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◆ June 3, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

Second Sunday after Pentecost

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ June 3rd, 2018 ◆
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

* 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 – Salut d'amour E. Elgar

INTROIT – Illumina oculos meos Palestrina

Translation from Latin:

Give light to mine eyes, lest I ever sleep in death.

* OPENING HYMN – *Holy, Holy, Holy* VU 315

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

All: The light of Christ burns brightly in our lives.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The morning star calls to the sun:

All: let us worship God and give thanks.

One: Young and old, big and little
gather in the house of God;

**All: We raise our voices, we lift up our hearts to you,
Creator God.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

Life-giving God:

**you speak and the earth trembles,
you speak and we strain to hear,**

you speak and prophets proclaim.
Great God of past, present, and future,
open us to your movement in our world
and in our lives.

In this time of worship,
open us to your presence and to your call;
give us strength for serving you.
Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

* HYMN – *Praise our Maker* VU 316

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Eric Windhorst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 139 VU 861

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 2: 23- 3:6

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN – *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* VU 509

SERMON: "Here I Am"

ANTHEM – Sicut cervus

Palestrina

Translation from Latin:

As the hart panteth after water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *Grant Us, God, the Grace
Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a Spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

VU 540

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Creator God, there is no one like you
in heaven above or on the earth below.
You are faithful to your promises,
showing steadfast love to your people.**

**Receive this offering of our lives
as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.
Let our lives show forth to the whole world
the glory of your name. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 921)

* CLOSING HYMN – *Lord, Speak to Me*

VU 589

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Hallelujah, amen!*

VU 974

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

POSTLUDE – Fugue No. 5 in A minor

HWV 609, G.F. Handel

Melrose Vision ♦

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ. To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

♦ Newcomers and Visitors ♦

Welcome to Melrose United Church!

Please feel free to fill in the form in the Welcome Binder located by the Name Tag boxes which are located on the tables by the east doors on each side of the chancel steps.

♦ Melrose Events ♦



♦ Worship Next Week ♦

After the winter that wouldn't go away, summer is finally here! – and next Sunday we will enjoy one of the highlights of our worship year, the annual Melrose Church Picnic to be held this year at the *Dundas Driving Park Pavillion #4* beginning with worship at 10:30 led by Philip Gardner, Meg Chalmers, and Alex Cann. Bring a lawn chair, something to share for our picnic meal and your best singing voices for intergenerational worship and celebration. Note that there is no worship service at Locke & Homewood on June 3.

◆ **It's time to go for GOLD!!!** ◆



Case for Kids to support Wesley

Urban Ministries is coming! Join us TODAY June 3 for a walk run or ride to end child poverty. Each year we have achieved silver pacesetter status as a team (\$1000 in donations). This year we are going for GOLD! Let's raise over \$2500! To participate get a form in the office or talk to Rev. Philip.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hour hosts this month Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey

◆ **New Members** ◆

And now for some good news ... two lovely persons are planning to be received into full membership of our Melrose congregation at the morning service on June 17th. If anyone else would like to join them, I'm sure they would welcome companions! Speak to Rev. Philip about this opportunity to enter fully into the life and work of our community.

◆ **Summer Scripture Readers** ◆

We now have a full roster of summer readers. Thank you from Carolyn Duff. I will send reminders to you from Nova Scotia. Please, readers, make sure that Michelle, in the Church Office, has your up-to-date email address.

◆ **Birthday Wishes** ◆

A couple exciting birthdays happened in our church family recently - make sure to send wishes to Flo L. and Doreen M. next time you see them!



◆ **WrapAround request** ◆

Wraparound is currently helping two families that are looking for one or two bedroom pet friendly apartments in Hamilton. Please contact Libby Cook if you have any helpful information. Thank You!

◆ June 10 Picnic – join us at Pavilion 4! ◆



FAMILY PICNIC

and outdoor church service

ON THE MENU: music, lessons and fun!

Bring a dish to share and plan to stay and play at the adjoining park and splash pad.

Sunday June 10 @ 10:30am
Dundas Driving Park
Looked for marked pavillion



◆ JUNE 17TH – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP ◆

When the Interim Ministry period began at Melrose four goals were articulated for the Transition Team and the Interim Minister:

- Help to bring healing to the congregation
- Help to restore morale within the congregation
- Help to establish good governance behavior within the congregation
- Work with the whole congregation to establish common mission and values

While excellent progress has been made on the first three of those goals, the Transition Team needs your help and your input with the fourth. The Team met productively with the Official Board in the spring and now it's the turn of the congregation as a whole to shape Melrose's *identity and mission* as the community journeys together into its future. A light lunch will be provided (yes, we know it's Father's Day - bring Dad!).

◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

We are renovating the washroom along the lower corridor, located directly below the office. This washroom is used by people from the Norman Slater room, the gymnasium and the bowling alley, as well as by others. It will also be used this summer by the STEM camp that is using our auditorium. We plan to install a new floor, new toilets and new light fixtures, and we will probably also replace the counter and sinks. We will also be repainting the room. The cost is estimated to be \$10,000, including an allowance for contingencies.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this project. Please mark any donations as being for washroom renovations. We already have funds for two toilets, raised through the Easter breakfast. If you wonder whether it needs renovations, please go take a look at this circa 1930s room!

◆ 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 – June 4

Quilting Brownies and Guides	12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Auditorium Gym, Norman Slater Room, Auditorium
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Tuesday - June 5

Bach Elgar Auditions	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Chapel
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Wednesday - June 6

Polling Station Set Up	4:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Resource Management Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - June 7

Polling Station	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour

Friday – June 8

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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Saturday - June 9

Tom Schilling Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
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Sunday – June 10

Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Dundas Driving Park
Private Event	1:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen