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◆ 25 June, 2017 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Third Sunday after Pentecost

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, June 25th, 2017 ◆

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER 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--*Sonnet*

E. de Valderrabano
Chris Palmer, Guitar

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* OPENING HYMN – *Creator God You Gave Us Life*

MV 27

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice! God's love is poured out for you!

All: How awesome is God who showers us with love!

One: This is a day of celebration!

All: Let us celebrate God's healing love.

One: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of hope.

All: Praise be to God at all times and in all places!

PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, come to us in our fears and frustrations.

We feel unable to serve

and often find ourselves beaten down by life.

Give us courage and strength

and help us joyfully to serve you by serving others.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Brenda Moulton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 86

VU 803

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Genesis 21: 8-21

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 24-39

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN - *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

VU 382

SERMON - "Hagar's Well"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE - *Double from Violin Partita in b minor*

J.S. Bach

Nicola Winstanley - flute

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING - *Improvisation*

* OFFERING HYMN - *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**Holy One, incarnate One, dynamic One,
God who is Trinity, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for
the gifts that we receive from you. We thank you for your steadfast
love that keeps covenant with your people. In Christ we know the
depth of your care for all your creation.
We invite the Holy Spirit to help us so that we might praise you
eternally in the name of our risen Lord. 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.**

- * CLOSING HYMN – *My Life Flows On* VU 716
 - * COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING
 - * CHORAL RESPONSE – *Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!* VU 974
 - POSTLUDE – *Prelude 13 from W.T.C. Book 2* J.S. Bach
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◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

The focus of our worship for the third Sunday after Pentecost will be one of the most complex and difficult texts in the entire canon of scripture: the binding of Isaac (Genesis 22: 1-14). This is one of those disturbing readings

that the feminist biblical scholar Phyllis Trible has called a “text of terror.” Nevertheless, this story is foundational for Judaism (in Hebrew it is called the *Akedah* and it is featured annually as a reading for Rosh Hashanah). St. Augustine advises that the appropriate way to deal with difficult passages of scripture is to stand before them until they begin to speak of the love of God. That will be our singular challenge next Sunday.

◆ **Communion Table Rose** ◆

The rose on the communion table this morning has been lovingly placed by Brenda Moulton, in memory of her sister Margaret Miller who would have had a significant birthday on this date.

◆ **Marguerite McDougall** ◆

On Sunday, June 18th, Melrose lost a long-time faithful church member, Marguerite Irene McDougall at the venerable age of 97. In the many years of her strength Marguerite had a distinguished career in real estate and was active not only at Melrose but also in a number of community building initiatives. A private family memorial service will take place in the Melrose chapel on Tuesday morning. Please keep Marguerite’s daughters Sheila, Catharine and Nancy in your prayers as they commend their mother to God’s eternal care.

◆ **Thank You to Olivet United Church** ◆

Because of the closing of Olivet United Church, Melrose has been the recipient of their copies of the More Voices hymnbooks. Please keep the congregation of Olivet in your prayers as they grieve the loss of a faith community that has ministered in the Queensdale neighbourhood for more than 100 years. Closing worship at Olivet took place on June 11th.

◆ **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.

◆ **Thank You...** ◆

...to our June coffee hosts – Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey.
Today, lemonade will be served.



◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe** ◆

Closing Time....

Please make one last visit to the Melrose Corner Shoppe! The Shoppe will be closing for the summer on June 30th. **THIS WEEK ONLY: All books are 2 FOR 1 so come, stock up on summer reading for adults and kids.** ☺

Corner Shoppe Update:

From January-June 2017 we raised approximately **\$1500!** This money will be put toward the first stage of repairs on the stained glass windows, which are estimated to cost \$6000. Thank you for your support in this worthy cause.

◆ **Locke Street Festival—September 9!** ◆

Needed: strong (men or women) for putting up the booth and setting up jams and selling of jams . Also required are folk at the end of the day to tear down tables and bring everything back to the church. We need people for 2 hour shifts throughout the day. Please help! You get to choose your own time slot! Talk to Gwyneth or the Church office if you are willing to be a "face" on Locke Street for Melrose!

◆ **Summer Clear-out 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.

◆ **It's Observer Renewal Time Again!** ◆

For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking magazine, please enclose \$25 in the envelopes provided at the front of the sanctuary. Please fill in the envelope label and put it on the collection plate. **Subscriptions need to be collected by the end of August, 2017. This early notice is for those who will out of town for the summer.** Thank you.

◆ 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 26

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	Entire Facility
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Pilates	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour, Auditorium

Tuesday – June 27

Early Years	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Private Funeral Service	11:00 a.m.	Chapel
Locke St. BIA Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Wednesday June 28

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Thursday – June 29

Early Years:	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Martial Arts	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater

Friday – June 30

Early Years	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
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Saturday - July 1, HAPPY 150th BIRTHDAY CANADA



Sunday – July 2

Amici Music School	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Chapel