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◆ April 15, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Third Sunday of Easter

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◆ April 15th, 2018 ◆

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in
the parlour after worship ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE – Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

P. Mascagni, arr. R. Lloyd

INTROIT – O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

VU 170, v. 1

* OPENING HYMN – *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

VU 169

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

All: God's Resurrection love burns in our hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Doubt and fear are gone!

All: Light and hope abound!

One: Where we once felt alone and lost;

All: Christ has come to walk again with us.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all):

God of Light and Mercy,

be with us this day as we again hear

the stories of faith and sight.

**Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us,
both in our darkness
and in the light which you bring.
Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection.
For we offer this in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

★ HYMN- *I Can Feel You near Me God* MV 48

ANTHEM - This Joyful Eastertide W.H. Harris, arr.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Phil Farrauto

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 4 VU 727

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3: 12-19

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 36b-48

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN - *Jesus, Stand among Us* VU 396

SERMON: "Flesh and Bone"

◆ RESPONSE ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *Now the Green Blade Rises*
Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain,
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

VU 186 Verse 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Gracious God, we offer to you only a portion
of what you have given us.

All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.

All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.

Deal graciously with these gifts

so that others may have joy;

in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with singing the Prayer of Jesus, VU 960)

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *The Risen Christ*

VU 168

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Hallelujah, amen!*

VU 974

Amen, Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (2x)

POSTLUDE – Adagio from *Sonata #17 in D Major* excerpt

W.A. Mozart

◆ Melrose Vision ◆

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ. To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

◆ Newcomers and Visitors ◆

Welcome to Melrose United Church!
Please feel free to fill in the form in the Welcome Binder located by the Name Tag boxes which are located on the tables by the east doors on each side of the chancel steps.

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" by those who regularly use the ecumenical lectionary where Psalm 23 appears as the psalm reading for this fourth paschal Sunday. The sermon time will focus on the Apostle Peter's sermon in Acts 2:42-47 preached while he is under

interrogation from Jewish religious leaders. Peter declares that apart from Jesus there is no other name under heaven given among humans by which we must be saved. This is one of those texts that has proved incredibly troublesome because many Christians through the centuries have used it to declare “open season” on those with different religious beliefs. Does our faith actually require us to have all the answers? What the sermon more helpfully declares is the evidence that God continues to work in the world even while we struggle to understand and to articulate, imperfectly, our faith in God.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week –
Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders and Kathy Ross.

◆ **A special Thank you...** ◆


The office has received a number of thank you notes and cards this week for the Easter flowers that were delivered after the Easter service on April 1. To see the cards check in at the office. Let’s continue to make those who are not able to join us at regular worship services feel a part of our community!


◆ **WANTED: Information Technology Assistance for the Melrose Office** ◆

We could use occasional advice and assistance with our office IT. Our computers, telephone PBX, printer, router and modem sometimes have a mind of their own, or it seems that way to us. We don’t have major problems (that we know of), but there is definitely room for some improvement in the network and for some backup when things do go bad. If you think that you can help us, please contact Michelle Millson in the office or speak with Ralph Moulton.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe - Thinking "Green" for Earth Day** ◆

Let's count the ways The Melrose Corner Shoppe is "Green";

 **REDUCES** land-fill and re-cycling waste by re-selling books and re-purposing household items every month

 **REUSES** packing paper, bags, tags, giftbags and cards as well as all the lovely stock on the shelves

 **RECYCLES** everything in The Shoppe to a new home or to charity organizations (when the stock is changed)

Did you spot all TWELVE ways The Shoppe is "GREEN"?!

◆ **Melrose Garage Sale** ◆

Join us on May 26th @ 8am for our indoor garage sale!

We need the following:

- 1. Donations of gently used toys, furniture, household items**
- 2. Volunteers to assist setting up the garage sale on May 25th**
- 3. Volunteers to run the garage sale on May 26th**
- 4. Volunteers to take the left over items to various receiver stores**

Patti and Gwyn are happy to accept donations **BUT PLEASE DO NOT** bring the items to the church until after May 14th. Items can be picked up (if you are unable to bring them to church-contact Gwyn. Let's make this event a huge fundraising event for the church!

◆ **Jennifer Molinaro farewell concert** ◆

April 28th @ 7pm, tickets available at Eventbrite.ca for \$20. Jennifer Molinaro will be presenting an evening of music celebrating her imminent move to Australia. Some of her best musical friends will also join her on stage throughout the show. Jennifer is excited to share this heartfelt programme with all of her Canadian friends and say goodbye to Chalmers Church as it closes it's doors after over a century.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

*Follow us online! Our website,
facebook and twitter are
updated regularly with
upcoming events.*

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – April 16

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	Entire Building
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - April 17

Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - April 18

HPL: Locke Street Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Resource Management Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - April 19

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

Friday – April 20

Executive Meeting WrapAround	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot

Saturday - April 21

Guitar Hamilton Concert	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Sunday – April 22

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Hammer Baroque Concert	2:00 p.m.	Auditorium

