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◆ 12 November, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Remembrance Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ November 12, 2017 ◆

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 – *Lamentations*

B. Solomons

INTROIT

* 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 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

ANTHEM – *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* R. Vaughan Williams
*Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power.
Leaders of the people by their counsel and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes and recited verses in writing:
All these were honoured in their generation and for the glory of our times.
But some there be which have no memorial; who have perished as though
they have never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.*

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, Patti Varey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REFLECTION STORY

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 91

VU 807

* HYMN – *Let There Be Light*

VU 679

SOLO – *In Flanders Fields*

A Foote
soloist, Margaret Duff

LETTERS FROM GEORGE STREET/LETTERS FROM THE JUNGLE Pt. II

– adapted by Ted Lowrey

with *Ted Lowrey* as “Jack” & *Patti Varey* as “Mary”

* ANTHEM – *I Vow to Thee My Country*

G. Holst

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

*We thank you that from many lands
intrepid people came,
to pledge their love and loyalty
where scarlet maples flame.
May justice here belong to all,
and may our nation play
its rightful role in ushering in
the peace for which we pray.*

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 Lowry

★BLESSING

★CHORAL RESPONSE – *I’ll be Seeing You*

POSTLUDE

A special thank you to Chris Giffin, Trumpet and Phil Farrauto, Bagpipes

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next Sunday is Anniversary Sunday at Melrose -- and what better way could there be to honour the past and anticipate the future than formally through a covenanting liturgy to welcome the newest member of our church staff, our new Family Ministries Coordinator, Meg Chalmers? Meg brings with her skill, a passion for working with our young folk and a friendly smile. Appropriately, the sermon time will focus on Judges 4: 1-7 which describes one of the great female leaders of Israel, Deborah, who served her people not only as a guide, councillor and prophet, but who rode courageously into battle against an invading army. If you assumed that Wonder Woman originated with DC comics in the twentieth century, think again!

◆ Thank you ◆

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



◆ **Covenanting our new Family Ministries Coordinator** ◆

Join us Sunday November 19 for a special covenanting liturgy for our new Family Ministries Coordinator, Meg Chalmers during our Sunday Service. November 19 is also Melrose's Anniversary Sunday.

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place **November 26** and **NEXT 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. 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. 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.

◆ **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.

◆ **Thank you....** ◆

to WrapAround for the lovely plant in the parlour today.

◆ **Special Book Signing Event** ◆

AND SHE SAID: MONOLOGUES ON BIBLICAL WOMEN

By BETTY RADFORD TURCOTT

And She Said, invites the reader into familiar stories of women in scripture, intimately exploring their unique journeys. Each story brings to light the courage, strength, compassion and faith that these women demonstrate, giving them a voice that can be heard and felt.

Betty Radford Turcott is a teacher, workshop leader, hymn writer and story teller. Sponsored by Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre. Resource Centre will be open 12-4pm for shopping. Hot cider & cookies will be served. Contact 905 318 5289 for more information

◆ **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.



◆ **Upcoming Special Events** ◆

November 18	Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar	9:30 a.m.
December 3	Candlelight Carol Service	7:30 p.m.
December 9	Santa's Breakfast <i>Tickets available now!</i>	9:00 a.m. <i>see Meg or Gwyn</i>
December 19	Light in the December Darkness	7:00 p.m.

*Check out Melrose online!
Our website and social media are updated regularly.*

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 13

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
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	

Tuesday - November 14

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

Wednesday - November 15

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

Thursday - November 16

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
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 17

Mistletoe Bazaar Set-Up	8:00 a.m.	Auditorium
WrapAround Executive Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Chapel

Saturday - November 18

Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar	9:30 a.m.	Kitchen, Parlour Auditorium
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Sunday – November 19

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Acoustic Blend Café Auditions	12:00 p.m.	Chapel



Join us for handmade gifts, gourmet goodies, a cookie walk, special treasures from Christmas Past, the book nook, costume and antique jewelry, children's fun and the tasty Christmas Cafe!

for more info call 905-522-1323 or check out
www.melroseunited.ca

We NEED your help!

***HANDMADE GIFTS –** (crafters, knitters, sewers)

Looking for that special gift brings shoppers to this table. Here are just a few ideas...knitted items - (scarves, mittens, slippers, toys, baby articles); sewn items - (aprons, pot holders, receiving blankets, bibs.)

***GOURMET GOODIES**

This table needs your donations of...

- jams, jellies, chutneys, soups, pickles, chili sauce, relish
- fudge, truffles, Christmas cakes and puddings
- squares, cupcakes, cookies and giant cookies
- frozen turkey pies

***COOKIE WALK**

Please share a batch (or two) of your favourite Christmas cookies for this successful fundraising effort. Please include an ingredient list. See Shari S. for more information.

***CHRISTMAS PAST**

Do you have any Christmas items not in use?

Anything pertaining to Christmas would be a welcome donation for this table. Please drop items into the church office.

***BOOK NOOK**

A reader's paradise (donation of books received **after Oct. 30**).

***JEWELRY**

Fabulous and unique jewelry for that special person. Jewelry and gift boxes needed. If you have any to donate please let Suzanne K. know.

***CHILDREN'S CORNER**

Have the kids stop in for a quick break, activity and treat in our children's corner. Donations of lightly used toys for this table are appreciated.

***CHRISTMAS CAFÉ**

We are asking for the following items to assist in the preparation of lunch for the Christmas Café:

- Red Sockeye Salmon, Solid White Tuna (packed in water), Campbell's Chicken Broth, Canned Tomatoes, Rice Krispie Cereal (regular/red/green) and Lays Plain Chips
- Financial donations to cover the cost of supplies for the lunch

To avoid waste, any leftover ingredients or unused food will be taken to Wesley Centre. See Denise F. for more information.

***DONATE YOUR TIME**

We need many volunteers: women, men, and young adults.

****Donations--with the exception of food items, may be brought to the church office after October 30th.** If you can help, or need more information, see, or call Patti at 289-396-3948.