

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Jasmine Nonva

Sunday, September 20, 2026

17th Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather

The PRELUDE

The INTROIT ~ Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies, K. Bissell

The PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~

God is Unique and One

VU 277

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING *of the* CANDLE *of* PEACE

The LIGHTING *of the* CHRIST CANDLE

One Christ is the Light of the World.

All: May the light of Christ enlighten our hearts

The CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: Let us praise God, who gives meaning and purpose to our lives!

All: Let us acknowledge the richness of God's grace; and the faith and love that are ours in Jesus Christ.

One: Let us remember that God loves and cares for us,

All: And welcomes with joy all who approach in sincerity.

The OPENING PRAYER

A HYMN ~ When All Your Mercies, O God

VU 219

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

The PRAYER of FORGIVENESS

The WORDS of ASSURANCE

One: In Christ, God offers us the gift of grace and forgiveness.

All: God helps us turn from our failings and leave them behind.

One: Led by the Spirit, we have always the opportunity to live in a new relationship, unhampered by the past.

All: For this, we praise our God.

We Listen

The PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One: May your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Amen.

Reader ~ Richard Feenstra

The FIRST LESSON: Philippians 1: 21 - 30

The RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 145 VU 866

The GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20: 1 – 16

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The SERMON ~ “No Accounting for Grace”

The ANTHEM ~ We Give Immortal Praise, E. Thiman

We Respond

The INVITATION to the OFFERING

The OFFERTORY HYMN ~ (Tune: Slane VU 642)

**For your holy purpose, O God, we present
gifts from the goodness that we have been sent.
Bless what we offer, and lead us to share,
with those around us, your love and your 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 ~

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

VU 274

The COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ Sevenfold Amen, J. Stainer

The POSTLUDE ~

Today's greeters are Geoff Harrison and George Mayhew

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!

Welcome Reverend Ken Jackson and Jasmine Nonva!

We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Ken Jackson**, our new Minister, and **Jasmine Nonva**, our new Children's Ministry Coordinator! Both Rev. Ken and Jasmine bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and energy to their new roles, and we are excited to have them join our church community. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome and wishing them every blessing as they begin their ministries with us! To contact Rev. Ken, please email ken@melroseunited.ca. To contact Jasmine, please email jasmine@melroseunited.ca.

*Thank
you*

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought sandwiches and veggies, and to those who helped with set-up and clean-up after last week's welcoming service. Your time and generosity are appreciated!

Melrose Name Tags

To help us get to know and welcome our new staff and members, we'll be offering pre-made name tags to everyone on Sunday mornings. We hope this will be a simple way to help us connect and build community! A special thank you to Rosella for leading this project!

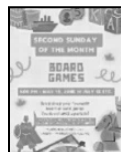
Greeters and Readers Needed!

A sign-up sheet will be available during coffee hour today and over the next few weeks. Please speak to Libby for more information about these two important ministries!

TODAY! Sunday, September 20th

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, September 25th ~ Progressive Euchre
Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp!
Beginners welcome!



Sunday, September 27th @ 2:30pm
Duet Club Scholarship Winners in Concert

Please join the Duet Club as they celebrate this year's talented Scholarship Winners! This is a pay what you can concert.



Saturday, October 3rd & 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.

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 myriad of ways that you can help: kitchen, tea room, 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, the wider church 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 has now returned to regular hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

