

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ April 22, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

# MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 ◆

FOURTH 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 ◆

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## ◆ 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 - *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming*

MV 128

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: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**All: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.**

One: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

**All: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

One: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

**All: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all):

**Thank you, loving God,**

for bringing us to this time of worship.  
Refresh us and heal us again.  
Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives  
with your abundant love and your presence.  
Guide our hearts and our spirits  
that we may hear your words  
and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people.  
In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray.  
Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

★ HYMN- *Are You a Shepherd* MV 448

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Alan Bentley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 23 VU 749 (Refrain 1)

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4: 5-12

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

★ HYMN - *God is My Shepherd* VU 748

SERMON: "How Can Something Good Be So Much Trouble?"

ANTHEM – This Joyful Eastertide

W.H. Harris, arr.

◆ **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 – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* VU 325

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Hallelujah, amen!* VU 974  
*Amen, Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (2x)*

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

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◆ **Melrose Events** ◆

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

The scripture readings for the fifth Sunday of the Easter season offer the powerful story of the Apostle Philip’s encounter with an Ethiopian official (Acts 8: 26-40). The Ethiopian is an important person of rank. He is also a eunuch, which would normally exclude him from participation in Temple rituals and from full

admittance, as a proselyte into Israel's community. The Ethiopian is, however, learned and able to understand at least the literal level of scripture. Nevertheless, he needs Philip's help to discern its full meaning. Interestingly, the Greek word that we translate as *read* literally means *to know up* (Greek: *anaginōskō*; a combination of the preposition *ana*, translated as *up* and the verb *ginōskō* interpreted as *to know*). To interpret is to seek to understand what the words signify or point to beyond the symbols on the page. During their encounter, Philip tells the Ethiopian the good news about Jesus and the man responds by asking for baptism. The Ethiopian's story vividly demonstrates how God in the Jesus-event will and can draw different persons, not of our choosing, to experience the power of the resurrection.

◆ **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 over the past weeks 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 26<sup>th</sup> @ 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 25<sup>th</sup>
3. Volunteers to run the garage sale on May 26<sup>th</sup>
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!

◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

\*\*\*Please note: APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> CANCELLED AND MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>\*\*\*

Due to conflicts in schedules, the next Prayer Shawl will not occur until Saturday June 2nd 9:30 am in the Melrose parlour.

Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied. Come enjoy coffee, tea & a light snack.

◆ **Washroom Renovations Fundraising** ◆

We are renovating the washroom along the lower corridor, located directly below the office. This washroom is used by people from the Norman Slater room, the gymnasium and the bowling alley, as well as by others. It will also be used this summer by the STEM camp that is using our auditorium. We plan to install a new floor, new toilets and new light fixtures, and we will probably also replace the counter and sinks. We will also be repainting the room. The cost is estimated to be \$10,000, including an allowance for contingencies.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this project. Please mark any donations as being for washroom renovations. We already have funds for two toilets, raised through the Easter breakfast.

If you wonder whether it needs renovations, please go take a look at this circa 1930s room!

◆ **Jennifer Molinaro farewell concert** ◆

April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, tickets available at [Eventbrite.ca](http://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 its 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.



*Did you know we recently  
installed change tables in our  
washrooms outside the parlour?  
Check them out!*

## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – April 23

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 24

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 25

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

### Thursday - April 26

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

### Friday – April 27

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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### Saturday - April 28

<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
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### Sunday – April 29

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Transition Team Meeting</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
Hammer Baroque Concert	2:00 p.m.	Auditorium