

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ 29, October, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday

# MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, October 29, 2017 ◆

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
REFORMATION 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 ◆

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## ◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE – *Toccata per l'elevatione*

G. Frescobaldi

INTROIT – *Aller Augen*

Heinrich Schütz

*Psalm 145:15*

*The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.*

\* OPENING HYMN – *O God, We Are a Church Reformed*

Carol Ginette Winfrey

Tune: Azmon VU 326

*Our God, we are a church reformed,  
A church reforming still:  
We long to grow in your true Word,  
And follow more your will.*

*How awesome is your sovereign rule;  
You reign from heav'n above.  
Yet you knelt down in Jesus Christ,  
In sacrificial love.*

*In love, you bring your people here  
And call your church to you,  
That we may know salvation's joy  
And serve in all we do.*

*You call us to community;  
By faith our hearts are stirred.*

*In church, we seek an ordered life,  
According to your Word.*

*The world makes gods of lesser things,  
And wrongly uses power;  
So by your Spirit may we work  
For justice every hour.*

#### 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 (FROM Psalm 96)

One: Sing to Lord a new song;

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

One: Sing to the Lord, praise God's name;

**All: proclaim God's salvation  
day after day.**

One: Declare God's glory among the nations,

**All: God's marvelous deeds among all people.**

#### OPENING PRAYER (a Prayer of Martin Luther, said by all)

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.**

**My Lord, fill it.**

**I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.**

**I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,  
that my love may go out to my neighbour.**

**I do not have a strong and firm faith;  
at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.**

**O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

**In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.**

**I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

**I am a sinner; you are upright.**

**With me, there is an abundance of sin;  
in you is the fullness of righteousness.  
Therefore I will remain with you,  
of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.  
Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

**◆ REFORMATION VOICES: CELEBRATING THE REVIVAL OF  
CONGREGATIONAL SONG ◆**

*The Luthern Chorale*

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3: 21-28

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMENTARY

★ HYMN – *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

VU 72

FIRST READING: Martin Luther's Foreword to the first edition of the first  
Luthern hymnal, the *Wittenbery Gesangbiichlein*, 1524

★ HYMN – *O Sacred Head*

VU 145

*The Genevan Psalm*

COMMENTARY

PSALM – *Sing a Psalm of Joy*

VU 798

SECOND READING:

From John Calvin's Foreword to the *Genevan Psalter*, 1543

PSALM 81 – *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

(historic text) VU 823

*The English Hymn*

\* HYMN – *Jesus Shall Reign*

VU 330

COMMENTARY

THIRD READING: From the Preface to *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament and Applied to the Christian State and Worship* by Issac Watts, 1674-1748

SOLO – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VU 149

COMMENTARY

FOURTH READING: John Wesley's *Directions for Singing from Select Hymns*, 1761

\* HYMN – *Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me*

VU 631

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

\* OFFERING HYMN – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* Tune: Forest Green

*In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(adapted from John Calvin, said together)

**O God, we give you thanks  
for all the benefits and gifts you constantly shower on us.  
We thank you for food and shelter;  
for giving us new life through the gospel;  
and for the certainty of the best and perfect life,  
which is yet to come.  
Bless now these gifts we offer  
and those who bring them. Amen.**

PRAYER *-Jesus is My Brother*  
(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus)

A Prayer of Martin Luther

A REFORMATION LITANY:

One: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**All Sing - *A Mighty Fortress* (Verse 1)**

**VU 262**

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

**All Sing - *A Mighty Fortress* (Verse 2)**

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
God speaks and the earth melts.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**All: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

*All Sing - A Mighty Fortress (Verse 3)*

One: Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**All: God is exalted among the nations;  
God is exalted in the earth.**

One: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**All: The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*All Sing - A Mighty Fortress (Verse 4)*

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING - Hebrews 13: 7, Jude 24

One: Remember your leaders,  
those who spoke to you the word of God.  
Consider the outcome of their way of life,  
and imitate their faith.  
Now to the One who is able to keep you  
from stumbling and to present you blameless  
before the presence of glory with great joy,  
to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,  
before all time and now and forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE - *Amen*

VU 973

POSTLUDE - *Concerto in C Major, 1<sup>st</sup> mvt., BMV 984*

J.S. Bach

## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday is All Saints' Sunday when (in addition to enjoying an extra hour of sleep!) we will have the opportunity to celebrate the saints of old and to honour those wondrous saints who have more recently dwelt among us, some as part of our Melrose community. The sermon time will focus on a passage from 1 John (3: 1-3). The words of this letter are intended to encourage a community that is troubled by schism. Whatever were the details of the split, the disagreement has been serious enough that some have packed up and left the church. One of the primary aims of 1 John is to persuade the remaining community members that they have good reason to hold on to their Christian confession because they have experienced its truth in their very existence as a community. Faith, according to this letter, is not simply a matter of cognitive assertion; it is the testimony of the real-life, embodied experience that has been given by God. The glue that holds the church together is God's love, which has bound the community into one family as children of God. The high point of our All Saints' Sunday worship will be the Sacrament of Holy Communion where we will imagine the whole company of earth and heaven gladly joining together with us in the celebration of God's holy banquet.

### ◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our October coffee hosts – Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders & Kathy Ross

### ◆ **Reminder to Worship Committee...** ◆

There will be a brief meeting **TODAY** directly following the service in the auditorium.

### ◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe** ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe is open again for the fall! Plan to check it out and find some used and new treasures! All proceeds go to stained glass window repairs.

## ◆ **Exciting Staffing Announcement** ◆

Family Ministries Coordinator

We are pleased & excited for you to meet our new FM Coordinator - Meg Chalmers. Meg will work with the children and families during church as well as other activities at special times.

Please say hello to Meg during Coffee after the church service.

## ◆ **Exciting News!** ◆

The office received this from Aric Rankin: Michelle and I and especially Mackenna and Connor would like to welcome Morgan May Rankin, 7lbs3oz, born 10:01, October 10th, 2017 @ McMaster Children's! Mom and babe are doing great!! We are all so excited!

## ◆ **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.



## ◆ **Thank you....** ◆

to WrapAround for the lovely plant in the sanctuary today.

## ◆ **Special Book Signing Event** ◆

AND SHE SAID: MONOLOGUES ON BIBLICAL WOMEN

By BETTY RADFORD TURCOTT

Book Signing Event with Betty Radford Turcott @ Emmanuel United Church, 871 Upper Ottawa St on Saturday December 2 at 2pm.

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 Resource Centre. Resource Centre will be open 12-4pm. Contact 905 318 5289 for more information

◆ **Upcoming Special Events** ◆

November 11	Men's Breakfast	9:30 a.m.
	Acoustic Blend Café	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.

## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – October 30

<b>MONTHLY FIRE DRILL</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Entire Building</b>
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym
<b>Turkey Pie Prep</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Melrose Official Board</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Auditorium

### Tuesday - October 31

<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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 1

<b>Turkey Pie Cooking</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
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
WrapAround Strategic Planning Event	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium

### Thursday - November 2

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
Martial Arts Class	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium
<b>Friday – November 3</b>		
<b>Saturday - November 4</b>		
Concert	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday – November 5</b>		
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](http://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.