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◆ 10, September, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Creation I

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, June 10th, 2017 ◆

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CREATION I

* 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

INTROIT – *Seek Ye the Lord*

Palestrina

* OPENING HYMN – *Let Us Build a House*

MV 1

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ candle is let.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and praise God,
whose wondrous creation blesses and amazes us.

All: Thanks be to God, for the abundance of your creation.

One: Come and praise God,
whose creation is abundant and resilient.

All: Thanks be to God, for the abundance of your creation.

One: Come and praise God,
whose creation is beyond and above our imagining.

All: Thanks be to God, for the surprise of your creation.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**All: God of all life,
your hands touch Creation,
and it moves;
your heart beats;
and life pulses anew;
your Spirit dances,
and the world is changed!
In this time together,
help us to move, to live,
and to be changed by your love,
for the sake of Creation.
In Christ's name, we ask it.
Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Praise and Thanksgiving*

VU 441

◆ SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM ◆

We welcome to our church family;
Jacob Daniel De Ciantis ,
son of Michael De Ciantis and Katherine Mann

Statement of Purpose

The sacrament of baptism
proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.
By water and the Spirit,
we are called, claimed, and commissioned:
we are called God's own,
welcomed as children of God;
we are claimed by Christ,
united with Christ,
united with one another and the Christian community

of every time and place;
we are commissioned to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice,
and strengthened by the Holy Spirit
for the work of the church in the world.

A Reading from Scripture

Matthew 3: 13-17 (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River)

Presentation (Margaret Duff, Worship Committee Chair)

On behalf of the congregation of Melrose United Church,
I present Jacob Daniel De Ciantis, son of Michael De Ciantis and
Katherine Mann for initiation into the body of Christ
through baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power.

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I do, God being my helper.

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join
with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation,
and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Parents

In baptism, Jacob marks an important step
in his journey of faith.

Will you pray for him encourage him by your words and actions,
and walk with him in the way of Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of the Community of Faith

**The congregation may stand, as they are able*

As the people of Melrose United Church,
do you commit yourselves to offer support and nurture
for these persons within a community that worships God,
loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God.

Affirmation of Faith

**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)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Let us pray:

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life,
and within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.

By water, comes the growth of the earth.

Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.

In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

~The water is poured into the font~

May God's Spirit be upon us
and these waters of daily use,
which we now use
to baptize and to welcome.

The Act of Baptism

Jacob Daniel,
I baptize you,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
One God, mother of us all. **Amen.**

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Jacob Daniel, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle (the baptismal candle is lit)

Jacob Daniel, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

All: Amen!

Presentation of Books, Prayer Shawls, Certificates

One: Jacob, we present you with a book,
prayer shawl, and Certificate of Baptism. May the stories
of our faith support and encourage you as you grow in
your relationship with God. And may your prayer shawl
remind you that you are wrapped in God's love and care
all of your life.

The Hebrew Benediction (sung, VU 965)

Presentation of Jacob to the Melrose Congregation

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Eric Windhorst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Isaiah 55: 12-56: 2

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 22: 1-5

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

All: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN – *God, We Praise You for the Morning*

VU 415

SERMON – “Wade in the Water”

ANTHEM – *Dedication for the New Year*

R. Ringwald

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

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

MV 27 Verse 3

*When with our hearts,
our hands our minds,
we share your gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God.
Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,*

we comprehend your mystery.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**All: Loving God, who gave us all of creation,
help us to remember that we are
only the stewards of your generosity.
We dedicate these gifts, and the gives,
to your coming kin(g)dom. 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 – *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* VU 512

★ 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

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

The focus of our worship for the second Sunday in the Season of Creation will once again be a baptism. Next week we will welcome Maddox Roy Leggat to the church family of Christ (Maddox is the son of Robert and Kristy Leggat). The scripture focus will be Job 12: 7-12. There is a wonderful song in the 1967 musical film, "Dr Doolittle" that goes: "If we could talk to the animals, learn all their languages,/ Maybe take an animal degree" -- we would end up considerably wiser. The biblical figure, Job, says pretty much the same thing: "but ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. Good wisdom for us all as we ponder the beauty of Creation!

◆ Thank You... ◆

...to our September coffee hosts – Denise and Phil Farrauto

◆ Melrose Corner Shoppe Reopening ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe will reopen tomorrow – Monday, September 11. Be sure to check it out when you can!

◆ Fall Office Hours ◆

The Melrose Office hours are now Monday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm.

◆ Locke Street Festival thank you! ◆

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with the Locke Street Festival. After months of preparation, once again, our jams were a big hit. Leftover jam will be available at coffee hour for purchase.

◆ **Acoustic Blend Café** ◆

Plan to attend this month's ABC – right here at Melrose. This event will be headlined by Sarah Smith. Attending ABC is a chance for fellowship, great entertainment and to support Melrose.

◆ **Wesley Urban Ministries Dinner** ◆

Melrose's hosting date is coming up fast! If you can volunteer on Sunday, October 1 please let Gwyn X. know.

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◆ **Upcoming Dates** ◆

Sunday, **September 17th** – Rally Sunday for Sunday School

Saturday, **September 30th** – Prayer Shawl Ministry starts again

Tuesday, **October 3rd** – Bible Study Returns

Wednesdays **October 11th, December 13th** – WIT Dinners

Saturday, **November 18th** – Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar

◆ **Repairs** ◆

As we prepare to enter the fall season at Melrose, plan to take some time to do a walk of the church building. Several important repairs (Homewood concrete stairs, some broken stained glass windows, carpet cleaning etc.) have taken place over the summer – and they look great!

◆ **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.



MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – September 11

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 - September 12

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 - September 13

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Official Board	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - September 14

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

Friday – September 15

WrapAround Executive	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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Saturday - September 16

Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
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Sunday – July 2

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