MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 8, 2026
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Service of Remembrance

We Gather

✞ **Please stand as you are able.**

The PRELUDE ~ Arioso, J.S. Bach

✞ *The* PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ All Who Would Valiant Be

1) Who would true valour see, let him come hither:
here's one will constant be, come wind, come weather.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim

2) Whoso beset him round with dismal stories
do but themselves confound: his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright, he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have the right to be a pilgrim.

3) Since, Lord, thou dost defend him with thy Spirit
he knows he at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away! I'll fear not what men say,
but labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING *of the* CANDLE *of* PEACE

The LIGHTING *of the* CHRIST CANDLE

One: The darkness present in our world can seem at times overwhelming.
All: We need a light to guide us.

One: Christ's candle reminds us that we have such a light.
All: May Christ's light lead us to the way of love and joy and peace.

The CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: We gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

All: We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.

One: We are the people of God, united by the love of Christ who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

All: We gather to worship and remember.

One: In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,

All: We remember that God is with us; we are not alone.

The OPENING PRAYER

✞ *A* HYMN ~ Our Parent, By Whose Name VU 555

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

The PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

The WORDS *of* ASSURANCE

One: We live with the awareness that our lives have not been all that God hopes and expects they should be.

All: We need the strength of God in our lives.

One: God has forgiven us through Jesus Christ and helps us once again to live new and better lives.

All: May we do our best to follow God's will.



A Service of Remembrance



An ANTHEM ~ I Vow to Thee, My Country,
Holst/arr. Hayward

Reading of the Honor Roll

Read by Jim Kraemer

World War I

Thomas Edmund Arkell
Sydney Augustus Bush
Clarence Avondale Colling
Arthur Thorne Darby
Arthur Charles Gatenby
William W. Pyke
George Smart
Thomas William Towlson

World War II

Nairn Stewart Boyd
W.F. Towlson
Ruthven Henderson McNairn
F.A. Craven
James Andrew Watson
Herbert Victor Poag
Ralph Crossley Ripley II
Harold Elliott Rowlands
Jack Arthur Charles Smith
John Henderson Martin
James G.W. Chalmers
George Albert Wallace
Roderick C. Mutch
Robert Edmund Dorsey
Norman George Hickey
David Anderson Hughes
Robert Alexander Hughes

The PLACING *of the* WREATHS ~ *Geoff Harrison*

The LAST POST ~ *Bethany Jackson, trumpet*

A MINUTE *of* SILENCE

REVEILLE ~ *Bethany Jackson, trumpet*

A LITANY *on* SACRIFICE

One: Bless, O Lord our God, those who have fought and valiantly died that we might enjoy liberty and freedom. May their sacrifice not be in vain.
All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, those who have perished while engaged in the task of peacekeeping. May their sacrifice not be in vain.
All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, the innocent victims of war, those who have suffered as a result of conflict and strife.
All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, those who continue to train and prepare themselves for active duty and missions. May the sacrifices they make not be in vain.
All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: All this we pray, and all this we ask, in your Holy Name, O Lord, Amen.

A HYMN ~ O Canada VU 524

We Listen

The PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

One: Let us listen to our readings this morning, God, to hear the echo of your voice. May they touch our hearts with your wisdom.

Reader ~ Jim Kraemer

The FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 4: 6 – 9, 12 – 14

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

✞ *The* RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 78 (Part One) VU 792

The GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25: 1 – 13

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

The SERMON ~ "Sacrifice"

The ANTHEM ~ My Soul, There Is a Country, C.H.H. Parry

We Respond

The INVITATION *to the* OFFERING

✞ *The* OFFERTORY HYMN ~ Tune: Beach Spring, VU 374

We have come, God, with our praises
for your goodness everywhere;
now we bring to you our offering
drawn from what we freely share.
This along with time and talent,
heads that bow in humble prayer:
all these gifts of patient service
help extend your love and care.

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 ~
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU 651

The COMMISSIONING *and* BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ London Amen

The POSTLUDE ~ Nocturne in C# minor, F. Chopin

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 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! SOLD OUT!



****UPDATE* We are now sold out of coasters for pre-order. A limited number will be available at the Bazaar!*** 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 21st Mistletoe Bazaar!

Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?
The following rewarding positions are <u>still available!</u>

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.



United Church Calendars
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.

Wesley
Once again, we will be supporting Wesley's Christmas Program! Stay tuned for more details or speak with Libby!



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



Saturday, November 21st
Mistletoe Bazaar @ 9:00am – noon
The Mistletoe bazaar is coming on Nov21 . Volunteers are still needed! 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 with Libby, Margaret, Gwyn or Catherine about your baking contributions.

The online store is now open for pre-ordering your sweet treats! Just go to https://melrose-united-church.square.site/ or follow the link on our website https://melroseunited.ca



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



Sunday, November 29th @ 2:30pm
Women of Song Concert ~ Let It Snow!
On Sunday, November 29, Women of Song will be presenting our Annual Holiday Concert, "Let It Snow!" at Melrose United Church from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Women of Song have been busy rehearsing and will be joined by other local talent for your listening enjoyment. Tickets will go on sale soon and will also be available at the door. For more information, contact the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca.

Monday, December 7th @ 7:00pm
Annual Advent Candle Carol Walk
Join Melrose and our neighbouring churches for the annual Advent Candle Carol Walk! We will stop at each church to sing a few carols and listen to a reading chosen by each church. Everyone must bring their own candle/lanterns. Stay tuned for more information or speak with Libby.

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 hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

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MISTLETOE
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
9AM TO NOON
Enjoy Vendors,
Bake Table,
Cookie Walk &
Tea Room
Basket Raffle
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