

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ March 4, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Lent III

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◆ March 4, 2018 ◆

LENT III

\* 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 - Andante con moto from *Heures mystiques* 1896 L. Boellmann

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 - *As the Sun with Longer Journey* VU 111

### 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: Long ago God called a wandering people  
into a special relationship.

**All: They were challenged to be God's witnesses in community  
to a world divided.**

One: In the goodness of God's time,

Jesus was called to teach us about our relationship to God.

**All: He taught us that God cares for each one of us.**

One: The Holy Spirit was sent to comfort  
and guide us in our witness.

**All: May we be faithful in our relationship with God  
and proclaim God's love to everyone.**

### PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT III

**All: Holy God, out of your great love for the world,  
you reconciled earth to heaven  
through your beloved child, Jesus.  
Fill us with your tender mercy  
so that we may all be reconciled to one another.  
May we have the courage to forgive  
those who have offended us  
and the faith to trust in your redemptive love for us.**  
*(three purples 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: God's love is sure and steadfast,  
always providing a way out,  
a way through,  
a way back to God.

**All: With gratitude, in faith,  
we will walk the way of Christ. Amen.**

### WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN- *If Our God Had Simply Saved Us*

VU 131 Verses 1, 6-9

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Patti Varey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 19

VU 740, Refrain 2

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Exodus 20: 1-17

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 2: 13-22

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

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN - "Spirit, Open My Heart"

SERMON: "The Top Ten"

ANTHEM - Ave verum corpus

W. Byrd

*Translated from Latin:*

*Hail, true body, Born of the virgin Mary;*

*Who has truly suffered, slaughtered*

*On the Cross for humanity.*

*Whose side was pierced, Pouring out water and blood.*

*Be a foretaste for us. During our ordeal of death.*

*O sweet, o holy, O Jesus Son of Mary,*

*Have mercy on me. Amen.*

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

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)

**The wisdom of the world  
tells us to hoard what we own, O God,  
while you invite us to share what we have  
with those in need.  
Accept these gifts for your purposes,  
that we may be your servants in the world.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN  
(followed by the Prayer of Jesus 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 – *O God, How We Have Wandered*

VU 112

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 - En prière (In Prayer)

G. Fauré

soloist: Allana Stevenson

◆ Melrose Events ◆

**Worship Next Week ◆**

Next Sunday will be the fourth Sunday of the Lenten season, Lent's mid point. It is often called "*laetare*" ("be joyful") Sunday after the first Latin word of the introit assigned to Lent IV in the worship of the medieval church. In many church traditions, "*laetare*" Sunday offers a brief pause from some of the austerity of Lent. Since purple is associated with Lenten penance, rose-pink is often used as the liturgical colour for Lent IV, signaling that Easter hope is coming into sight. The sermon time will focus on a strange tale from the Book of Numbers (Numbers 21: 4-9). The wilderness wanderings, or at least their length and breadth, were a surprise to Israel. Instead of a land of milk and honey, they get a desert. The promise has been spoken, but why are poisonous snakes? Yet even in the wilderness God is responsive to the needs of his complaining people. The protests are answered, the cries are heard, and there is a gift of healing. The death-dealing forces end up being nailed to a pole.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

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

◆ **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** ◆

**March Break** - Please let Meg know if you plan on attending on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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 next week 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.

◆ **Note from the Office** ◆

Michelle will be away from March 12-16 inclusive. For any urgent pastoral care concerns please contact Rev. Philip. For building maintenance concerns the custodial staff will be available during regular building hours.

◆ **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 Saturday, March 24th from 10am-12pm at Margaret Duff and Jim Kraemer's home. For more information contact the office, Margaret or Jim.

◆ **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.

◆ **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

◆ **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.



## Special Announcement Melrose Corner Shoppe

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### **The Melrose Corner Shoppe (2017)**

The Melrose Corner Shoppe falls under the umbrella of the Congregational and Community Engagement Committee. As well as generating revenue for church causes, it provides a venue for the congregation and the community to interact in a way that helps “green” our neighbourhood by reducing waste and reusing items which become treasures to be discovered!

In 2017 \$1783 was raised toward the repair of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. \$1084 has been spent and the rest is in reserve for the next stage of the project.

2018 Update: \$365 has already been generated in January and February by The Corner Shoppe! This brings the reserve for future window repairs to \$1063.

### **New Management Needed!**

The Melrose Corner Shoppe needs a new manager for June 1, 2018!

The Shoppe is a lucrative, creative and flexible fund-raiser for the church. In this volunteer position as Shoppe Manager, you set your own hours, create your own themes, assemble your team and designate the proceeds to church-related causes that inspire you! (ie: United Church programmes, charity organizations, building maintenance projects)

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This is a fun, successful and trendy means of raising \$4000 a year which has unlimited potential!! It's just waiting for your personal touch!

Please contact the church office if you can contribute your time and talent to keeping The Corner Shoppe alive!

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

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Sunday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. - Palm/Passion Sunday -  
Procession with Palms

Thursday March 29 at 6:15 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Potluck and  
Communion in the Sanctuary

Friday March 30 at 10:30a.m. - Good Friday service-of Tenebrae  
words and music

Sunday April 1 at 8:00 - Easter Sunrise service in the chapel

at 9:00 - Easter Breakfast - suggested donation of  
\$15 per family - all proceeds will go  
towards the purchase of water  
conserving toilets for the downstairs  
washrooms

at 10:30 - Easter Worship with Communion

April 12 - Melrose Seder Dinner, details TBA

**All are welcome!**



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**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday – March 5**

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 - March 6**

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 7**

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
<b>Property/Resource Management Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>

**Thursday - March 8**

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

**Friday – March 9**

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
Wedding Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

**Saturday - March 10**

Wedding	2:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
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**Sunday – March 11**

<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>