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◆ March 18, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Lent V

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◆ March 18, 2018 ◆

LENT V

* 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 – Prelude in A minor, BWV 895

J. S. Bach

INTROIT – Ich bin's, ich sollte büssen

J. S. Bach

Translated from German:

It is I. I should atone,

My hands and feet

Bound in Hell.

The scourges and the fetters,

And all that thou didst endure,

This has my soul earned.

* OPENING HYMN – *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

VU 312

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ, be our light.

All: Shine in our hearts;

shine in your church, gathered today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With the cross of Christ before us,

All: we sing our praise to God's eternal love.

One: With the cross of Christ before us,

All: we pray for God's supporting love.

One: With the cross of Christ before us.
All: we commit ourselves to live that love.
One: With the cross of Christ before us,
All: we come in worship.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT V

**All: Saving God, may we live simply and humbly,
burying our old selves and awaiting your
transforming work in our lives.
Grant us the peace which the world cannot give,
as we trust in your power to bring light from darkness,
triumph from trials and blessings from burdens.
Amen.**

(four purple candles and one pink candle are lit)

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,
All: Kyrie eleison,
One: Christe eleison,
All: Christe eleison,
One: Kyrie eleison,
All: Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Steadfast love surrounds those
who put their trust in God,
God's mercy endures for ever!
All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN- *Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold*

VU 605

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Heather Clark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 51

VU 776, Refrain 1

EPISTLE: Hebrews 5: 5-10

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 12: 20-23

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

★ HYMN - "There in God's Garden"

VU 346

SERMON: "Cross Purposes"

ANTHEM - Christus factus est

Zingarelli

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING - Ave verum corpus

E. Elgar

OFFERING HYMN -

VU 116, Vs. 1

*Giver of the Perfect Gift, only hope of human race,
hear our prayer our hearts uplift,
gathered at thy throne of grace.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

We ask your blessing, God,

**on all who are gathered here and upon these gifts:
that all may be transformed
and the world made new again.
In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(followed by the Prayer of Jesus (sung, VU 959)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

★ **CLOSING HYMN – *What Wondrous Love Is This***

VU 147

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE--Ubi caritas et amor

Cann

Choir: Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.

All: Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Choir: Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.

POSTLUDE – Fugue in A minor, BWV 895

J.S. Bach

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next week is Palm Sunday, which marks the end of the Lenten journey and the beginning of the holiest week of the Christian calendar. As we wave our palm branches, we will begin in festivity by recreating some of the joyous, carnival atmosphere that attended Jesus' entry into Jerusalem "in humble pomp." By the conclusion of Palm Sunday worship, however, we will have moved onto a very different plane as the terrible events of the Passion begin to come into focus. The gospel reading for Palm Sunday is Mark's version of the entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11: 1-11) which describes how a first century Jerusalem flash mob shouts "Hosanna!" which means "God save us." They expect a kind of salvation that fails to materialize and this frustrated expectation, in turn, causes them to turn viciously on the gentle colt rider. The fickle crowd is primarily motivated by self-interest. In an era of brutal Roman oppression, they wanted to survive. Subtly, the gospel asks the same question of us: confronted by such an apparently anaemic messiah, would we behave differently?

◆ Thank you ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week – Barb and Keith Mann

◆ Melrose Corner Shoppe ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe is bursting with inspiration this Spring. You'll find style, entertainment, home accessories and gifts for every age and taste! New items are added each week so be sure to stop in and browse regularly. All proceeds go to repairing the Stained Glass Windows.



◆ WrapAround Families are in need of... ◆

the following items: 1. Towels and bed linens, 2. Storage totes, 3. Bus tickets, 4. Gift cards for groceries, 5. A replacement cell phone
Thank you in advance! Contact Libby for more information.

◆ **Family Ministries Update** ◆

A special thank you....to all those who helped with the event on March 14th – it was a great success. Stay tuned next week for more info.

Sunday School Update – The new programming has launched! We still need volunteers, for more info please talk to Meg.

◆ **Social Justice Committee with EcoLocke Churches** ◆

Invite Everyone to...*JUST FOOD (in our Neighbourhood)*

March 24th -6:30pm doors open

Where: St Josephs Roman Catholic Church Parish Hall -240 Herkimer St

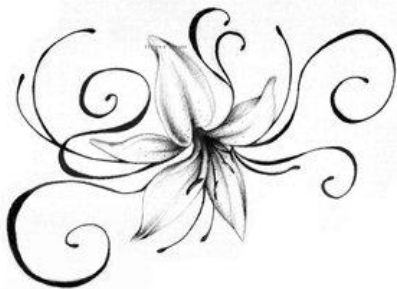
Speakers: Russ Ohrt (of Backyard Gardens) & Danielle Boissoneau of Neighbour2Neighbour. Refreshments provided.

A free evening of discussion and understanding food justice and food access in Hamilton. All are welcome.

◆ **Transition Team and Official Board Meeting** ◆

The joint meeting of the Transition Team and Official Board to discuss John Pentland's "Fishing Tips" will take place this Saturday, March 24th from 10am-12pm at Margaret Duff and Jim Kraemer's home. For more information contact the office, Margaret or Jim.

◆ **Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts** ◆



Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until next Sunday - **Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018**. Celebrate the memory of someone special to you and your family with a donation to the Easter and Chancel Flower and Gift Fund. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**, and on other special Sundays throughout the year. Special donation envelopes are available in the narthex and in the sanctuary, with an enclosed paper for writing memorial names.



◆ **Supper in the Sanctuary** ◆

There will be a potluck supper in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm on **March 29, 2018**. This is an intergenerational celebration of Maundy Thursday. All families and friends of Melrose are welcomed to attend. Come and share in the spirit of the season.

◆ **Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast** ◆

Back by popular demand!

April 1st 9am- Parlour

Suggested donation: \$15.00/family

Come and enjoy a wonderful cooked breakfast immediately following Easter Morning Service. And you don't even have to do the dishes!

All Proceeds from the Breakfast will go towards purchasing water conserving toilets for the two remaining bathrooms.

◆ **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.

◆ **Remit 6 Voting Results** ◆

In follow-up to this Agenda item at our recent AGM, please note that the Board vote with respect to Remit 6: One Order of Ministry was informed by the congregation's input. The results are now in, and the United Church of Canada has announced that this remit was not approved by a majority of the 85 voting presbyteries and 2,137 voting pastoral charges. This was the final remit question to be considered by pastoral charges.

Cheryl Evans, Chair of Melrose Official Board

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – March 19

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym
		Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
WrapAround Facilitator Networking	7:15 p.m.	

Tuesday – March 20

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 – March 21

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday – March 22

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 – March 23

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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Saturday – March 24

Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen
Board and Transition Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Offsite

Sunday – March 25

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel