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◆ 23 April, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Second Sunday of Easter

Dedication of the Quilted Cross Banner

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, April 23RD, 2017 ◆

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEDICATION OF THE QUILTED CROSS BANNER

* 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 – *Gigue*

J.P. Rameau

INTROIT – *Alleluia*

J. de Cleve

* OPENING HYMN – *Lift High the Cross*

VU 151

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: Today is the first day of our week.

All: God, help us to find peace and joy in this week.

One: Open your hearts and receive God's breath of new life.

All: God, help us to be ready to hear your words of life.

One: Come, let us worship with great joy!

All: Praise be to God! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all):

**All: Breathe the breath of new life into us, O God,
that we may fully feel the power of your love
and the glory of the resurrection
of your beloved child, Jesus Christ.
Prepare us to receive your blessing**

**and then to go from this place
to be a blessing to others in your name. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

★ HYMN – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

VU 149

DEDICATION OF THE QUILTED CROSS BANNER

PRAYER

One: Giver of all good gifts,
it is by your power that all things are made holy.
We give you thanks for your marvellous wonders,
and for the work of human hands.
Be with us now as we receive this banner
that comes from you.
We ask for your blessing and return it to your service.
May your face shine upon what we do here this day,
that all might draw nearer to you and praise you.

All: Amen.

PRESENTATION

Patti Varey: On behalf of the Melrose Quilters
I present this banner
to be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

Margaret Duff: With gratitude, we accept this banner
We will care for it, and we will use it reverently.

WORDS OF DEDICATION

One: In the name of the holy and triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

All: We dedicate this banner to the glory of God.

One: For the beauty of this holy place
and for the sake of all God's people,
All: We dedicate this banner to the Glory of God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Creating God, source of all inspiration and beauty,
you splash our world with colour
and paint all nature with love.
We thank you for this banner.
May the beauty of colours and the symbol at its centre,
crafted and offered praise of you,
invite us to ponder the centrality of the cross to our faith.
Grant that all who gather under this sign,
may be one in Christ Jesus,
in whom we die and are raised to life eternal.

**All: May your Holy Spirit guide us
in reverent and loving use of all things,
remembering always your great gift to us,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Dianne Coons

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 84

VU 801

EPISTLE: Galatians 2: 15-20

One: The Word of God

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 19: 25b-30

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN – *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

VU 142

SERMON - “Dying to Live”

CHORAL ANTHEM - *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

L. Dengler

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *There in God’s Garden*

VU 346 (Verse 6)

*All heaven is singing, “Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy healing strength and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!”
Amen! My Saviour!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Holy God, we give you thanks and praise
for light and life and love, and – above all –
the presence of the living Lord among us.**

**By your Spirit who breathes within us,
strengthen our faith, use our gifts,
and work in our lives to bear witness
to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 914)

★ CLOSING HYMN – *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Tune: Cross of Christ

1. *In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime*
2. *When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo! it glows with peace and joy.*
3. *When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.*
4. *Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.*
5. *In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

★ COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!

POSTLUDE – *Marche*

L.J.QA. Lefeure-Wely

*Thank you to the following people for their hard work on
creating the quilt:*

*Helen Hubert, Linda Saunders, Shari Saunders, Greta
Brown, Ruth Allen, Terri Wilson and Patti Varey.*

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

On the third Sunday of the Easter season we will read the beautiful story of how two of Jesus' disciples on a walk to the village of Emmaus are joined by a mysterious stranger who walks with them and listens to them describing "the things that have taken place" in Jerusalem in recent days. The stranger listens to their hopes and fears and points out where they seem to have lost their way (Luke 24: 13-35). Subsequently, the disciples invite the stranger to dine with them and then recognize, in the particular way he has of breaking the bread, that it is the risen Jesus. The story invites the question: if the two disciples spend so much time walking along the road in his company why don't they recognize Jesus earlier? This question about the biblical account invites us to ask the same sort of question about ourselves: is it possible that we, too, can become so obsessed with our frantic forward momentum that we fail to recognize Jesus in the kind stranger that we meet?

◆ Spring Cleaning with the SJC ◆

The Social Justice Committee can always find a good home for those little samples of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. that hotels and dentists like to share. Please drop off any unopened personal hygiene products in the Helping Hands blue bin, located in the auditorium.

◆ **Thank You...** ◆

...to our April coffee hosts--

Shari and Linda Saunders & Kathy Ross.



◆ **Congregational Meeting** ◆

There is a congregational meeting TODAY directly after worship for an update from the Transition Team

There is also a congregational meeting on **MAY 7** following worship for an update on the United Church Remits.

◆ **Child and Youth Notes** ◆

Please note there is **no Thursday night programming on April 27**. Regular programming will resume on May 4.

Michelle is away until April 28 inclusive. Sunday School will continue as scheduled.

Please check out the job posting for the Child and Youth Position on our website: www.melroseunited.ca

◆ **Melrose Passover Seder** ◆

The Melrose Passover Seder will be taking place on **May 10**. Please refer to posters for more information. A signup sheet is available in the office to indicate how many will be attending and what you plan on to bring. **Signing up is important** (but we will still feed you if you forget...). This year's event will again be ably led by Janet Kronick.

◆ **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.

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 ♦**

A big "Thank-you & Congratulations!" to everyone who has been supporting The Corner Shoppe! So far this year we have raised \$806.60! When added to the anonymous cheque that was written to replace the funds that 'went missing', we have already passed the \$1000.00 mark in four months!!! WOO-HOO!!

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.



MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – April 24

Carpet Bowling	8:00 a.m.	Gym
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	2:45 p.m.	ENTIRE BUILDING
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
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Tuesday - April 25

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Tai Chi	7:30 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary, Chapel

Wednesday - April 26

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Parlour, Sanctuary
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
WrapAround Appreciation Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen

Thursday – April 27

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
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 28

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Saturday - April 29

Prayer Shawl & Outreach Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Bach Elgar Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Aud., Parlour, Kitchen
OnCourse Education	11:00 a.m.	OnCOURSE Rental Area
Guitar Hamilton Concert	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Sunday – April 30

Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary

