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◆ 14 May, 2017 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Christian Family Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, May 14th, 2017 ◆

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY

* 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 – *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* from *Orpheus* C. Gluck

INTROIT – *Alleluia* J. de Cleve

* OPENING HYMN – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* VU 325

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 praise You, God, who loves us like a mother and a father.

All: We thank You for sending us Your Only Son.

One: You have loved us and called us Your children.

All: Christ has called us brothers and sisters.

One: For whoever does the will of God,

All: is part of the family of Jesus.

One: Come, let us worship our God:

All: our Creator, our Parent, the One who loves us most!

OPENING PRAYER (said by all):

God of grace and glory,

by the death and resurrection of your Beloved Child

your reign of wholeness has been unleashed

within our bent and broken world.

Open us to your empowering grace
that we may be bearers of your world-redeeming love,
through the resurrected Christ,
our dignity, our power, and our peace. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

★ HYMN – *The Spring Has Come* VU 187

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Eric Windhorst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 31 (Parts 1& 3) VU 758

SCRIPTURE: Acts 7:55-60

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 14: 1-14

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN – *Come, My Way, My Truth* VU 628

HOMILY – “Many Mansions”

CHORAL ANTHEM – *It is Good to Praise the Lord* M. Sirett

Emily Warren, soprano

Nicola Winstanley, flute

◆ **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)

**Receive these gifts this morning, O God,
author of every good gift.**

**Out of the bounty of our hearts,
we respond with faithful generosity and love.**

**May these gifts become blessings for others
as they have been blessing for us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 914)

- * CLOSING HYMN – *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* VU 320

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE –

VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!

POSTLUDE – *Theme from Jupiter*

G. Holst

It is Good to Praise the Lord by Mark Sirett is headed with the following dedication: For Maple Grove United Church Chancel Choir in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Maple Grove United Church, Oakville, ON - 2008.
Alexander Cann, Music Director

◆ **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.

◆ **Case for Kids** ◆

Wesley Case for Kids is **Sunday June 4th**! Check out the signs on the bulletin board or talk to Gwyn X. for information. For sign up forms check the church office. Rev. Gardner will be walking and will be happily accepting monetary donations.

◆ **Steel City Event** ◆

On Tuesday June 3 @ 10:30 a.m. for the unveiling of the **Hamilton/Afghanistan War Monument** at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Mount Hope. For more information check out: www.nwrasteelcity.com.

◆ **Melrose Church Picnic**◆

The Melrose Church Picnic will be taking place on **June 11 @ Dundas Driving Park in Pavillion 2/3**. We will be having an informal service outside in the park followed by a picnic lunch. All are welcome! Invite your friends and families.

Please bring a lawnchair, splash pad swimming supplies, your own beverages and a potluck dish to share. Rain or Shine.

◆ **Women in Touch – WIT – Wed. June 14** ◆

The WIT potluck dinner will be held in the parlour beginning at **6:30pm**. Our guest for the evening is **Marion Sewell-Sneyd**. She will share with us her experiences as a volunteer with **Child Haven International**. Check out: www.childhaven.ca. Please join us to share food, fun and fellowship.

◆ **Child and Youth Notes** ◆

Please note there is **no Thursday night programming again until September**. The final Sunday School lesson for the school year will be June 4th.

◆ **News from the Melrose Office** ◆

Regular office hours will resume this week until summer hours begin in July. The office and custodial staff have appreciated your patience during the past six weeks.

◆ **May in the Corner Shoppe** ◆

"Everything's Coming Up Roses" in May for Mother's Day at The Melrose Corner Shoppe! Be sure to check it out for some 'Up-Cycling Inspiration' and some 'Spring-Time Cheer'!

All proceeds go to Melrose Stained Glass Window Repairs

◆ **We Need You!** ◆

Have you considered becoming a full member of the Melrose community? One of the benefits of full membership is that your voice will be heard on any matters pertaining to the *spiritual* health of the congregation. If you are interested in more information, speak to Rev. Philip. Our plan is receive new members at the Pentecost worship service on June 4th if there are any folk interested.

◆ **Bible Study** ◆

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will be taking a break for the summer and will resume again in October. Watch the bulletin for details.

◆ **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.



◆ **Presbytery News** ◆

Hamilton Presbytery met at Marshall Memorial United Church, Tues. May 2, 2017

1. After a reflective Worship service, (road to Emmaus story), a presentation was made by Raphael Vallejo about the ceasing of operations at Five Oaks Nov. 2016. The good news is that a members working group was created, out of which a NEW FIVE OAKS has arisen! A multi - disciplinary setting will be established for a one year commitment, consisting of Interfaith groups from Six Nations Grand River, a Muslim association and the United Church. It is all in the working stages, regarding funding commitments, and much work ahead, but the positive welcome news was well received. We need to be aware of new life at Five Oaks, supporting it and keeping this exciting new initiative in our prayers. Anyone interested in becoming a voting member of Five Oaks to be part of its future, please go to their website to sign up.
2. Olivet United Church will cease to worship as of June 30, as reported by Pastoral Oversight. Amidst tears and prayers, a lament time was held during which the rich history of Olivet's contribution to Christian life and worship was honoured and remembered. A report was read regarding the financial details. Details of this report can be viewed on Hamilton Presbytery's website.
3. Mount Hope United church, in a hopeful, positive move, will unite with Barton Stone United Church June 30. Ministry will be shared between

two current ministers. A closing service was held May 7 to honour Mount Hope United Church and its rich history. The building has been sold to Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church. Prayers were also given in a celebration of the hope of new life for these 2 uniting churches.

4. CASE FOR KIDS for Wesley Urban Ministries. June 4 Bay Front Park. Please walk, run or bike, join in, pledge and support our own Wesley as this amazing organization does so much to help those in need in Hamilton. See poster in the hall.
5. Resource Centre: The Resource Centre will be moving to Emmanuel United Church on Upper Ottawa St. upon Olivet United Church's closing. Please visit and support the resource centre before it closes (sale items!) and in Sept. at Emmanuel. Moving day is June 19.
6. Hamilton Conference will hold its annual general meeting weekend in Port Elgin from May 26-28.
7. The social Justice Committee reported on the successful sponsorship of a refugee family by several United Churches in the Copetown Dundas area. The families are settled. Funds are available to help other churches become involved in this effort, to sponsor a Palestinian family designated to come to Canada, who have been waiting for years. A constituent group or groups are badly needed to have the conversation and commit to helping the family. Please speak to Dianne or Philip for more information.
8. Summer day camp - there are 4 confirmed councillors with more to come. TEN camps will run this summer -one week is still open.

A special note: last month , April 4 , our own Rev. Philip led Presbytery in a meaningful worship service of readings, music and prayer, with the focal point being the lovely cross hanging created by our quilting group, dedicated in Melrose worship on April 23. Thanks, Philip, for leading in a special and memorable service .

Respectfully submitted, Dianne Coons

VBS: Hero Central is coming!
August 7 -11 from 8:30am-12:00pm.

Registration forms available at the office and online
Ages 5-11 for main camp, Teens welcome for CIT (counsellors in training, including opportunities for volunteer service hours)



Please plan to sign up your kids! Sign up your friends' kids! Sign up your neighbors' kids! Sign up kids you find walking down the street! Encourage all those you know to participate. It is a top notch program run by great people through Hamilton Presbytery. Rev. Philip and the CD Team will also be involved in many key parts. The day camp is an excellent ministry opportunity and it is a chance to share with our friends, acquaintances, coworkers and community what Melrose has to offer.

We will be recruiting help in the following ways:

- 1. Snack team Members:** We are looking for two people to sign up for each morning we are hosting and to handle the preparing and cleaning up of snacks. Supplies will be provided if required. We have a very detailed guide complete with photo instructions. Commitment of time would approximately 2 hours per morning.
- 2. Registration Team members:** Each morning we will need 1-2 people to cover the registration desk when the children arrive and leave. It will only require a commitment from 8:30-9:15 and 12:00-12:30.
- 3. Promote!** Please share with those around you and in your workplace that the camp is taking place. In order for this to be a success we need children to attend.
- 4. Prayer, patience and support.** There will be a lot of little ones tramping all over the place during that week. This is an opportunity to serve our community with a free day camp (free will offering to cover our cost of \$500 for the week would be gratefully accepted) and share our message with those around us.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – May 15

Carpet Bowling	8:00 a.m.	Gym
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Big Book	7:45 p.m.	Parlour, Auditorium
WrapAround Facilitator	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Networking		

Tuesday - May 16

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Tai Chi	7:30 a.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - May 17

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Melrose Official Board	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday – May 18

Early Years	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Martial Arts	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	6:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Friday – May 12

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Saturday - May 13

OnCourse Education	10:00 a.m.	OnCOURSE Rental Area
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Sunday – May 14

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