

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 11, 2026
20th Sunday After Pentecost
Thanksgiving

We Gather

✠ Please stand as you are able.

The PRELUDE

The INTROIT ~ Create in Me a Clear Heart, O God, H. Willan

✠ *The PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ We Praise You O God VU 218*

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING of the CANDLE of PEACE

The LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light the Christ candle with thankful hearts today.

All: **Thankful for God's love enfolding us.**

One: Thankful for Christ's presence with us,

All: **Thankful for God's Spirit working in our lives.**

The CALL to WORSHIP

One: As we gather to worship this Thanksgiving Sunday,
we acknowledge that we have been enriched by many
good things.

All: **It is God who has given them to us in abundance.**

One: Our lives have indeed been blessed.

All: **We praise God for all that we have received.**

The OPENING PRAYER

✠ A HYMN ~ Creator God You Gave Us Life

MV 27

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

The PRAYER of CONFESSION

The ASSURANCE of PARDON

One: God calls us, as faithful people, to love as Christ loved.

All: In Christ's love, we see God's merciful love.

One: God calls us, as forgiven people, to show that love to others,

All: And to forgive, as we have been forgiven.

We Listen

The PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One: God, you have provided your Word for us so that we might know your ways and follow your paths. Speak to us now through the words we hear, that your wisdom might touch our hearts. Amen.

Reader ~ Michael Clase

The FIRST LESSON:

Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ *The RESPONSIVE PSALM:*

Psalms 23 VU 748

The GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 6: 25 – 34

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The SERMON ~ "Time to Say Thanks"

The ANTHEM ~ I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me, K. Bissell

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 ~*

Now Thank We All Our God

VU 236

The COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ Sevenfold Amen, J. Stainer

The POSTLUDE

Today's greeters are Libby Cook & Richard Feenstra

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 during the service.

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!

Wedding Congratulations!!!!

Melrose extends its warmest congratulations to **Tony Acocella & Justin Whitside** on their wedding this past Saturday, October 10th. May God bless their marriage with a lifetime of love, joy, faith, and happiness as they begin this beautiful journey together. We wish them many wonderful and blessed years ahead!

Can you help?

Gwyn is looking for an artistic individual who can paint detail structure on a wooden church model. This will be a vessel for fundraising for our roof at the bazaar. If you can paint lines, windows and a door on the small structure that will be provided, please speak to Gwyn after the service.

Children's T-Shirts Needed!

We are looking for old children's t-shirts 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 Jasmine, 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, October 17th

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, October 18th ~ Choral Evensong @ 5:00pm

A short evening service of beautiful music, quiet prayer and scripture with Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner and the Melrose Chancel Choir.



Sunday, October 18th ~ 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!

Friday, October 23rd ~ Progressive Euchre

Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome!



Saturday, November 21st

Mistletoe Bazaar @ 9:00am - noon

Start planning!! We are going ahead with our Annual Mistletoe Bazaar. Please put this event in your calendars NOW! We will need cookies, baked goods, and plenty of those!! If anyone has empty 250ml jam jars, please drop them off at the church during regular office hours. Please consider the many ways that you can help kitchen, tearoom, greeters, set up, tear down and selling our amazing goods. We are no longer accepting vendor applications, tables are SOLD OUT!

Bazaar Gift Baskets! ~ Gwyn is asking anyone who is vacationing and enjoying their travels this summer to consider picking up a "souvenir" of their trip! At the Bazaar, this year we will be having raffle baskets as a fundraiser for the roof. Please consider a donation to a basket. Ideas include pottery, jam, gift certificate for ice cream, bottle of wine, a unique handcraft. Please drop these items off in the Church Office anytime in September labelled "Gwyn Bazaar." You can contact Gwyn by email, at gwynxag@gmail.com for more details on what might be needed.

Cooking in the Kitchen

Starting Monday, September 21 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 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday) to assist in making this year's Bazaar a success. Please contact Libby or Gwyn and let us know your availability.



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

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 regular hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

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