

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 4, 2026

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Worldwide Communion Sunday

We Gather

✠ Please stand as you are able.

The PRELUDE

The INTROIT ~ Come, I Pray Thee, W.H. Anderson

✠ *The PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ Creating God, We Give You Thanks VU 292*

WELCOME and LIFE of the CHURCH

The LIGHTING of the CANDLE of PEACE

The LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light our candle this morning to acknowledge not only Christ's presence with us in our service, but also with all who celebrate communion with Christ this Sunday.

All: **We rejoice in Christ's light and leading and seek to share Christ's love with all around us.**

The CALL to WORSHIP

One: We come together today as members of Christ's family.

All: **We are here in response to Christ's invitation to join together at his table.**

One: We open ourselves to the healing, forgiving influence of God's Spirit among us as we worship.

All: **We celebrate the opportunity to be loved and to share love with all who take part in this experience.**

✠ A HYMN ~ What a Friend We Have in Jesus

VU 664

TIME for the CHILDREN and the CHILD within US

The PRAYER of CONFESSION

The ASSURANCE of PARDON

We Listen

The PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One: O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Reader ~ Sandra Groves Winniger

The FIRST LESSON:

Philippians 3: 4b – 14

One: The Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ *The RESPONSIVE PSALM:*

Psalm 80 VU 794, Part 1

The GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 21: 33 - 46

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The SERMON ~ “ Cheering for the Underdog”

The ANTHEM ~ The Earth is the Lord’s, 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 COMMUNION SERVICE

Kingsfold Communion Set, More Voices United 203 - 205

✠ A HYMN ~ As We Gather

VU 457

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we join with all your people to give you thanks and praise. You formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your grace. We praise you for all your good gifts:
the witness of saints and prophets;
the work of faith in women and men;
this earth in all its blessing and promise;
and this bread once scattered, now brought together and made one. In the hope that your people may be brought together from the ends of the earth into your reign of justice and compassion, we gather with those of every time and place to give you praise and glory.

The SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

MV 203

**Sing: O holy, holy holy God, O God of Time and Space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

One: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth.

All: He made you known to all who received him.

One: Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners.

All: Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.

One: We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world.

All: He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt us or divide us, and we believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him

One: Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take this bread and this cup and give praise and thanksgiving. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

The MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

MV 204

**Sing: Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen; Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord, and that we, and all who share this feast may be one with Christ and he with us. Fill us with eternal life that with joy we may be his faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, Almighty God.

**Sing: Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
 Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!**

The INVITATION to the TABLE

The INSTITUTION of the ELEMENTS and BLESSING

The SHARING of the ELEMENTS

The COMMUNION ANTHEM ~ Come, I Pray Thee, W.H. Anderson

The PRAYER after COMMUNION and the LORD'S PRAYER

One: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at
 your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen
 our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the
 world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the
 Holy Spirit. We pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

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 ~ Christ is Made the Sure Foundation VU 325*

The COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ Sevenfold Amen, J. Stainer

The POSTLUDE

Today's greeters are Geoff Harrison and Rev Rick Maxwell

Communion Helpers Geoff Harrison and George Mayhew

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!

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 and Dianne for leading this project!

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 GRAB Gwyn after the service.

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 ~ 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 myriad of 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 hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

Contact Information for Ministry Staff

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