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◆ Sunday, November 4, 2018 ◆
All-Saints Sunday - Communion

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - COMMUNION

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

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour after worship ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT --*Call to Worship*

D. Grotenhuis

* OPENING HYMN - *For All the Saints*

VU 705

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: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

All: Death has no dominion over them.

One: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

One: For all the saints who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who live beside us,
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

All: we praise you, O God.
One: For all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change,
to change ourselves and to change the world with them,
All: we praise you, O God.
One: Let your holy, healing energy move among us, God.
All: Draw us into the great circle of witnesses whom we call
with compassion, and to act with courage.
Remind us that you see, in us, the possibility for renewed
life, and that you take what we offer to You,
and by Your love, make it enough. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS**◆

★ HYMN – *When the Saints Go Marching In*

*Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in*

*And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine*

*Oh when we march around the throne
Oh when we march around the throne
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When we march around the throne*

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

One: So many people have gone before us at this church.

All: They enjoyed the times when the church grew and celebrated God's Good News!

One: They mourned during the times when there was strife within and outside the walls of the church.

All: But they remained steadfast, remembering that God was with them in all that they did.

One: Thank you God, for giving us such a multitude of faithful disciples.

**All: Following their example, Lord, help us also to be faithful to the work you have placed before us.
Amen.**

candle lit in memory of Sylvia Vanderby

Refrain:

*Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in*

◆SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Joanne Hannaford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 5: 1-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6: 20-31

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY - "Worthy!"

ANTHEM - *Who Shall Abide*

W. L. Pelz

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

VU 473

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Generous Giver of all that we need,
accept these gifts:**

**the work of our hands,
simple bread, ordinary wine.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, your holy child,
who sets the table for all people –
a table of rich food and abundant joy. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering in the Circle of the Saints
Communion

The Invitation to Communion

One: In the name of the One who said,

"I am the bread of life,"

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said, "I am the true vine,"

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,

"Love one another, as I have loved you,"

I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe
we praise you for saints and martyrs,
for the faithful in every age
who have followed your Son
and witnessed to his resurrection.
From every race and tongue
from every people and nation
you have gathered them into your realm.
You have shown them the path of life
and filled them with the joy of your presence.
How glorious is your realm
where the multitude of your saints rejoices with Christ!

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: (singing) *O holy, holy holy God
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
Bear witness to your grace.***

MV 203

*Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
Creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
And bears your name always!*

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
Sent to be our Saviour,
he took our flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
His words are true.
His touch brings healing.
To all who follow him,
he gives abundant life.
When evil sought to destroy him,
and he lay in the darkness of death,
you raised him from the grave.
He is our risen Lord forever!

All: *(Singing) Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, MV 204
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!*

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Spirit

One: So it is we gather in praise and thanksgiving at this time.
We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he
took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he gave it to
them saying: "Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me." Then he took the
cup and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends saying:
"Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise
of God made in my blood. Whenever you drink it,
remember me."

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ,
and with all who are joined in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Number us among your saints, O God,
and join us with the faithful of every age.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully.

All: (singing) *Amen, amen, O Holy One!*
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen!

MV 205

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you**

Intercessions

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain, all who are ill or alone. We pray for all whose who suffer loss through natural disaster or human wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear and anxiety. We pray for ourselves and for our church that we may always strive for justice, mercy and peace in the name of the one who taught us to pray together, singing (VU#959)... *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily*

bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread of life shared with you.

The cup of the New Covenant shared with you.

Come, for the meal is ready!

*(our communion today will be received by intinction. If you are able, please come forward up the centre aisle. Pick up a piece of bread from the tray, dip it in the cup and **consume it immediately**, returning to your seats via the side aisles. The **lighter coloured** chalices contain **grape juice**, the **smaller dark green** chalices contain **wine**. If you are unable to come forward, the servers will gladly come and serve you in the pew. Please help them to locate you.)*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

One: Gracious God, we praise, worship and adore you for the food received at your table. You have sent Your Holy Spirit among us to make our eating and drinking here a true remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We go from here strengthened, refreshed and empowered by your Spirit to make our living and working, our loving and doing and thinking a joyful remembrance of him.

We look to that day when, with the great company of witnesses that surround us,

we may eat and drink and be glad in him in the glory of your realm.

This we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN – *Go Forth with God*

VU 218

* COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

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 (which marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War) our beautiful memorial transept will orient our worship experience as, in word and splendid music, we remember and honour those from our Melrose community and its predecessor congregations (Charlton Avenue Methodist, St. James Presbyterian) who gave their lives in two great wars of the twentieth century. We will also pray for peace in our own time. One of the great strengths of the Melrose community is its accomplished lay leadership. Once again, we are delighted to welcome Ted Lowrey to the lectern. Ted will share the interesting story of a Hamilton soldier, Private Alex Johnston. Ken Holden will also reflect on his own extensive research to make sure that lives lost in the horrific battles of "The Great War" are not forgotten.

♦ Thank you... ♦

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



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

◆ **Remembrance Day at Melrose 2018** ◆

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. In preparation for remembering members of the founding churches of Melrose who served, I am also researching other family ancestors of those who have joined Melrose since that time.

I would like to hear from anyone who had a family ancestor who served in WW1. This may have been your grandfather or great grandfather. I would like to be able to include their story in my research. A great deal of information has recently become available in the national archives and I would like to assist those who are interested in learning more. The focus this year will be on WW1 but I can also provide help with information on other years of service. I can be reached at kholden2627@gmail.com or at 905-524-5724. - Ken Holden

◆ **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.



Christmas Candy Making

Sunday December 9, 2018 - 12:30-3:30 p.m.

At Candiwerx
560 Concession Street, Hamilton
905-920-8937

Come learn how to make chocolates,
decorate, package and take home your results.

\$40.00 per person
includes a lunch and soft drinks (tea, espresso etc.)
They are also licensed for other drinks.

Space is limited and we will book on a first come basis.
Just in time for a special gift to someone or yourself.

Please reply to Jeff Ogino
jeffricho55@hotmail.com or 289-683-9176

Please join us for a fun time.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 5

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
Melrose Official Board	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Tuesday - November 6

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 7

Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
HPL Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Sportball Hamilton Classes	10:00 a.m.	Gym
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Duet Club Exec. Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	5:15 p.m.	Sanctuary
Mindful Communication	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	6:30 p.m.	Gym
Resource Management Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Thursday - November 8

Parent Child Mother Goose	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
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
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday – November 9

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

Acoustic Blend Cafe	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen
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Sunday – November 11

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel