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Sunday, October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather

✞ **Please stand as you are able.**

The PRELUDE

The INTROIT ~ Create in Me a Clean Heart, H. Willan

✞ *The* PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ Holy, Holy, Holy! VU 315

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING *of the* CANDLE *of* PEACE

The LIGHTING *of the* CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ's candle produces light.
All: A reminder of the light of Christ's teachings, guiding our ways.
One: Christ's candle produces warmth.
All: A reminder of the warmth of God's love, working within our lives.

The CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: We come to give praise to the God who loves us,
All: To rejoice in the wonderful works of our Creator.
One: God calls us here that we might be renewed in faith,
All: That we might learn with clearer vision what God requires.

The OPENING PRAYER

✞ *A* HYMN ~ With Thanks, O God Redeeming,
Hymn text by Rev. Rick Maxwell

**1. With thanks, O God Redeeming, the day of hope is here,
For now in lives abiding, your love has made us whole.
Through joys of offered service, our prayers rise up in faith,
Make new, O God Redeeming, those souls who seek your face.**

2. Lift up, O God Redeeming, our homes as ways of Christ,
To witness to our passion, in deeds of love and grace.
In conversation thoughtful, in dreams profound and light,
Declare our God once more, your hope for homes of peace.

3. Christ, Redeeming Saviour, declare our mission field:
From city's selfish treasures, and crush'd frail souls of hope,
To those who sleep in doorways, or broken lives un-healed,
For in Christ's name victorious, live we for him revealed!

The PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

The ASSURANCE *of* PARDON

One: Through Christ we have received God's mercy and grace.
All: **We can let go of our worries about the wrong we may have done,**
One: We can live new and forgiven lives before God and others.
All: For this, we praise our God.

TIME *for the* CHILDREN *and the* CHILD *within* US

We Listen

The PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

One: Your Word, God, can challenge us, inspire us and comfort us. We pray that as we hear words of scripture this morning, that we might find relevance that speaks to our lives and meaning that speaks to our heart. Amen.

Reader ~ Dianne Coons

The FIRST LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8

One: The Word of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

✞ *The* RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 1 VU 724

The GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24: 34 – 46

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

The SERMON ~ "The Power of Love"

The ANTHEM ~ Let All the World, A. Somervell

We Respond

The INVITATION *to the* OFFERING

✞ *The* OFFERTORY HYMN ~
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator Word and Spirit, One.

The PRAYER *of* DEDICATION

The PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

The LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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,

the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sending Forth

✞ *The* RECESSIONAL HYMN ~ Joyful, Joyful VU 232

The COMMISSIONING *and* BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ London Amen

The POSTLUDE ~

Today's greeter is Debora Miscione

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. May we continue to live with respect on this land, and to live in peace and friendship with all its people in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

If you would like to light a candle to represent your prayers for a person or situation that is in your heart, you are invited to do so at the beginning or end of any worship service.

Personal prayer requests – please write your prayer requests in our Prayer Share Book which is located on the book stand on the altar.

Life And Work of the Church

We always welcome children and understand that they may not be quiet during the service. We appreciate their joyful noise and are glad that they are here!



New Fundraiser!
Our old slate roof tiles have been repurposed into coasters! They are sturdy and a reminder that a house built upon a rock endures! This is a fundraiser for our ongoing roof repairs. We will be selling them for $20 each at our November 21 Mistletoe Bazaar! If you cannot make our bazaar, reach out to Sue at the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca, to reserve a coaster for yourself.

Old T-Shirts Needed!
We are looking for old t-shirts of any size to use with messy crafts on Sunday mornings to keep everyone's Sunday best their best! Please drop off in our Pray and Play Room or give to Libby or Gwyn. Thanks!

Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?
The following rewarding positions are available!

A) Trustee. This position in conjunction with others manages the investment portfolio of the church! Willingness to learn , ability to have one meeting every two months. Only one requirement: must be a member of Melrose United.

B) Ministry and Personnel - 2 positions. Your job would be to be paired with one of our paid personnel at Melrose. Meet with them, to discuss issues, work performance and support them. Again, all training provided!

C) Friendly Visitor ! Are you sociable? Some of our older folks need a friendly caller, a short visit or even a simple drop-off of a baked food item ! Just takes a smile and a hug !

Please speak with Gwyn, our Church Administrator Sue, or Rev. Ken about any of these available and rewarding positions.



Saturday, November 7th & 21st
Knitting & Crochet (and Needlework Too!)
@ 9 :30 – 11:30
Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.



Sunday, November 8th ~ Board Games @ 1:00pm
Come and play your favourite board game or bring your own! You do not need a partner. Entry fee is $5, children under grade 1 are free!



Saturday, November 21st
Mistletoe Bazaar @ 9:00am – noon
The Mistletoe bazaar is coming on Nov21.
The following volunteer positions are needed:
- greeters
- cashier at the cookie walk
- tear down crew: 12:30 pm
- bake table sellers
- cashier at our gift basket sale table
- general assistant for " attending to various concerns and tasks"

The most important part is the needed contribution of baked goods: squares, loaves, cookies for our baked goods table and of course we need TONS of cookies for our famous cookie walk. Please speak to Libby, Margaret, Gwyn or Catherine about your baking contributions.



Friday, November 27th ~ Progressive Euchre
Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome!

Cooking in the Kitchen
Mondays, from 6:00pm- 8:00pm
Everyone is welcome to assist on Monday evenings with baking cookies, putting together pies and soups for our frozen food section

and Bake table at the bazaar. We need 4 people every Monday evening to assist in making this year's Bazaar a success. Please contact Libby or Gwyn and let us know your availability.

United Church Calendars are Now Available!



You may now order United Church Calendars from the United Church Bookstore! To order just go to the United Church Bookstore website, https://ucrdbookstore.ca and search 2027 calendar. Calendars are $8.49 plus shipping and handling.

Social Media at Melrose!

Melrose has an active social media presence on Facebook and Instagram! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events and for messages of inspiration. **Don't forget to like and share our posts!**

Please visit: www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch
and www.instagram.com/melroseuc/

News From the Office

Sue will be off on Monday, October 26th.
Please be sure to submit your church related news items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email Sue in the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca. The Church Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

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