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◆ February 18, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆
Lent II - Annual General Meeting

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LENT II - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

* 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 - Interlude

L. Boellmann

WE WORSHIP AS WE CONSTITUTE THE MELROSE ANNUAL
MEETING

-Welcome and Call To Order

INTROIT - Adoramus te, Christe

F. Roussel

Translated from Latin:

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you:

For by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

* OPENING HYMN - *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

VU 108

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: Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten Journey.

**All: We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of
Christ.**

One: Today's journey will demand much of us.

All: Lord, make us ready to offer ourselves to you.

One: Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.

All: Let us place our lives in God's abiding love. AMEN.

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT II

**All: Gracious God, the life and the Passion of Jesus,
your beloved child give us the sure hope of redemption.**

**May we strip ourselves of anything in our lives
that separates us from you.**

**May we look to the example of your suffering
as we seek to bear our own.**

May we be strengthened in our faith. Amen.

(two purple candles are lit)

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison,

One: Christe eleison,

All: Christe eleison,

One: Kyrie eleison,

All: Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God is with you. Look within. Do not be afraid;
for God will bring you healing and hope.

All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

- ★ HYMN- *Called by Earth and Sky*
(the children go out to their programme)

MV 135

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Cheryl Evans

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8: 31-38

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - "Take Up What?"

ANTHEM - Sicut cervus, Palestrina

Translated from Latin:

*As the hart years for the water springs:
so longs my soul for thee, O God!*

◆ SERVICE OF OUR WORK ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

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)

Loving God,

we give thanks for all you have given to us

and praise you for your astounding goodness.

**Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies
for the ministry of your church.**

**Bless our offering for the work of your realm, and give us wisdom
for the right use of all you have provided.**

Amen.

HYMN - If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

Tune: *O Waly Waly* (VU 372)

*If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.*

*If we just dream of what could be
And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.*

*If we just sing of doing good
And don't walk through our neighbourhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.*

*God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs
That works for peace and justice, too,
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.*

-Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

BLESSING OF OUR FOOD

(all are invited to proceed to the auditorium for lunch and the AGM)

TRAVELLING MUSIC -Giga from *Pastorella*, BWV 590

J.S. Bach

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING (after the AGM)

SUNG BLESSING - *Go Now in Peace*

Besig/Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Melrose Events ♦

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

The lectionary readings from the Hebrew scriptures for Lent this year focus on God's covenant with God's people. For Lent III, the dramatic scene takes place on Mount Sinai (Exodus 20: 1-17) where God gifts Moses with the Ten Commandments. These laws are clearly intended to serve as a guide for the maintenance of communal well-being but they also speak of the Israelites' identity as a people redeemed by God from slavery. The Israelites are challenged to match God's devotion to them by their devotion to God. At the core of this list is the fifth commandment, "Honour your father and mother," which serves as a metaphor for the divine-human relationship and which links the first four commandments with those that follow. The very structure of the Decalogue connects the laws that govern divine-human interaction with the laws that govern human relationships. Ethics find their grounding in the people's religious experience -- and vice versa.

♦ Thank you ♦

...to our coffee hosts this week – Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey

♦ Melrose Tax Receipts Available ♦

Tax receipts are available in the church office for pick up. You can pick up today after worship or during regular building hours.

◆ 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.



◆ Melrose Annual General Meeting ◆

It's finally here! Hard copies of the report are available at the front left side of the sanctuary.

Today the following motion will be presented for the consideration of the congregation:

Motion: that the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$27,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund to meet the needs of the 2018 operating budget.

◆ Proposed Committee Restructuring ◆

The Official Board has reviewed our obligations with respect to appropriately overseeing the considerable property management functions of the church. Over time, we have evolved to have responsibility for substantial leasing and renting functions, which frankly were never anticipated within typical church governance structures, and which don't fit comfortably within a usual Property Committee framework. Successfully managing our property and leasing/rental issues is vital to our sustainability and a key responsibility of the Board. With the support of the Property Committee, the Official Board is recommending a change to our current committee structure. We are proposing that the Property Committee be replaced with a Resource Management subcommittee of the Official Board. This subcommittee would have responsibility for oversight of the broad property management functions and needs of the church, and would, through combining property, administrative, and financial expertise within its membership, help to ensure clear and timely decision-making and oversight of our property management functions. Additional information regarding this proposal is included in my submission within the Annual Report.

Procedurally, the congregation must approve changes to committee structures. This approval will be sought today during the AGM. Please feel free to contact me (cheryl.rn@sympatico.ca) if you have any questions about this proposal.

Cheryl Evans, Chair, Official Board

◆ **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** ◆

March Break – Please let Meg know if you plan on attending on March 14th.


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

◆ **Social Justice Upcoming Coffee Hour and Fundraiser** ◆

Social Justice and Outreach Committee Welcomes Jeni Hemu to Melrose United church on March 11th. She is the Community Support Coordinator for Essential Aid and Family Services of Ontario, located on 100 Main Street East, here in Hamilton. She will briefly talk about Essential Aid and then at Coffee Hour meet, greet, and answer questions about the work that Essential Aid provides to families in Hamilton and area.

The Social Justice Committee is asking for donations of the following: diapers, baby formula, baby wipes, baby food and pablum. Please bring your donation on March 11 and the donations will gladly be accepted by Jeni and put to immediate use! Come out and enjoy a special coffee hour!

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

 Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until **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.

◆ **World Day of Prayer** ◆

Friday March 2, 12 noon. St. Joseph's RCC on Locke Street. Women of Suriname – a small country in the north of South America prepared the short service of prayer and song for neighbourhood churches to share together. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of Creation, with the theme “All God's Creation Is Very Good” - universal issues of climate change, natural disasters, pollution, and human abuse of the environment – all affecting God's good Creation and God's people. Please join your neighbours at noon for the service, followed by Suriname vegetable soup in their renovated parish hall.

◆ **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 – February 26

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	ENTIRE BUILDING
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.	

Tuesday – February 27

Locke Street B.I.A.	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
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 – February 28

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
Mindfulness Hamilton	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
Conservation Halton Workshop	6:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday – March 1

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 2

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Saturday – March 3

Private Concert	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
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Sunday – March 4

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Worship Committee	12:00 p.m.	Auditorium

