

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ April 8, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

**Second Sunday of Easter**

# MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ◆

SECOND 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 - And I Will Exalt Him, from *Israel in Egypt* G.F. Handel

INTROIT - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing VU 170, v. 1

\* OPENING HYMN - *Welcome, Happy Morning* VU 161

### 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: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

### WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN- *The Spring Has Come* VU 187

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Sandra Winninger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM: Psalm 133

VU 856

SCRIPTURE: Acts 4: 32-35

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

★HYMN - Blest Be the Tie that Binds

VU 602

SERMON: "All for One and One for All"

ANTHEM - For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Rutter

◆ **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)

**Generous 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 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 —

*We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection* VU 586

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Hallelujah, amen!*

VU 974

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

POSTLUDE – Adagio, from *Sonata #19 in D Major*

W.A. Mozart

## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Worship for the third Sunday of the Easter season will focus on an interesting post-resurrection narrative from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 24: 36-48). Here Jesus demonstrates a willingness to eat and drink and be touched in order to convince his disciples that he is not a ghost. In the story, he accommodates the disciples' fear and he most certainly does not condemn it. What is particularly lovely about Luke's description of this intimate scene is that even though the disciples have difficulty believing (they continue to their experience of faith with a mixture of joy, doubt and wonder), they are nevertheless called to be witnesses. If that is true for them, then it is true for us. Part of being a "resurrection people" is that we are sent out as witnesses to God's grace and goodness and love for the world.

### ◆ The corner Shoppe is Gathering New Talent ◆

**Beginning June 1, 2018 Jeff Ogino will be managing The Melrose Corner Shoppe!** Helpers are needed to select, clean and price stock; sort and organize books; stock, dust and tidy shelves. Flexible hours and the opportunity to contribute creative ideas and talents to this successful fund-raiser make this an ideal volunteer position!

As well as generating revenue for church causes, The Corner Shoppe provides a fun venue for the congregation and the community to interact in a way that helps "green" our neighbourhood. Remember "Many hands make light work" and please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this "New Team"!

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### ◆ Melrose Garage Sale ◆

**Join us on May 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**◆ Acoustic Blend Cafe ◆**

The big moment at our **Hamilton** location is here on **Saturday, April 14**. It's the "**Tomorrow's Headliners**" concert! Come and support these hard working young musicians. We offer advance tickets at a discount and can be purchased by visiting <http://www.eventbrite.ca>. Prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, which also includes complimentary coffee and tea.

**◆ Jennifer Molinaro farewell concert ◆**

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.

**WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner**

Wednesday April 11 at 6:30 pm  
in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is  
Elaine from  
"GLEANERS"

(More information posted in the auditorium)  
Come & share a meal with friends!!



### **Hamilton Presbytery Notes**

- Submitted by Dianne Coons, PRES. rep

\* Time of reflection at each table of presbyters theme of 'How do I believe, find and live hope after Christ's resurrection, in our church, our lives, our hearts.

\* Courageous story telling: 3 churches have amalgamated this past year. Lynden, Rock Chapel, and St. Mark's. Three members, 1 from each church shared their powerful stories of their journeys. We heard positive comments: 'a leap of Faith', 'each step was a gift, ' shared ministry, children's programmes, joint choirs, all occurring in their trial year. Challenges were also shared in this meaningful and heartfelt report.

\* Brenna Baker gave an exciting report re- the Skylight Festival, to be held July 27-29 at Five Oaks. It will be a truly fantastic weekend, of faith, justice and a celebration of the arts for all ages, featuring guest singers and speakers! PLEASE see the poster in the hall for details! Plan to be there! Sounds amazing!

\* Resource Centre report: New books and resources were highlighted. There is SO much to learn about and experience at our resource centre at Emmanuel UC on Upper Ottawa.

\*Plans are afoot for more opportunities, when Presbytery terminates. An example: a curriculum workshop will be offered for Sunday School and youth workers Sat April 7 at the centre. Meg is going on behalf of Melrose. A questionnaire was shared by Judith Johnston to plan for the future of this vital centre in our area. Please go there, and support it. (The Canada Reads books are there!) The centre is current! Friend them on Facebook!

\*Announcements of note: Speaker at New Vision UC- "The Bible, Justice and the Palestinian - Israel Conflict - April 30

\* Wesley Urban Ministries: Andrea Butters' report:

Case for Kids walk - ride..Sun June 3 at noon! Info to follow! Save the date!

- A dinner will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> @ St. Andrew's Church

- On Sat April 28 at 155 Queen St there will be an open house

\*Discussions are ongoing regarding the transitioning process within the new area Hamilton & London conference regions. The new structure is the focus of these many meetings to plan for the future.

\*For more information, to keep up with changes, see United Church web site - FAQ. Next month at Presbytery further transition implementation details will be the focus of the meeting.



## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – April 9

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Bach Elgar Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

### Tuesday - April 10

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 11

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
<b>Women in Touch Dinner</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour, Kitchen</b>

### Thursday - April 12

<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
<b>Melrose Seder Dinner</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

### Friday – April 13

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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### Saturday - April 14

<b>Acoustic Blend Café</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
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### Sunday – April 15

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>