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◆ Sunday, September 16, 2018 ◆
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Creation II • Rally Sunday

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT

VU 336, V. 1

* OPENING HYMN – *Let All Things Now Living*

VU 242

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

One: Look at the heavens!

All: They are shouting the glory of God.

One: The days and the nights declare the magnificence
of God's creative works.

**All: Their voice goes through all the earth
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

One: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

All: Our God, our rock, our redeemer!

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**All: You who created the earth and the air;
You who designed the sky and the sea;
You who spoke and everything was made;
You have called us to be your people,
and beckoned us here
and set a holy longing in our hearts
for a world where peace and justice are done
and creation is cared for in love.
We worship you, in Spirit and in Truth. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Called by Earth and Sky*

MV 135

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Eric Windhorst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 19

VU 749 (Refrain 2)

EPISTLE – James 3: 1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – Mark 8: 27-38

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN – *Teach Me, God, to Wonder*

VU 299

SERMON: “Better than Gold”

ANTHEM – Praise

A. Rowley

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

- * OFFERTORY HYMN – *Praise to God*
*Thanks to God, thanks to God,
for the gift of friends in Christ,
for the church, our house of faith,
for the gift of wondrous love,
for the gift of endless grace.
Thanks to God, thanks to God,
now and for evermore.*

VU 243 Verse 2

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**With all that we have,
with all that we are,
we come to you,
God Most Holy--
knowing that all of it
is blessed by your love!
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.**

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.

♦ Melrose Events ♦

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

Next week we will continue to extend a "welcome back" to our children and young people by focusing on a biblical passage (Mark 9: 30-37) where a child is offered up as a model of proper discipleship. The contrast here is with the disciples who, consistently in Mark's gospel, have proven to be a bunch of knuckleheads so busily engaged in their own internal power struggles that they just don't get it. What they particularly don't get

is Jesus' prediction that he will be killed but will rise again. Part of the disciples' lack of understanding results from their unwillingness to admit that they are confused by this important prognostication. Here and elsewhere in Mark they refuse (unlike children) to ask Jesus the necessary questions. Instead, they rely on bluff and bravado. Sound familiar?

◆ **Locke Street Update** ◆

AMAZING! The Locke street festival jam sale raised \$2006.50! Thanks to all the folk who made jam throughout the year, worked in the jamming parties, set up, sold and took down the booth. It takes a great group effort to make an event as successful as this has been. People who attend the festival specifically come looking for Melrose jams!!! This is amazing, and truly tells about the quality of products made. Fantastic work everyone!

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



◆ **Wesley Urban Ministries Dinner** ◆

Melrose's hosting date is coming up fast! If you can volunteer on Sunday, September 30 please let Gwyn X. know. **Eight** volunteers are needed to make the dinner a success. Last year we did NOT have enough folk to prepare and serve dinner. Please consider volunteering 3 hours of your time on Sunday Oct 30 from 2pm-5pm .

We also need donations of chocolate chip cookies. Please drop these off in the kitchen on Sept 30th.

◆ **Assistance needed...** ◆

A local family who is being assisted by WrapAround is having a housing emergency and requires a place to live. They are open to short term or long term solutions. If you know of a rental or can assist in any way please contact Libby.

◆ **Staffing Update** ◆

We welcome Kevin Geluch as our full time custodian effective September 4 2018. Al Ritcey and Chris Palmer continue to work several custodial shifts a week. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff.

M and P Committee

◆ **Requested Extension of Interim Ministry** ◆

As you know, the Transition Team formally requested an extension of the Interim Ministry period in order to complete its work. As an update, the Official Board followed up with the congregation and then advised Presbytery of this request. This process is currently in progress at Presbytery and requires final approval, however we anticipate that this request will be granted, and that Rev.

Gardner's Interim Ministry with Melrose will be extended until the end of June, 2019. Once final approval is received, I will ensure that is communicated, but the Board wanted to ensure that the congregation is updated with the most recent information available to us.

Cheryl Evans

Chair, Official Board



UPCOMING DATES :

Prayer Shawl Ministry

9:30am in the parlour

Sept. 29, Oct 27, Nov. 24

WIT Potluck

6:30pm in the parlour

Oct 10, Dec. 12

Acoustic Blend Cafe

7:00pm in the auditorium

Oct. 13, Nov. 13

Mistletoe Bazaar

9:30am-2pm

Nov. 17

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – September 17

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	Entire Building
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room
WrapAround Networking	7:15 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday - September 18

Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Yoga	7:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Wednesday - September 19

Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
HPL Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
RSDCS Event	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Thursday - September 20

RSDCS Dancing Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday – September 21

Executive Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
WrapAround		
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot

Saturday - September 22

Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
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Sunday – September 23

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary

