

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 ◆

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

* 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

INTROIT – *O Saviour of the World*

E. Daley

* OPENING HYMN – *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

VU 116

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ, you are the Light of the World.

All: Come into the dark places of our lives and light our way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Coming from places that have seen better days,

**All: God bids us to celebrate this day,
a day full of new possibilities.**

One: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

**All: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,
renewing our connection with God
and with one another.**

One: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

**All: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,
speaking in word and sacrament,
and building community for holy service.**

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.**

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN – *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Allan Hannaford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 130 (Refrain 1)

VU 853

THE GOSPEL: John 11: 1-45

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN – *When Jesus Wept*

VU 146

SERMON – “When Jesus Wept”

ANTHEM – *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

J. Rutter

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 4) VU 149

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Holy God, giver of life,
we thank you for raising us up
and joining us together
as one people, our people,
flesh and bone in the body of Christ.
As you have delivered us from death,
use our lives to proclaim the good news
of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

followed by The Prayer of Jesus

**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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

VU 613

★ COMISSIONING & BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Go Forth with Blessing*
Go forth with blessing, go forth with peace:
Peace and joy be with you. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

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 our 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. As a helpful aid to your Holy Week meditation, here is a beautiful prayer from the Book of Common Worship of the Church of Scotland: *Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to*

Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

◆ **Melrose Tour** ◆

The property committee has planned a tour of Melrose United after the service **TODAY, April 2nd**. After the tour you'll be able to answer this question: In what sport has Melrose United Church won a provincial gold & national silver medals?

◆ **A Special Note from Michelle** ◆

Effective June 12th I will be resigning from the Child and Youth position at Melrose United Church. In the fall I will be taking over for Pam in the office. The Christian Development Committee, in cooperation with the Ministry and Personnel Committee, have produced a job description that we will be posting this week. This decision was difficult to make, and I spent a lot of time in prayer and conversation before coming to a final decision.

As a member at Melrose I want to continue to be actively involved in the church and I felt that with both positions it would be too difficult to balance this.

It has been a blessing to work with everyone at the church - especially the children. The support I have received both professionally and personally during my time on staff here has been unlike any other place of employment. I am incredibly grateful for this.

I plan to be involved in the process to replace me and to assist my replacement as much as I can. I will still be around (in the office) and as a participant in programs with my family.

If you have any ideas of a person who you think would be a good fit please encourage them to check out our website and send in an application.

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



Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until **Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017**. 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 16, 2017**, 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.

◆ **Women in Touch** ◆

The WIT dinner is happening on **Wednesday, April 12**, starting at 6:30 pm in the parlour. Come join us for an evening of fun and bring a dish to share with all. Our guest for this date is **Corrine Hardie**, executive director of **Helping Hands Street Mission**. She will share with us changes that have occurred over the last few years and current needs for the mission.

◆ **Supper in the Sanctuary** ◆

There will be a potluck supper in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm on **April 13, 2017**.

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.



◆ **Bible Study Dates** ◆

This group meets on **Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.** in the parlour. The current topic is "Women of the Old Testament" followed by "Women of the New Testament". You are welcome to drop in and see if this interests you.

◆ **News from the Melrose Office** ◆

From **Thursday, April 20 to Friday, April 28** Pam and Michelle will both be on holidays. If you have any requests for bulletin announcements or space use, please forward them to the office by **Friday, April 14**. Further details for office coverage during this time will be posted as soon as decided.

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Pam's vacation will continue, into May with her return to work scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16**. During this latter period of time, Michelle will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

• **April at the Corner Shoppe** ♦

All of April 'Be Green' with The Melrose Corner Shoppe! We 'Re-Cycle' everything for another use!

~ **Re-Purpose** ~ any item you find in the Shoppe; this makes it personal!

~ **Reduce** ~ buy a reusable coffee mug, water bottle & shopping bag; this saves the land-fill!

~ **Re-Use** ~ buy our gift bags & greeting cards; this re-uses items others have discarded prematurely!

All proceeds to Stained Glass Window repairs.

♦ **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.



Micah House in Hamilton...



...is a **home** for people seeking asylum from danger, terror & persecution.

When **refugee claimants** arrive, they are lonely, confused and unsure about what is required of them.

Micah House helps them at this vulnerable point by providing specific assistance to bring direction and hope to their circumstances.

Our **guests** tell us that when they were at a low point in their life Micah House became their **family** when they were separated from their own. Micah House welcomes newly arrived refugee claimants to Hamilton with God's love by providing safe shelter, assisting with settlement and creating passages into the community.

The Social Justice Committee is pleased to sponsor **Coffee Hour TODAY, April 2** to raise donations and awareness for Micah House. Please consider staying for coffee and refreshments and making a donation that will go directly to Micah House to assist them with the support of refugees that enter Hamilton.

**You are invited to Holy Week and
Easter at Melrose**

Sunday, April 9 at 10:30– Palm/Passion Sunday - Procession with Palms

Thursday, April 13 at 6:15 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Potluck and

Communion in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 14 at 10:30 – Good Friday service – Choral Music from Bach’s

St. Matthew Passion

Sunday, April 16 at 8:00 – Easter Sunrise service in the chapel

Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 – Easter Breakfast – Free-will donations will be
accepted to benefit to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 – Easter Worship with Communion

Wednesday,

May 10 – Melrose Seder Dinner, details TBA

All are welcome!



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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – April 3

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Guides, Brownies	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour, Auditorium
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday - April 4

Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Chapel

Wednesday - April 5

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary

Thursday – April 6

Early Years: Newborn	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years: Family	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Thursdays Are For Fun	6:00 p.m.	Gym
English Country Dancing	6:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Friday – April 7

Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
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Saturday - April 8

OnCOURSE Education	11:00 a.m.	OnCOURSE Rental Area
Memorial Service	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday – April 9

Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Bach Elgar Concert	4:00 p.m.	Sanctuary, Auditorium, Parlour, Chapel