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◆ **Sunday, February 9, 2020** ◆  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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◆ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 ◆  
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\* indicates a time to stand, if you are able  
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

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◆ **GATHERING** ◆

INTROIT – Open Now These Gates of Beauty G. Young

\* OPENING HYMN – *Now Thank We All Our God* VU 236

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: As the light grows in our physical world, may it remind us of the need for the light of revelation in other places: the world of our spirits, and the world of thought and feeling.

**All: May the light of this candle be a light to help us perceive God's purpose and God's desire in the universe and to walk faithfully toward it.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus invites us to be salt and light. It is clear that Jesus totally believes in us. This crystal salt lamp is both light and salt. Its promoters claim the light heating the salt causes the salt crystal to release negative ions. The ions bind with pollutants in a room, which then fall to the ground, so the air is cleaner. And perhaps because breathing is so basic, they claim that healing is offered to just about everything going when a salt lamp is active in a space.

**All: We gather to absorb the "light and salt" faith that God in Jesus clearly has placed in us. He actually calls us the**

**light of the world and the salt of the earth. As salt and light we are to absorb all those divine ions God sends to us and to go forth as ionized light, to shine so brightly that others can see their way through chaos and challenges.**

One: Come you, who are salt of the earth and light of the world, and be energized in worship today.

**All: Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**In awe, and in wonder, we pray, in our listening,**

**May we receive your whispers to our hearts,**

**Encouraging us to live for one another.**

**In our witnessing,**

**May your good news be proclaimed.**

**In our greeting,**

**May we recognize you in the faces greeting us.**

**In our praying, may we feel your touch of grace.**

**In our singing this morning, may your harmony ring out with joy. Amen.**

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN - *There's a Spirit in the Air*

VU 582

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

ANTHEM - I Want to Be Ready

arr. R. D. Neaveill

**◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆**

Reader: Michael Clase

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 112

VU 834

WISDOM OF ISRAEL – Isaiah 58: 1-12

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION: “Worship and Justice are one”

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

One: Hear these words to our church.

**All: The wisdom of the Spirit.**

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 5: 13-20 – The Sermon on the Mount  
continues

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

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

★ HYMN – *O Jesus I have Promised*

VU 120

REFLECTION: “Lukewarm Church”

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and sprinkle them with the salt of your love. Being seasoned by the Spirit, may they be used to promote your will in our community and the world around us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

concluded by the Prayer of Jesus

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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 for for ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN - *Forth in Your Name* VU 416

COMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE - Amen, Amen, Amen VU 973

POSTLUDE

◆ **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!

After service we join together in the church parlour for refreshments and fellowship. Kids are welcome to hang out in the Children's corner at the front of the church during service and join the programming in the auditorium after Children's Time.

Children are also always welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire service if they choose.

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next week on Family Day weekend, we are delighted to report that four persons will be accepting membership in our congregation this day. Three are coming by transfer from the closed Zion United Church - Geoffrey Harrison, George Mayhew and Heurtha Thomson; and one as a new member of the United Church - Janet Landeen, who is currently a member of our choir.

For the past two weeks I have split the sermon into two reflections, choosing interpretations of two scriptures rather than one. I have

again decided to follow that format with the Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 reading that states “I have set before you life and prosperity, death and adversity ..... choose life” This represents God’s final words to Moses and focuses on choice and promise.

The second reflection is based on 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 where Paul is responding to quarrelling in the church –“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.”

Most often the seeds are planted and there is no evidence of germination in sight, but underneath the surface, growth is happening in God’s own good time.

We are dependent on this playing out in so much of our interactions – with our children as parents, teachers and from our pulpit. We do not choose the time for the bursting forth, the Spirit releases the nutrients when the time is right. We may well have moved on before something we kindled bursts into flame.

#### ◆ **Melrose AGM** ◆

The Melrose Annual General Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service on **February 23rd**. Please bring a lunch for you and your family. As required, notice is also being given that the following motion will be considered at that meeting:

That the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$9200 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund to support the Melrose 2020 operating budget.

Cheryl Evans, Chair of Official Board

#### ◆ **Annual Reports are now available!** ◆

Hard copies of the Annual Report are available today in the parlour after worship. Please sign the sheet indicating you have received your

copy. If possible, one copy per household, please.

◆ **2019 Tax Receipts are now available** ◆

Help the office save on mailing costs and pick yours up in the parlour today!

◆ **Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre Announcement** ◆

**JOIN US FOR A HAMILTON PRESBYTERY REUNION**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25 at Emmanuel United Church 871 UPPER Ottawa St in Hamilton.**

Our guest speaker will be Suzanne Berliner Weiss Survivor, Activist and Author.

Suzanne will visit the mass initiatives that saved three-quarters of Jews under Nazi rule in her native France and consider how the principle of solidarity that saved her life can help us face the world's challenges today. Suzanna will have her book "Holocaust to Resistance, My Journey" available for sale that evening.

Tickets are available for dinner by Emailing

[hampresresource@gmail.com](mailto:hampresresource@gmail.com) or calling Hamilton Presbytery

Resource Centre at 905-318-5289 (messages may be left on answering machine.) Please indicate if you are vegetarian. Cost of dinner is \$15.00 Reservations for dinner due NO Later than Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**We will gather at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. The program will start at 7:00. You are welcome to join us for the program only.**

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today - Pam and Ken Holden and Shari Saunders

◆ **Reminder - Family Day** ◆

Melrose will be closed on Monday February 17 for Family Day.



## *Melrose Recital Series 2020*

### **March 1:**

Melrose Choir

*with special guests members of the Bach Elgar Choir, Kirk Starey, cello*

*Featuring: Allana Stevenson, soprano, Chris Palmer, baritone*

### **March 8:**

Paul Grimwood, organ

### **March 15:**

Megan Jones, violin, Alexander Cann, piano

### **March 22:**

Krista Rhodes, piano, Alexander Cann, piano

### **March 29:**

Celine Cascanette, mezzo-soprano

## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – February 10

Film Holding	5:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Bowling	1:30 p.m..	Bowling Alley
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m..	N.S. Room, Gym

### Tuesday - February 11

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley

### Wednesday - February 12

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Mindfulness Group	5:30 p.m.	Chapel
<b>Women In Touch</b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

### Thursday - February 13

Mother Goose	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
R.S.D.C.S. Class	1:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
Daycare Yoga	2:15 p.m.	Parlour
Bowling	1:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Yoga Evening Group	7: 00 p.m.	N.S. Room
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley

### Friday - February 14

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### Saturday - February 15

Tom Schilling Master Class	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
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### Sunday - February 16

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Confirmation Class</b>	<b>T.B.D.</b>	<b>Norman Slater Room</b>

JOIN US FOR

# Prayer Shawl

and *Outreach Ministry*

February 29  
@ 9:30am



*Join us on Saturday February 29 in the church parlour for fellowship, tea, coffee and a snack. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns are supplied. The finished projects are blessed during a church service and distributed to members and friends of the congregation during times of sickness and struggle or times of joy like the birth of a child or graduation from high school.*

*Melrose United Church*  
SUNDAY MARCH 1 @ 3PM

Melrose Chancel Choir  
performing the works of  
Bach and Palestrina


with special guests members of the Bach  
Elgar Choir, Kirk Starey, cello  
Featuring: Allana Stevenson, soprano,  
Chris Palmer, baritone



SUNDAYS IN MARCH CONCERT SERIES

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JOIN US ON

# **Women in Touch**

## **POTLUCK DINNER**



**FEBRUARY 12**

**6:15 PM**

**CHURCH PARLOUR**

BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND  
ENJOY AN EVENING OF  
FELLOWSHIP

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Melrose United Church  
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
AND THE MEETING**

Sunday February 23rd  
after worship

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**

Please bring a bagged lunch to enjoy during the  
meeting directly after church