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◆ 5, November, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

All Saints Sunday
Communion

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, November 5, 2017 ◆

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

COMMUNION 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 –*Fugue in C*

Johann Pachelbel

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 – *For All the Saints*

VU 705

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ candle is lit.

We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's Spirit.

**All: For the light of Christ within us and around us,
we give God thanks!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

All: Death has no dominion over them.

One: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

One: For all the saints who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who live beside us,
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change,
to change ourselves and to change the world with them,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: Let your holy, healing energy move among us, God.

**All: Draw us into the great circle of witnesses whom we call
the saints and liberate us to love with delight, to choose
with compassion, and to act with courage.
Remind us that you see, in us, the possibility for renewed
life, and that you take what we offer to You,
and by Your love, make it enough. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS◆

* HYMN – *When the Saints Go Marching In*

*Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in*

*And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine*

Oh when we march around the throne

*Oh when we march around the throne
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When we march around the throne*

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

One: So many people have gone before us at this church.

All: They enjoyed the times when the church grew and celebrated God's Good News!

One: They mourned during the times when there was strife within and outside the walls of the church.

All: But they remained steadfast, remembering that God was with them in all that they did.

One: Thank you God, for giving us such a multitude of faithful disciples.

**All: Following their example, Lord, help us also to be faithful to the work you have placed before us.
Amen.**

Jean Senour

(candle lit by Gail Senour)

Deborah Duncan

(candle lit by Philip Gardner)

Marguerite McDougall

(candle lit by Suzanne Kovacs)

Ruth McQueen (candle lit by Elizabeth McQueen & Janice Johnman)

Mary Lou Frid Mullin

(candle lit by Allan Hannaford)

Refrain:

*Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in*

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Tim Webb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SOLO – *Let the Bright Seraphim*

George Frederic Handel
Soloist: Allana Stevenson

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 3: 1-3

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 1-12

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY – “Welcomed and Claimed”

ANTHEM – *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

R.S. Eaton

*Blest are the pure in heart
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.*

*The Lord who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King.*

*Still to the lowly soul,
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.
Lord we thy presence seek;
May ours the blessing be:
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for Thee.*

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN - *Here, O My Lord*

VU 459

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Generous Giver of all that we need,

accept these gifts:

the work of our hands,

simple bread, ordinary wine.

We pray in the name of Jesus, your holy child,

who sets the table for all people –

a table of rich food and abundant joy. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering in the Circle of the Saints *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.

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 to the table of Jesus Christ.

The Peace

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

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.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe
we praise you for saints and martyrs,
for the faithful in every age
who have followed your Son
and witnessed to his resurrection.
From every race and tongue
from every people and nation
you have gathered them into your realm.
You have shown them the path of life
and filled them with the joy of your presence.

How glorious is your realm
where the multitude of your saints rejoices with Christ!

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: (singing) *O holy, holy holy God
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
Bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,***

MV 203

*Creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
And bears your name always!*

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
Sent to be our Saviour,
he took our flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
His words are true.
His touch brings healing.
To all who follow him,
he gives abundant life.
When evil sought to destroy him,
and he lay in the darkness of death,
you raised him from the grave.
He is our risen Lord forever!

All: *(Singing) Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, MV 204
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!*

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Spirit

One: So it is we gather in praise and thanksgiving at this time.
We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he
took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he gave it to
them saying: "Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me." Then he took the
cup and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends saying:
"Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise
of God made in my blood. Whenever you drink it,
remember me."

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ,
and with all who are joined in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Number us among your saints, O God,
and join us with the faithful of every age.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully.

All: (singing) *Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One,
Hosanna and Amen!*

MV 205

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, singing (VU#959)... *Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.*

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread of life shared with you.

The cup of the New Covenant shared with you.

Come, for the meal is ready!

Communion Anthem: Agnus Dei

Nancy Galbraith

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Grant us peace.

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 here a true remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We go from here strengthened, refreshed and empowered by your Spirit to make our living and working, our loving and doing and thinking a joyful remembrance of him.

We look to that day when, with the great company of witnesses that surround us,

we may eat and drink and be glad in him in the glory of your realm.

This we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN – *For the faithful who Have Gathered*

VU 707

* COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

★ CHORAL RESPONSE

VU 423 Vs. 1

*God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE – *Concerto in C Major, 1st movt., BMV 984*

J.S. Bach

◆ **Melrose Events** ◆

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday we will take the opportunity in word and music to remember and to honour those from our Melrose community and its predecessor congregations (Charlton Avenue Methodist, St. James Presbyterian) who gave their lives in two great wars of the twentieth century. We will also pray for peace in our own time. Thanks to the dedicated work of our own multi-talented Ted Lowrey, we will once again have the unique opportunity to experience imaginatively what the Second World War was like through letters that flowed back and forth across the ocean between Ted's parents (Ted's father was serving in the air force overseas while Ted's mother kept the home fires burning by providing, despite her immense worry, the happiest and most stable environment she could manage for little "Teddy" in their home on George St.). LETTERS FROM GEORGE ST./ LETTERS FROM THE JUNGLE Pt II will feature Ted as the voice of "Jack" and Patti Varey as "Mary." You won't want to miss it!

◆ **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.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe...** ◆

Stop in and check out all kinds of goodies. Shoppe is stocked regularly throughout the week as items are sold. There's 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 11	Men's Breakfast Acoustic Blend Café	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
November 18	Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar	9:30 a.m.
December 3	Candlelight Carol Service	7:30 p.m.
December 9	Santa's Breakfast	9:00 a.m.

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

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 6

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday - November 7

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 8

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
WrapAround Strategic Planning Event	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday - November 9

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 10

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Saturday - November 11

Melrose Men's Breakfast	9:00 a.m.	Kitchen, Parlour
Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday – November 12

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary



November 18th
Annual
Mistletoe
Bazaar

◆ 9:30am-2:00pm ◆

Melrose United Church

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.