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◆ 4 June, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Pentecost

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
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◆ Sunday, June 4th, 2017 ◆
PENTECOST

* 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 – *Impromptu in G-flat* (exposition) F. Schubert

INTROIT – *Whitsunday Introit* H. Willan

* OPENING HYMN – *Filled with the Spirit's Power* VU 194

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ-light shines for all people.

**All: The light of Christ shines in us.
Thanks be to God!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.

All: Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God. Alleluia!

One: With tongues of fire, the Spirit kindles the apostle's zeal.

All: They declare in new tongues the wonderful works of God.

One: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

All: And blessed be God's kin(g)dom now and forever.

One: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

**All: Fill the hearts of your faithful people with your love.
Alleluia!**

PRAYER

**Amazing God, you call us today,
just as you called the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.
You challenge and support us,**

revealing the brokenness of our communities;
giving us the peace that our world needs.
You point us to the pain of the cross,
and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection.
Transform us, O God, through the power of your
Holy Spirit.
Help us breathe deeply
of the Breath of Life.
Blow through our worship
and change our lives forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN – *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

◆ **WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS** ◆

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

One: The church is a community of people with varied gifts,
united by the Holy Spirit.

We gather to celebrate God's presence,
to discern God's truth,
and to follow the way of Jesus.

By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church.

We exercise this membership
in the denomination to which we belong,
which for us is the United Church of Canada,
and within the context of a local community of faith.

We are now to welcome into this congregation
two who are already members
of the church of Jesus Christ.

Margaret Duff:

On behalf of the Melrose congregation
I present Barbara Bloemhof and Claire Van Alostyne
whom we welcome into the membership
of this community of faith.

One: Barbara and Claire, will you join with us
as together we celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation,
love and serve others,
seek justice and resist evil?

We will, with God's help.

(the congregation stands)

One: Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to Barbara and Claire our support and care.

**All: As your sisters and brothers in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

One: Together, let us profess our faith:

All: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. *(the congregation is seated)*

One: In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome you both to the privileges and responsibilities
of membership in this congregation.
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.
Let us pray:
God of mercy and love,
you welcome all who turn to you,
and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.
Grant that Claire and Barb may grow
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
Equip them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,
and fill them with faith in Jesus Christ
and with love for all your people
in the service of your realm of Shalom.

All: Amen.

One: Go out into the world in the power of the Spirit.
Pursue justice, faith, love, patience, and humility,
for to this you are called.

All: Amen.

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Jim Kraemer

PRAYER FOR ILLIMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 1-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 7: 37-39

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY - "Sounds of Silence"

ANTHEM - *Come, Holy Spirit*

N. Telfer

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *Come Down, O Love Divine*

VU 367

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Pentecost God,
take our hearts and set them on fire.
Take our lives and transform them.
Take our church and resurrect it
with your life-giving Spirit.
Take our gifts and use them
for the fulfillment of your vision
of peace and unity. Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY 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 this Pentecost feast.
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 all to the family 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.

With your spirit within him he resisted temptation;
he proclaimed justice to all peoples,
good news to the poor, release to the captives,
sight for the blind and liberty for those who are
oppressed. Obedient to your will he gave himself
over to death.

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Spirit

One: On that never-to-be-forgotten night, the night before
he died, he took bread and after he gave you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his friends saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given to you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks.
He gave the cup to his friends, saying, drink this, all of you;
This is the blood of the New Covenant
which is shed for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

On that never-to-be-forgotten day, when you
raised him from the dead, he was recognized
by the disciples in the breaking of bread
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your people have
continued in the breaking of the bread and in prayer.
When we eat this bread and drink from this cup
we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus
Christ and look forward to his coming in final victory.

All (singing): *Christ has died.*

VU 939

Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: Remembering his death and resurrection, his ascension
and his promise to be always with us, we pray that you

will send the power of your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, blessing this sharing of bread and wine, Christ's life in us. Send your witnesses into all lands, empowered by your holy Spirit. May we be the body of Christ: light, life and love in our world.

All (singing): *Amen, amen, amen.*

VU 939

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(all are invited to share The Peace with one another)

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 saying: : *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.*

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The body that we break

All: is a sharing in the body of Christ

One: The cup we take

All: is a sharing of the New Covenant

One: The gifts of God

All: for the people of God.

*(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.)*

Communion Anthem: *Come in Love and Adoration* H. Bruckner

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 a living remembrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We go from here, strengthened, refreshed and empowered by your Spirit to make our living and working, our loving and doing and thinking, a true and joyful memorial of him. We look forward to the day when, with the great company of witnesses around us, we may eat and drink and be glad with him in the glory of your realm of Shalom.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Through Christ,
all glory and honour are yours, Holy God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *On Pentecost They Gathered* VU 195

★ BLESSING

★ CHORAL RESPONSE – VU 974
Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!

POSTLUDE – *Impromptu in G-flat* (recapitulation) F. Schubert

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday we will enjoy one of the highlights of our worship year, the annual Melrose Church Picnic to be held this year at the **Dundas Driving Park in Pavilion 2/3** beginning with worship at 10:30 led by Michelle Millson and Alex Cann. Bring a lawn chair, something to share for our picnic meal and your best singing voices for intergenerational worship and a fun celebration. So far, The Weather Network is forecasting sunny and 23 degrees -- perfect picnic weather!

◆ **Minister's Study Leave** ◆

Dr Gardner will be on study leave from June 5-11th. He will be back in the office on Monday, June 12th. If there is a need for urgent pastoral care, the Rev. Alison Nicholson can be reached at 905-634-5562.

◆ **Still Needed** ◆

250 ml Mason or Bernardin jam jars are still needed for the beginning of the Melrose jamming season. Please drop off any unwanted jars to the kitchen.

◆ **Spring Cleaning with the SJC** ◆

The Social Justice Committee can always find a good home for those little samples of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. that hotels and dentists like to share. Please drop off any unopened personal hygiene products in the Helping Hands blue bin, located in the auditorium.

◆ **Melrose Church Picnic**◆

The Melrose Church Picnic will be taking place **NEXT June 11 @ Dundas Driving Park in Pavilion 2/3**. We will be having an informal service outside in the park followed by a picnic lunch. All are welcome! Invite your friends and families.

Please bring a lawn chair, splash pad swimming supplies, your own beverages and a potluck dish to share. Rain or Shine.

◆ **Jump for Joy in June!** ◆

Check out the **Melrose Corner Shoppe** for summer fun and stock up on summer reading at bargain prices! All proceeds to stained glass window repairs.

◆ **Women in Touch – WIT – Wed. June 14** ◆

The WIT potluck dinner will be held in the parlour beginning at **6:30pm**. Our guest for the evening is **Marion Sewell-Sneyd**. She will share with us her experiences as a volunteer with **Child Haven International**. Check out: www.childhaven.ca. Please join us to share food, fun and fellowship.

◆ **Child and Youth Notes** ◆

Please note there is **no Thursday night programming again until September**. The final Sunday School lesson for the school year will be June 4th.

◆ **Bible Study** ◆

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will be taking a break for the summer and will resume again in October. Watch the bulletin for details.

◆ **Financial Update** ◆

During the first four months of 2017, donations have been about \$3,000 less than they were last year. This is a decrease of 10 percent. While the numbers of contributors and amounts received through PAR have increased, there has been a large reduction in “collection plate” donations. It will require a considerable increase in donations over the remaining months for us to reach our year’s target of a \$2,400 increase. Please give serious consideration of whether you can increase your donations.

Our rental income during this period has increased by \$2,200 compared to 2016. The departure of one of our tenants, OnCourse, will reduce our income over the coming months. However, we are negotiating with Little Learning House for the rental of the vacated space. It is likely that Melrose will need to make some renovations on a short time-frame. If so, the Official Board will probably need to request the congregation’s approval in the fall to obtain additional funds from the Trustees.

It has been necessary to obtain \$30,000 from the Trustees in order to cover expenses over the four months.

◆ **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.

Extreme Hunger Appeal

The United Church of Canada is launching an **Extreme Hunger Appeal** as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels.

Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and starvation in Kenya. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children.

Small-scale farmers supply the majority of food in Africa. But climate change has created a devastating and prolonged drought, resulting in both water and food shortages. Farmers are unable to grow crops and their livestock have died. Ongoing conflict is also contributing to the crisis as many families are forced to flee their homes, farms, and livelihoods. The people of Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Kenya urgently need your help. All donations raised for this appeal will go to our long-term Mission & Service partners, including ACT Alliance, which is saving lives in the region. This Extreme Hunger Appeal follows the Drought Appeal for Africa that the United Church launched last April. Many United Church members have also generously given to the Canada Food Grains Bank, which is providing emergency food relief.

Please consider using the specially designated envelopes in the pew or chapel chair and donating to this Mission and Services Project. The Social Justice Committee will be collecting the envelopes throughout the month of June.

VBS: Hero Central is coming!
August 7 -11 from 8:30am-12:00pm.

Registration forms available at the office and online
Ages 5-11 for main camp, Teens welcome for CIT (counsellors in training, including opportunities for volunteer service hours)



Please plan to sign up your kids! Sign up your friends' kids! Sign up your neighbors' kids! Sign up kids you find walking down the street! Encourage all those you know to participate. It is a top notch program run by great people through Hamilton Presbytery. Rev. Philip and the CD Team will also be involved in many key parts. The day camp is an excellent ministry opportunity and it is a chance to share with our friends, acquaintances, coworkers and community what Melrose has to offer.

We will be recruiting help in the following ways:

1. Snack team Members: We are looking for two people to sign up for each morning we are hosting and to handle the preparing and cleaning up of snacks. Supplies will be provided if required. We have a very detailed guide complete with photo instructions. Commitment of time would approximately 2 hours per morning.

2. Registration Team members: Each morning we will need 1-2 people to cover the registration desk when the children arrive and leave. It will only require a commitment from 8:30-9:15 and 12:00-12:30.

3. Promote! Please share with those around you and in your workplace that the camp is taking place. In order for this to be a success we need children to attend.

4. Prayer, patience and support. There will be a lot of little ones tramping all over the place during that week. This is an opportunity to serve our community with a free day camp (free will offering to cover our cost of \$500 for the week would be gratefully accepted) and share our message with those around us.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – June 5

Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Parlour

Tuesday - June 6

Filming	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Bach Elgar Auditions	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Christian Development	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - June 7

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Thursday – June 8

Early Years	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Martial Arts	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Friday – June 9

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Saturday - June 10

Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
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Sunday – June 11

Melrose Worship & Annual Picnic	10:30a.m.	Dundas Driving Park Pavilion 2/3
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