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◆ May 6, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆
Music Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ May 6th, 2018 ◆

MUSIC 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 – Presto, 4th movement of Organ Concerto, Op. 4 No. 5
G.F. Handel

INTROIT Ave verum corpus W.A. Mozart

* OPENING HYMN – *I Sing the Mighty Power* VU 231

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

All: God's Resurrection love shines in our hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

All: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

One: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

All: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

All: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

(at the conclusion of the hymn the children will leave for church school)

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Let us confess our shortcomings,
recalling the words of Christ:
Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

**All: Yet sometimes we sow discord,
neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.**

One: Jesus said, "As God has sent me, so I send you."

**All: Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow
unknown paths of faith.**

One: Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

All: But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.
silent reflection

One: Forgive us, Holy Presence,
in the name of Jesus we pray.

KYRIE ELEISON

(sung by the choir -- from Mozart "Missa brevis in C")

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Like a mother lion, you feed us and protect us.

**All: In times of both beauty and struggle,
you keep us close, O God.**

One: Like a mother in a time of pain and suffering,
you are with us.

**All: You redeem us, O God, with wisdom and with grace.
Amen.**

Reader: Margaret Duff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 98

VU 818 (Refrain 1)

THE GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(sung by the choir -- from Mozart "Missa brevis in C")

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HOMILY

◆ SERVICE OF THE TABLE ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN – *All Who Hunger*

VU 460

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**God, we offer to you only a portion
of what you have given us.**

All that we have is from your creative hand.
All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.
All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.
Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy.
Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to Communion

One: In the name of the One who said,
 "I am the bread of life,"
I invite you to come and eat this Easter feast.
In the name of the One who said, "I am the true vine,"
I invite you to come and drink.
In the name of the One who said,
 "Love one another, as I have loved you,"
I invite you all to the family table of Jesus Christ.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you
All: and also with you
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
One: Before all that is, You were God.
 Outside all we know, You are God.
 After all is finished, You will be God.
 Archangels sound the trumpets,
 Angels teach us their song,
 Saints pull us into your presence.
And this is our song:

Sanctus (sung by the choir, from Mozart "Missa brevis in C")

Translation: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies,

You under the oceans,

You inside the leaves,

You pouring down rain,

You opening the flowers,

You feeding the insects,

You giving us your image,

You carrying us through the waters,

You holding us in the night,

Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,

Your hand with Moses and Miriam,

Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,

You lived as Jesus among us,

Healing, teaching, dying, rising,

Inviting us all to your feast.

On the night in which he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, we remember your Son,
His life with the humble,
His death among the wretched,
His resurrection for us all:
Your wisdom our guide,
Your justice our strength,
Your grace our path to rebirth.

Benedictus (sung by the choir, from Mozart "Missa brevis in C")

Translation: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!*

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.

Enliven this bread,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united,
Make us, though broken, whole,
Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit!

One: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise for ever.

And so we cry, Amen:

All: Amen!

The Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **and also with you.** (all are invited to share the Peace)

Intercessions

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain, all who are ill or alone. We pray for all whose who suffer loss through natural disaster or human wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear and anxiety. We pray for ourselves and for our church that we may always strive for justice, mercy and peace. We gather these and all our prayers, thankful that we may turn to you as to our Mother who love us, as: *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 those who 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.*

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread of life shared with you.

The cup of the New Covenant shared with you.

Come, for the meal is ready!

*(our communion today will be received by intinction. If you are able, please come forward up the centre aisle. There are two stations. Pick up a piece of bread from the tray, **dip it in the cup and consume it immediately**, returning to your seats via the side aisles. The **larger** chalices contain **grape juice**, the **smaller, dark green** chalices contain **wine**. If you are unable to come forward, the servers will gladly come and serve you in the pew. Please help them to locate you.)*

During Communion:

Agnus Dei (sung by the choir, from Mozart "Missa brevis in C")

Translation: *O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

One: Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.

Help us to recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread
to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken.

Give us, who are fed at his hand,
grace to share our bread with the hungry
and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service
until that time when we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

**All: Through Christ,
all glory and honour are yours, Holy God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN – *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* VU 232

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Amen* VU 973

Melrose welcomes special guest instrumentalists:

Adam Diderich, violin

Paul Barna, violin

A warm welcome also to a few new faces in our choir:

Claire MacPherson, Kim McMillan, Maribeth Curry,

Doug Annett, John Hicks, Terry Ball, Bill Harris, and

John Pendzay.

◆ **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** ◆

Next Sunday (Ascension Sunday/Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day) will be a special week at Melrose. Through the Sacrament of Infant Baptism we will welcome Ella

Shirley Pleizier (daughter of Jenna Dowhaniuk and Jonathon Pleizier) to the church family of Christ. The sermon time will focus on a detailed prayer found in the Gospel of John (17: 6-19). Here, before his crucifixion, Jesus speaks with urgency of his passion for God and for the disciples. One of the most complex aspects of this passage is the issue of "the world." What exactly does Jesus mean by "world"? Often John is quoted by those who uphold the notion that the world is a place that is antithetical to the goodness of creation. More likely, however, what the gospel is addressing are those persons or forces that are either opposed or indifferent to things of God that are embodied in Jesus. A question we might ask of this prayer is: how does it continue to reflect the struggles and the hopes of Christ's disciples in our own time? How do we mediate the apparent tension between what we experience of the world and God's gracious goodness?

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week -
The Melrose Chancel Choir

◆ **Music Sunday Coffee Hour** ◆

The **Melrose Chancel Choir** is hosting coffee hour TODAY! This will be a "tuxedo" event. Be prepared to be served by our special waiters as you dine on appetizers and treats! All donations to coffee hour will go towards the cost of hiring a Harpist for our Candlelight Service.

◆ **WANTED: Information Technology Assistance for the Melrose Office** ◆

We could use occasional advice and assistance with our office IT. Our computers, telephone PBX, printer, router and modem sometimes have a mind of their own, or it seems that way to us. We don't have major problems (that we know of), but there is definitely room for some improvement in the network and for some backup

when things do go bad. If you think that you can help us, please contact Michelle Millson in the office or speak with Ralph Moulton.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe - Thinking "Green" for Earth Day** ◆

Let's count the ways The Melrose Corner Shoppe is "Green";

 **REDUCES** land-fill and re-cycling waste by re-selling books and re-purposing household items every month

 **REUSES** packing paper, bags, tags, giftbags and cards as well as all the lovely stock on the shelves

 **RECYCLES** everything in The Shoppe to a new home or to charity organizations (when the stock is changed)

Did you spot all TWELVE ways The Shoppe is "GREEN"?!

◆ **Melrose Garage Sale** ◆

Join us on May 26th @ 8am 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 25th**
- 3. Volunteers to run the garage sale on May 26th**
- 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!

◆ **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.

*Did you know we recently installed change tables
in our washrooms outside the parlour?
Check them out!*

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – May 7

Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - May 8

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 - May 9

HPL: Locke Street Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
WrapAround Hamilton Event	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Resource Management Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - May 10

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
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 Soccer U12	7:30 p.m.	Gym

Friday – May 11

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
TGIF	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen, Parlour

Saturday - May 12

Mindfulness Workshop	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Tom Schilling Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Sunday – May 13

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