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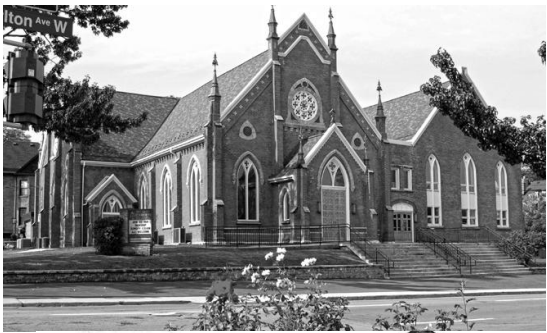
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◆ 19 November, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Anniversary Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ November 19, 2017 ◆

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ANNIVERSARY 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 — *Prière*

Pierre de Bréville

INTROIT — *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

J.D. Bower

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with all thy quickening powers,
Kindle a flame of sacred love, in these cold hearts of ours.*

* OPENING HYMN — *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

VU 325

* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: It is in the glow of the Christ Light that we gather.

All: It is in the glow of the Christ Light that we find home.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to remember our history.

All: God calls us to act for the sake of our future.

One: God calls us to dream new dreams.

All: God calls us to forge new adventures.

One: God calls us to love and to serve.

All: God calls us to be Christ's disciples.

One: May we hear God's call and follow.

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God, we give you thanks and praise

for all the wonders you have done.

We praise you for your creative, eternal providence
in time before human history,

and we remember the Iroquois people,
the first to receive your blessings in this place.

We praise you for the gift of Jesus Christ
and we rejoice that the Good News was made known
in the lives and on the lips of those who formed
and built this congregation.

We praise you for the power of the Holy Spirit,
which has infused the Melrose community for 92 years
and we give you glory for lives transformed by your grace
and for community cherished and extended in your name.

Nourish us, we pray, so that we, too, may bear much fruit,
proclaiming our faith in you, and our love for the world. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *We Have This Ministry*

VU 510

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **ACT OF COVENANTING** ◆

Covenanting Liturgy

Melrose United Church

with

Margaret Chalmers, Family Ministries Co-ordinator

One: There are different gifts,

All: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways of serving,

All: but it is the same God who is served.

One: God works through different people in different ways,

**All: but it is the same God who achieves
holy purposes through them all.**

One: The Spirit gives each one gifts,

All: to use for the common good.

Presentation of Meg Chalmers

Gwyn X: On behalf of the Christian Development Committee,
I present Meg Chalmers who has answered the call of Melrose
United Church to be its Co-ordinator of Family Ministries.

Statement of Purpose

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ,
each of us is called by God to ministry,
and called to offer gifts as we are able.
Today we recognize Meg Chalmers
who has heard God's call to serve:
teaching and supporting the work of teaching,
and nurturing among us a spirit of community
are ministries of Christ among us.
Those called to such ministries
need our prayers and faithful support.

Meg, you have heard God's call,
will you seek to develop your gifts
within this community of faith?
Will you love and care for our children, youth and families?
Will you take seriously your own role as learning,
studying the scriptures and teachings of our faith?

**Meg: Yes, I will by the grace of God,
trusting in the Spirit and in God's promises
to support and guide me,
cherishing the faith and spiritual well-being**

**of our families,
and relying upon this congregation
to uphold me in my ministry.**

To Learners:

One: Students of all ages,
as disciples of Jesus,
will you do your best to learn together?
Will you do your part
to help Meg and the rest of us
to make this church a place where all people learn and grow?

Learners: Yes, we will.

Presentation of Symbols

A Learner: Meg, we offer this cross, book and bowl as
symbols of our Melrose identity,
and to inspire and encourage you
in your work and play among us.

Hebrew Benediction (sung - VU 965)

*All: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee,
the Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace. Amen.*

Congregational Pledge:

**All: We remember the promises made at baptism,
to provide Christian nurture and example for all
as well as a a loving community
where learning and growth will take place.
We pledge to journey with Meg and with our children and**

youth. **United in the Spirit, we are one Body of Christ.**

Prayer

One: Loving God, in Christ you show us
the way of truth, grace, justice, and love.
Guide us in that way.
Knowing that you are in our midst,
We pray this morning for Meg Chalmers.
Send your Spirit to be with her,
that she may bless the ministry of this congregation
and, in turn, that her ministry be a blessing to her.
We pledge our support,
for the ministries of education
and community building in this place. Amen.

Declaration

**All: As the people of Melrose United Church,
we welcome Meg and rejoice in her gifts.
We recognize and affirm her ministry in our midst.
Thanks be to God! Amen!**

◆SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Sandra Winninger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Judges 4: 1-7

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “Called Out Not Left Out”

ANTHEM – *Praise the Lord*

E. Fissinger

Praise the Lord, all ye servants,

O praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth evermore.

From the rising to the setting of the sun, the Lord's name is to be praised.

He is above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

All: O God, you give us life;

you are the source of every blessing.

these offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you.

use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love, and

let all we say and do be to your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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 – *The Church's One Foundation*

VU 332

* COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

◆ CHORAL BENEDICTION – *Go Now in Peace*

Besig/Price

*Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*

POSTLUDE – *Children Go Where I Send Thee*

arr. B. Edstrom

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next Sunday we will celebrate The Reign of Christ -- the last Sunday of the church year. The sermon time will examine a complex biblical passage near the end of Matthew's gospel which offers the last of four consecutive judgment parables, a parable that has informed much of the social gospel movement. It divides goats from sheep for all eternity: goats to eternal punishment and sheep to eternal life. The parable divides sheep from goats according to whether they have fed the hungry, provided drink for the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked,

tended to the sick, and visited the prisoner. Through the ages these words or judgment have often been difficult to hear, we should nevertheless remember that Matthew's Jesus does not instruct disciples that they should become the salt of the earth or the light of the world; he tells them they are such. Likewise, Jesus does not command his followers to hunger and thirst for justice, pursue peace, and so forth; he blesses those who do (5:1-16). In other words, judgment simply brings out a reality that has been present all along.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

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



◆ **Special Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to all who helped contributed to the planning and execution of the Mistletoe Bazaar. Thank you to all who joined us. Leftover goodies will be for sale in the auditorium after church today. Stay tuned for a more detailed announcement next week.

◆ **A special Welcome!** ◆

A huge welcome goes out to Melrose's newest member who arrived to happy parents on November 2 2017. Willamena is the daughter of James Young and Patricia Nip. Welcome into the Melrose family sweet Willamena.

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place NEXT WEEK **November 26** and the following week **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. 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.

◆ **Family Ministries Events** ◆

Breakfast with Santa December 9th – Tickets on sale now!

Tickets are now on sale for our Breakfast with Santa event. The last day to purchase tickets is November 30th

Advent TGIF November 24th

Our next TGIF event will be Friday November 24th. The evening will include a potluck dinner and some Christmas inspired activities for the kids.

◆ Upcoming Advent and Christmas events... ◆

Do you know someone who may enjoy coming to one of our Advent or Christmas services or events? Stop by the office or contact Michelle for copies our Advent flyer.

◆ Melrose Men's Breakfast Fundraising ◆

Over the past year those who met for Men's Breakfast have raised \$410.00 for Wesley Urban Ministries. During our last service dinner it was discovered that Wesley was short on trays to serve food on for those who were attending. The social justice committee at Melrose has contributed an additional \$100 so that Wesley is able to purchase approx. 40 new serving trays! Wesley Urban Ministries sends huge thanks. Way to go Men's Breakfast!

◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry ◆

Join us on Saturday November 25th @ 9:30 in the church parlour. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns are provided. Coffee, tea and a light snack provided too!

◆ Help Wanted! ◆

After the Candlelight Carol Service on **December 3rd**, we will be holding a reception. If you can contribute a few Christmas Cookies, please leave them in the kitchen, clearly labelled for the Candlelight Carol Service. Also, please consider volunteering to help set up or clean up afterwards. Speak to Kathy Ross for more information about this event.

◆ Melrose Corner Shoppe... ◆

Stop in and check out all kinds of goodies. Shoppe is stocked regularly throughout the week as items are sold. There are always used and new treasures available! All proceeds go to stained glass window repairs.

◆ **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.

◆ **Presbytery Notes from Dianne** ◆

- * Hamilton Presbytery meeting opened with worship and the sharing of stories.
- * Barton Stone/ Mount Hope United churches joined in June. Members of each church shared their unique viewpoints of their amalgamation
- * Summer Day camp: Rev Laurie White is retiring from her role involving summer camp. Plans are in place for future camps. Stay tuned for more info.
- * A wonderful presentation about the 500 United Church young people from across Canada at 'Rendezvous Vous' in Montreal in the summer. The dominant theme was ' We need your beautiful voice and courage. Do something and show us what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ in this day & age. Use your voice. Ignore voices of cynicism.'
- *Resource Centre: New home at Emmanuel United Church on Upper Ottawa St. Hours: Tues.- Thursday 10 - 2. Invitation to all to attend a book signing "And She Said" - Sat Dec. 2 by Betty Radford Turcotte - see poster in hall for more info.
- * Education & Students- Andrew McPherson was warmly welcomed as a candidate for the ministry, and shared his experience.

* Finance: David Dawson reported that Presbytery funds will be allocated in the upcoming year, resulting in churches not being assigned their annual congregational dues.

* Wesley Urban Ministries- it's Christmas Store time again. See announcement above and poster in hall.

* Next Presbytery meeting Remit 6 will be discussed and voted on.

*Restorative Justice week Nov. 19-26- very vital work being offered and supported by Hamilton Presbytery. Please go to for more information:

www.thehealingoasis.org

Submitted by Dianne Coons, Melrose Presbytery rep.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 20

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym Parlour
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
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Tuesday - November 21

Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - November 22

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
WrapAround Event	7:15 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - November 23

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
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Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	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
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

Friday – November 24

WrapAround Executive Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Chapel
TGIF - Advent	6:00 p.m.	Aud., Kitchen, Parlour

Saturday - November 25

Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Kitchen, Parlour
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Sunday – November 26

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Duet Club of Hamilton Concert	2:30 p.m.	Sanctuary