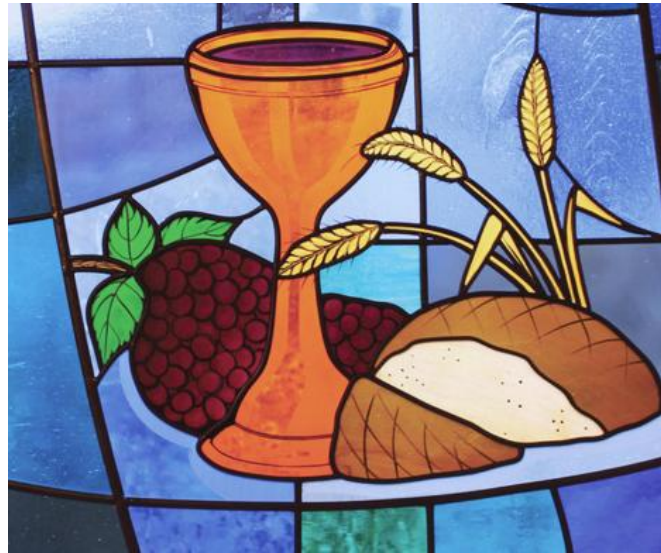
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◆ **Sunday, October 6, 2019** ◆
World Communion Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 ◆
WORLD COMMUNION 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 – *Let Us Build a House*

MV 1

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We are a people of light. We are called to bring light into all
the shadowed places of living.

**All: We light this candle, remembering that Jesus is the light of
the world.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wheat, barley, rye, oats, rice, from the four corners they
come

All: Grains of the world, cooked whole or ground into flour

One: breads of the world for people from all over the world,

**All: in abundance, God's genius of diversity is on display for
all to see.**

One: Let us celebrate this day with Christians from all over the world. We are people of God, rich in a heritage of unity and diversity.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

All: Infinite one, we gather this morning on our way from something....

On our way to something....

But *here* we stop.

We stop to rest,

To turn our attention to all that is holy.

We stop to gather in community,

Held and loved,

To break bread together.

We stop to give praise, to sing, to pray, to listen

To experience your Spirit moving among us.

Gracious God, it is good to be here.

Blessed be. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *What Can I Do?*

MV 191

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Cheryl Evans

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 137

VU 858

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2:1-4

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-10

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

All: Praise to you, Christ, our Saviour.

SERMON: *“All In...Expectations of Discipleship!”*

ANTHEM – O First-Created Beam

G.F. Handel

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

INVITATION TO OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *Now to Your Table Spread*

VU 456

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

All: Your many gifts surround us each day: from each breath we take to the bounty of our lives. Receive these gifts, which we offer with faith, so that this community may continue to be strong and so that our faith may reach out from this place in acts of peace and justice and love. We ask this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Worldwide Communion

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Eternal, and ever-present God, we join with all your people across the world to give you thanks and praise.

From your hands, we were formed and placed amongst your glorious creation,
With wisdom and grace you have nurtured our growth.

We praise you for the bountiful gifts that we receive and take for granted,

For the faithful who have gone before,

For our home, the earth, and all its blessings,

For the bread that nourishes and reminds us of the life, work and sacrifice of your son, Jesus Christ.

Together this day, we come from the four corners of the earth, in a variety of colours, languages, and cultures, yet as one people giving you praise and glory. In the name of the one who asks us to love one another, as I have loved you, I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God *is* with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: With joy we give you thanks and praise. Almighty God, Source of life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you. And so we praise you with the faithful throughout time, gathered in word and spirit with the choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

**All: Singing: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full,
full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

VU 942

One: Throughout time you have been with your people.
You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden.
You brought Noah safely through the flood to a rainbow.
You gave Moses strength to free your people and taught Miriam to sing;
You gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth;
You helped David defeat the giant and sing praises to you.

Yet, in all ages they turned away from you and forgot about you, just as we do now.
But you did not forget, you sent Jesus into the world to be born into a common life among us;

Jesus showed your love for us, he rejoiced with those who rejoiced, and wept with those who wept.

To the despairing he spoke a word of hope.

To the sick, he gave healing. To the hurting he was a friend.

Still, people turn away from you. They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross. But God lifted him from the grave and restored him to life. That he might be with us and we with him,
Alive for evermore!

A NEW CREED – Said together)

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus,

The Word made flesh,

To reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence

To live with respect in Creation,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The Words of Institution and Prayers for the Spirit

One: We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection;

We await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All Singing: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again**

VU 943

One: Send, O God your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do today that all may be touched by your loving Spirit. United, we become your witnesses and are the signs of life and love to one another and to the world.

All Singing: Amen, Amen, Amen.

VU 943

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(All are invited to share The Peace with one another)

Intercessions

One: There are many who share in this feast today in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Yet, it saddens us that there are also many who are not with us this day.

We hold those in our hearts who are ill, lonely, afraid, mistreated, victimized and desolate, and those who are abusers, power hungry and unconcerned, that all might come to know your healing spirit and immense love. We pray for all gathered, for our church, and our community. May we experience and model justice, mercy and peace in the name of our living Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in this manner...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

The Sharing of the Elements (by Intinction – bread and juice/wine– bread is dipped in the cup) All are welcome at this table, this is not yours or mine, this is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

One: Jesus said: I am the bread of life,

All: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.

One: Jesus said: I am the true vine,

All: Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

One: These are the gifts of God

All: for the people of God.

(elements are served)

Communion Music: Here, at Thine Altar, Lord

A. Rowley

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

All: Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform and enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving.

May your presence among us provoke a longing to be in constant communion with you. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the Streets, into our homes, our places of labour and leisure, and whether we are gathered or scattered, may we be the servant church of the servant Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *You Servants of God*

VU 342

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

◆ **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 - Denise and Phil Farrauto and Patti Varey.

◆ **Special Visit from Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre** ◆

Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre will be here both before and after worship **TODAY 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.

◆ **A special thank you...** ◆

Thanks to all the fabulous cookie makers at Melrose!! There were soo many cookies for Wesley Urban Ministries! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare/set up the meal, serve the meal and clean up the dishes and kitchen. It was a wonderful two hours of intense work but well appreciated by all the diners!

◆ **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!

◆ **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.



OCTOBER 9TH 6:15PM

Women In Touch Potluck
bring a dish to share and join us
for fellowship and a guest
speaker

special guest
Deborah Mensah from Save the Mothers

**“THIS IS NOT A WOMAN’S
ISSUE. THIS IS A
DEVELOPMENT ISSUE.”**

- www.savethemothers.org

◆ **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 or at the door.

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 7: Melrose Official Board Meeting

October 9: WIT Dinner

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 arrabge for printing any of advertising you need for church run events.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – October 7

Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Melrose Official Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Tuesday - October 8

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley

Wednesday - October 9

Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Mindfulness Group	5:00 p.m.	Auditorium
WIT Dinner	6:15 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room

Thursday - October 10

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 11

Saturday - October 12

Mindful Retreat	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Private Rental	4:00 p.m.	Parlour
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Sunday – October 13

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

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