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◆ November 13, 2016 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Remembrance Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, November 13, 2016 ◆

Remembrance Sunday

* 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 – *Admoramus*

Q. Gasparini

INTROIT – *Lamentations*

B. Solomons

* OPENING HYMN – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

VU 806

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ's light shines in the darkness.

All: The darkness cannot overcome it.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

**All: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**

One: This I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

**All: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.**

One: What does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL WREATHS

Piper: Phil Farrauto

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

One: We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together live In freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all who in bereavement, disability
and pain continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and
sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and in conflicts past
and present, have been given and taken away.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

An older person says:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them

SOLO – *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*
Chris Palmer, Baritone

R. Vaughan Williams

THE LAST POST

LAMENT

SILENCE (A minute of silence will be observed to stand, remember,
honour, hope and pray for peace in our broken world)

REVEILLE

★ THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

VU 524

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!
from far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Ted Lowrey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 6: 1-14

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION STORY: “One Sahib, one fish”

ANTHEM – *In Flanders Fields*

E. Daley

LETTERS FROM GEORGE STREET – adapted by Ted Lowrey
with *Ted Lowrey* as “Jack” & *Patti Varey* as “Mary”

★ HYMN – *I Vow to Thee My Country*

1. *I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*
2. *And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know; we
may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.*

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ HYMN – *Creator God You Gave Us Life*

MV 27 Verse 3

*When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share your gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God.
Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**We lift up these gifts to you, O God,
as symbols of our commitment to the ministry
of peace with justice in our world.
We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible.
We know that your love can work through us, O God.
We offer these gifts for the transformation of ourselves
and our world for the good of all. Amen.**

LITANY FOR PEACE

One: Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace

All: God give peace

One: For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.
May God give peace.

All: God give peace.

One: O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the
past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the
source of life and hope, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Who Would True Valour See*

John Bunyan, *A Pilgrim's Process*

1. *Who would true valour see, let him come hither:*

*here's one will constant be,
come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.*

2. *Whoso beset him round with dismal stories*

*do but themselves confound:
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right
to be a pilgrim.*

3. *Since, Lord, thou dost defend him with thy Spirit,*

*he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away!
I'll fear not what men say,
but labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.*

★ COMMISSIONING -- "A Padre's Prayer"

Read by Ted Lowrey

★ BLESSING

*When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
walk with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE

Piper: Phil Farrauto

◆ **Melrose Events** ◆

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday is a very busy Sunday at Melrose. As we celebrate the Reign of Christ, we will also observe Anniversary Sunday and through the Sacrament of Baptism formally welcome to our church family Connor Lloyd Rankin, son of Aric and Michelle. What better way could there be to celebrate a Melrose anniversary? The sermon time will focus on a brief reading from the Book of Colossians (Col 1: 1-11). This passage contains a beautiful hymn honouring Christ and the outlining the resources that we have available to us through him. All things are or will be brought under his supremacy, and we need fear nothing because we are part of the kin(g)dom; we are already guaranteed an inheritance. The hymn celebrates Christ in ways that invite others to meet him. It reminds us that because of the cross, we can live in great confidence and joy that all the things that are so wrong will be made right and that Christ has already begun putting all things right. By inviting us into his realm, we are partners and co-inheritors of all things made right, and so we should work for justice and the righting of wrongs; we should work for peace and reconciliation. We do these things because we know that all of this will be done in Christ. In this time of renewed trouble and uncertainty this great hymn reminds us, as Mother Julian of Norwich affirmed, in the fullness of God's time, "All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

◆ **Stamps Wanted!!!** ◆

Please save all your postage stamps. Hand them to Gwyneth or the church office. We mail them to the leprosy mission of Canada to raise funds for leprosy treatment.

◆ **Thank You...** ◆

...to our November coffee hosts, Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey.



◆ **Men's Breakfast** ◆

Saturday November 19 @ 9:30am - If you are still hungry after Thanksgiving consider the Really Fantastic Men's Breakfast. \$10 per adult. Come for food and fellowship!

◆ **Upcoming Programming** ◆

Thursdays are for fun: Every Thursday from 6-7 pm join us for 30 minutes of fun games in the gym followed by 30 minutes of singing with Alex. All ages welcome - but parental accompaniment is required for those under age six.

Sunday School: Plan to join us each Sunday as we learn all about the Superheroes of the Bible! All ages welcome, nursery facilities available.

TGIF: Plan to join us for a wonderful evening of decorating the Christmas tree for the Sanctuary, singing Christmas carols, fellowship and fun. November 25th @ 6:30p.m. Potluck dinner.

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place on **November 26** and **December 3rd!** 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. Please consider purchasing items throughout November and bring them to church Nov 26 or Dec 3. Melrose supports Wesley Urban Ministries! By supporting WUM we support our own community.

◆ **Donation Envelopes** ◆

It's almost time again for the distribution of 2017 donation envelopes! If you have not been receiving these on a yearly basis, but would like to start, please contact the office. We would be happy to set a box aside just for you.

As well, don't forget that the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittal) option of donation is a wonderful way of sharing with Melrose. Your monthly donation (with amount(s) as prescribed by you) is conveniently and automatically taken from your bank account once a month. You may start, change, or cancel this donation at any time by contacting the office.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe Coming Soon!** ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe will be **re-opening** with a Christmas theme on **December 1!** Please stop in to browse for Christmas goodies, stocking stuffers, hostess gifts and decorations. All proceeds will be put towards Melrose roof repairs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

◆ **Santa's Breakfast** ◆



It's official - Santa is coming! Plan to attend **December 3 @ 9am**. Come for great eats, fellowship and Santa is bringing a gift for every child that attends. Tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 5-10 and \$3 per child under 5. Last year over 60 people attended so get your tickets early! For more information ask Gwyn or Michelle.

◆ **Brr!!! Hat and Mitten Drive** ◆

It's that time of year! The weather is getting colder and we're pulling out our hats, mittens and scarves. Many of the children at Lake Avenue School need these necessary items. Many of the children in need are Syrian Refugees who arrived when the weather was warmer. The school has a clothing room for students who need items. The Social Justice Committee is asking for your help in collecting warm hats, mittens/gloves and scarves to stock up the school's clothing room. All sizes welcome. Donations can be placed in labelled box in auditorium. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

◆ **Cookies & Christmas: A Melrose Tradition!** ◆



The Mistletoe Bazaar's Cookie Walk needs sweet donations of a dozen (or two) of your favourite homemade cookies. Please include a list of ingredients so that we can alert shoppers with allergies.

Questions? Contact Shari: shari_egypt@yahoo.com.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of



Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also

located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – November 14		
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Chapel
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Tuesday – November 15		
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Wednesday – November 16		
Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Melrose Official Board	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Thursday – November 17		
Early Years – Mother Goose Step 1	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years – Mother Goose Family	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Thursdays are for Fun!	6:00 p.m.	Gym
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Friday – November 18		
OnCourse Tutoring	TBA	Gym, Auditorium
Bach Elgar Dress Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary, Aud.
Saturday – November 19		
Melrose Men's Breakfast	9:30 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Bach Elgar Concert	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary, Auditorium, Kitchen
Sunday – November 20		
Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Baby Shower	1:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen