

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERING HYMN

~ As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought VU 518

**Sing: As those of old their first-fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field**

**to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
so we today our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Holy God, we place our hope and trust in your loving kindness.  
We commit our offerings to you with prayerful minds and quiet hearts.  
Bless us as we seek to bless others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SENDING FORTH

**CLOSING HYMN** ~ God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686

### BLESSING

**All: May we go out from this place of worship and recognize God the Creator in surprising acts of kindness;**

**May we experience the human God in tiny acts of extraordinary love;**

**And may we demonstrate the courage of God's Spirit in all we do and in all we say to friends and to strangers today and every day.**

**POSTLUDE** ~ Eden

## MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

86 Homewood Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 2M4

T: 905 522 1323 E: [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

[www.melroseunited.ca](http://www.melroseunited.ca)

[www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch)

Instagram: @melroseuc

Donation E-Transfers: [donations@melroseunited.ca](mailto:donations@melroseunited.ca)



SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
2025

Worship Leader:

Mary Parsons

Music Director:

Alexander Cann

Guest Pianist:

Brad Ross

Custodian:

Kevin Geluch

Church Administrator:

Sue Hawthorne-Bate

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24  
10:30AM



# SUMMER WORSHIP 2025

*All are welcome for lemonade and fellowship after worship!*

## THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

**PRELUDE** ~ Goldberg Variations, variation #1, Bach

**WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**OPENING HYMN** ~ Your Hands, O Christ VU 622

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

One: The land on which we worship and serve God each week was first inhabited and cared for by the people of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe who are covered under the Upper Canada Treaty. For thousands of years, they walked on and treated the land with respect. May we continue with respect, by living our lives moving gently in creation, listening, learning, and striving to be people of reconciliation.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**All:** As we gather in this sacred space we light the Christ candle as a symbol of our Creator's divine presence among us. We remember the words of Christ, the Light of the World, who calls us to be beacons of hope, healing, and reconciliation.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, all who are struggling.

**All:** You are welcome here.

One: Come, all who feel crippled by pain and suffering.

**All:** You are welcome here.

One: Come to worship a God who heals your pain.

**All:** Let us worship our God, who sets us free and gives us new life!

(adapted words from Waiting for Water website)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS**

**All:** Holy God, you create us and you accept us as we are. Yet there are times when we have failed in our relationship with you and with each other. At times we have accepted injustice done to others and we have not spoken up. At times we have failed to ask you for help. Life-giving Trinity, raise us from our pain and brokenness, heal us and strengthen us to live in wholeness. Amen..

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**HYMN** ~ I Danced in the Morning VU 352

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**All:** Lord Jesus, you taught in synagogues and on hillsides, bringing healing and wisdom to all those who listened. Through the Holy Spirit, teach us through the words of scripture. Bring us your healing wisdom. Amen.

**THE SCRIPTURES**

Jeremiah, Chapter 1, verses 4 to 10

Luke, Chapter 13, verses 10 to 17

One: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**REFLECTION** ~ "Stand Up Straight"

**HYMN** ~ Faith of our Fathers VU 580





# LIFE AND WORK AT MELROSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

- **Euchre Night** ~ Friday, September 26th, doors open at 7:00pm, games begin at 7:30pm sharp. No partner needed! Beginners welcome!
- **Community Knitting and Crochet** ~ Saturday, September 20, 9:30am - 11:30am. All skill levels welcome! Tea, coffee and snacks provided!
- **Jam Jars Needed!** ~ Its jamming time again! We are in need of 250ml and 500ml jars. Please drop them off at the office. No spaghetti sauce jars or other glass! Thanks!
- **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Mark your calendars and start spreading the word! A huge Melrose Dinner is planned to celebrate 100 years of congregational eating. This will be a fundraiser for various projects that the church consistently finds need to be done. We are planning to put together some SILENT AUCTION BASKETS. We need donations of auctionable items: bottles of wine or spirits, honey, jam, gift certificates from restaurants or cinemas or favourite stores (Baskin-Robbins, Chapters, Famous Players). Be creative! Please have your donations to the church office by Oct 15th. Questions? Ask Gwyn or Libby!

Over ->

# LIFE AND WORK AT MELROSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

## Share Your Cherished Family Recipes!

Do you have an old family recipe that you love? Perhaps it's one passed down from your grandparents or great-grandparents? We would love to receive a copy! The Melrose Congregation is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and potluck meals and congregational dinners have been a part of our journey since the beginning.

Libby and Gwyn are excited to compile a small booklet featuring all the submitted recipes. We kindly ask that you send them in by the end of September. You can write them down on paper and drop them off at the church office, or simply email them to the church office, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca).

We can't wait to savor these delicious food memories!

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

*In August the office will be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.*

*Please be sure to submit your news for the bulletin or newsletter by the beginning of each week! Thank you!*



# LIFE AND WORK AT MELROSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

- **Euchre Night** ~ Friday, September 26th, doors open at 7:00pm, games begin at 7:30pm sharp. No partner needed! Beginners welcome!
- **Community Knitting and Crochet** ~ Saturday, September 20, 9:30am - 11:30am. All skill levels welcome! Tea, coffee and snacks provided!
- **Jam Jars Needed!** ~ Its jamming time again! We are in need of 250ml and 500ml jars. Please drop them off at the office. No spaghetti sauce jars or other glass! Thanks!
- **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Mark your calendars and start spreading the word! A huge Melrose Dinner is planned to celebrate 100 years of congregational eating. This will be a fundraiser for various projects that the church consistently finds need to be done. We are planning to put together some SILENT AUCTION BASKETS. We need donations of auctionable items: bottles of wine or spirits, honey, jam, gift certificates from restaurants or cinemas or favourite stores (Baskin-Robbins, Chapters, Famous Players). Be creative! Please have your donations to the church office by Oct 15th. Questions? Ask Gwyn or Libby!

Over ->

# LIFE AND WORK AT MELROSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

## Share Your Cherished Family Recipes!

Do you have an old family recipe that you love? Perhaps it's one passed down from your grandparents or great-grandparents? We would love to receive a copy! The Melrose Congregation is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and potluck meals and congregational dinners have been a part of our journey since the beginning.

Libby and Gwyn are excited to compile a small booklet featuring all the submitted recipes. We kindly ask that you send them in by the end of September. You can write them down on paper and drop them off at the church office, or simply email them to the church office, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca).

We can't wait to savor these delicious food memories!

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

*In August the office will be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.*

*Please be sure to submit your news for the bulletin or newsletter by the beginning of each week! Thank you!*

