

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ Sunday, November 18, 2018 ◆

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 ◆  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – The Gate of the Year

Butler

\* OPENING HYMN – *Maker in Whom We Live*

VU 321

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ candle is lit.

We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's Spirit.

**All: For the light of Christ within us and around us,  
we give God thanks!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Come worship the God who is in our midst today.**

One: There is no Holy One like our God.

**All: We prepare to listen and learn  
with open hearts and open minds.**

One: There is no Source of knowledge like our God.

**All: We trust that righteousness will come  
on the heels of God's judgment.**

One: There is no Justice like our God.

**All: May the Son of our God lead us into faith.  
There is no Guide like our God.**

**Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)  
**Holy One, there is no God like you.**  
**In praise and thanksgiving,**  
**we come before you**  
**ready to learn of your power,**  
**ready to follow your path for our lives.**  
**Through days of jubilation as well as dejection,**  
**help us realize your influence in the world.**  
**We ask simply for ears to hear,**  
**eyes to see,**  
**and minds to comprehend**  
**the blessings you bestow. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN - *I Am a Child of God*

MV 157

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Sandra Winninger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SONG OF HANNAH - *My Soul is Filled with Joy*

VU 878

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL - 1 Samuel 1: 4-20

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL - Mark 13: 1-8

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

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

\* HYMN – *There is a Mighty Question* (Tune: VU 120, *Day of Rest*)

1. *There is a mighty question we ask when nations rage:  
Just when will be Christ's coming, the ending of the age?  
Take care, said Jesus clearly, for many will appear;  
They'll claim to be Messiah, yet people should not fear.*
  
2. *For in the days of Noah, the people went along  
In eating and in drinking, in merriment and song –  
Then suddenly the world changed with great, surprising power;  
So too will be Christ's coming, and no one knows the hour.*
  
3. *So keep awake and watchful; salvation is at hand!  
Our hope is in Christ Jesus, and by God's grace we stand.  
The night is almost over, we wait for God's new day,  
And through the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus' way.*
  
4. *Be ready in your living, for when you feed the poor,  
Or give to thirsty children the water they long for,  
And when you welcome strangers and help the ones in need,  
Christ says: "Receive my kingdom, for you are serving me."*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

SERMON: "Signs of the Times"

ANTHEM – *I Place My Trust in You* A. Vivaldi, arr. A. R. Petker

◆ **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 by all)

**Today, O God,  
we offer you our sacrifice  
of time, energy, and love,  
knowing full well they are mere tokens  
of the awesome faith you inspire within us.  
Accept these gifts,  
that they may continue the good work in Christ –  
in our church, in our community, and in the world.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the prayer of Jesus)

**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 God, Draw Nigh*

VU 688

COMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL BLESSING -

VU 423 Vs. 1

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again!*

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 Welcome Binder located by the Name Tag boxes which are located on the tables by the east doors on each side of the chancel steps.

## **♦ Worship Next Week ♦**

Next Sunday we will celebrate The Reign of Christ -- the last Sunday of the church year. The sermon time will focus on an important question for our time: what is truth? Of the four canonical gospels the Gospel of John offers the lengthiest description of the trial that precedes Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus is led before Pilate by a party of his accusers but the representative of imperial Rome is not particularly anxious to receive them. Pilate at first tries to lob the ball back into the High Priest's court and to have the matter settled as an internal, Jewish religious dispute. The High Priest makes it clear that the desired execution is within the jurisdiction of Pilate alone. The dialogue between Jesus and Pilate that follows is unique. It concerns both the nature of "kingship" and the meaning of truth: "I have come," Jesus says, "to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate's reply to Jesus is both incisive and cynical: "what is truth?" In an era when loud voices are calling us to heed their "truth" about who we are, who they are, and why we the world is so troubled, we find ourselves called to reflect carefully before attempting to address this important question.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Patty Varey and Cheryl Evans*

◆ **Interim Ministry Extended** ◆

As requested, Presbytery has now confirmed the extension of Rev. Philip Gardner's Interim Ministry until the end of June, 2019. Given the imminent changes within the United Church of Canada taking effect in January, the Official Board is currently clarifying with Presbytery the process to be used for conducting what was previously known as the JNAC process. We will keep the congregation updated with next steps as soon as possible. – *Cheryl Evans, Official Board Chair*

◆ **Hamilton Presbytery Update** ◆

Hamilton Presbytery met at Emmanuel United Church - the 2<sup>nd</sup> last meeting before UC Presbyteries cease to exist at the end of 2018.

1. Most of the meeting was about the Transition Commission
  - Hamilton, Niagara and Erie Presbyteries will form Region 9
  - Leading up to Jan 1, 2019, the transition will be guided by the United Church manual and leaders across Canada. Regions are sharing staff and training is ongoing. "It is vital that trust be built among regions and within each region. No decision will ever be made without a church being part of the decision making process," Christina Paradella reported.
2. Congregations will be more autonomous, and will be encouraged to network with neighbouring congregations creatively, for example , in youth ministry, music worship and other fellowship initiatives.
3. Wesley Urban Ministries ' Andrea Butters reported on the Homelessness symposium taking place in Hamilton Christmas Store packages will be out soon. Gifts can be brought to our White Gift Sunday. Teens and adults gifts are needed especially. Meals served this year to 63,460 people by Hamilton area United churches!
4. Several Order of Ministry changes were announced

5. Be sure to check out our exciting Resource centre at Emmanuel! It is bigger and better than ever! See the Resource centre's web page re- what is offered & to order books, gifts and supplies. Open Tues, Wed, Thurs. 10-2
  6. Linda Clark (Christian Development) reported on the excellent leadership in past summer day camps. Camps will not be offered in future, sadly.
  7. The final Presbytery meeting is Tues Dec 4. A celebratory farewell dinner will be served. Guests will be invited! A time of mixed emotions indeed!
  8. Please note: Restorative Justice week - Nov. 18-25.( See posting on hall bulletin board!)
- Submitted by Dianne Coons , Pres. Rep

### ◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place **November 25** and the following week **December 2nd!** Wesley Urban Ministries is looking for new toys for all ages, gifts of non perishable foods, gift cards to support the families in need in Hamilton at Christmas Time. By supporting WUM we support our own community. These items are used in the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store. For more info on the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store please see the flyers on the Wesley bulletin board.

### ◆ **Melrose United Church Cookbook!** ◆

Yes - finally a cookbook is being created! The cookbook team will be reaching out to everyone at Melrose to contribute their favourite recipes. Please start looking in your recipe files for recipes to share. There is a lot of cooking /eating history at Melrose; so bring out those memories! The Team will be handing out recipe templates in the next few weeks for everyone to write down their recipes. We hope to have the cookbook available by March 2019. This is a fundraiser for Melrose! Send recipes to [recipesformelrose@gmail.com](mailto:recipesformelrose@gmail.com).

**Please have your recipes sent to us by Dec 2018.**

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A festive poster for a breakfast event. The background is red with a white cloud-like shape at the top containing the text 'Breakfast -with- Santa!'. To the right of the cloud is a stack of pancakes. Below the cloud, the date and time 'Saturday Dec. 8th 9:00am - 11:00am' are written. The center features a black belt with a large yellow buckle and four yellow circular studs. On either side of the belt are grey plates with a white fork and knife. Below the belt, the prices are listed: 'Adults \$10', 'Children 5-10 \$7', and 'Children under 5 - \$5'. At the bottom, a green banner contains registration information: 'To register, please email Meg Chalmers by Thurs. Nov 29th at mucfamilyministries@gmail.com or visit the Church Office. Please include names and ages of all children.' Below this, it says 'ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE A GIFT FROM SANTA' next to a small illustration of a fried egg.A poster for a candlelight carol service. The background is dark with several lit candles in purple, white, and red. The text 'CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE' is at the top in large, white, sans-serif letters. Below it, in a smaller, white, serif font, is 'An Advent Tradition of Lessons and Carols'. The date and time 'DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM' are in white, sans-serif letters. At the bottom right, 'Everyone Welcome' is written in a white, cursive font.

**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR****Monday – November 19**

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	ENTIRE BUILDING
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
LeapYear Education	5:30 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room
WrapAround Networking	7:15 p.m.	Chapel

**Tuesday - November 20**

Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Ancaster U12 Soccer	6:30 p.m.	Gym
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

**Wednesday - November 21**

Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Sportball Hamilton Classes	10:00 a.m.	Gym
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Mindful Communication	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:00 p.m.	Gym

**Thursday - November 22**

Parent Child Mother Goose	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
RSDCS Dancing Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

**Friday – November 23**

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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**Saturday - November 24**

<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour, Kitchen</b>
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

**Sunday – November 25**

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Duet Club of Hamilton Concert	2:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Auditorium

