

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ **Sunday, February 23, 2020** ◆

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Melrose Annual General Meeting**

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020** ◆  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
MELROSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

\* indicates a time to stand, if you are able  
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

WE WORSHIP AS WE CONSTITUTE THE MELROSE ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING

INTROIT – Invitation to Prayer

D. Grotenhuis

\* OPENING HYMN – *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

VU 336

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: His face shone like the sun; his clothes became white as snow

**All: This is my dearly loved Son, listen to him. The light of the  
world, the Son of God, has chosen to shine on us.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are the church together. We are a group of people who  
gather together to share in the mission of Christ.

**All: God brings us together in order to share in praise and  
worship.**

One: God provides for us examples of inspiration and  
encouragement.

**All: God directs us to those who can teach by word and by  
example. Together we share in the mission of Christ.  
Together, we worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**It's part of the rhythm of our congregation's life, Loving God, to gather each winter, taking stock of how we have answered your call into the world.**

**You call us to love one another as you have loved us.**

**You call us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves –**

**Even if that neighbor is a stranger to us or just strange in our perception.**

**You call us to love our enemies and even those who persecute us – despite how painful that may become.**

**You call us to shepherd your good creation**

**By paying attention to the intricacies,**

**The interdependence, the interconnectedness,**

**And the wonder of life in our loving.**

**You call us to your mission and your ministry in this place as people of faith.**

**May you bless what we do this day as we meet,**

**Guiding our deliberations informing our debates,**

**And affirming our discipleship.**

**Journey with us in all we express and choose. Amen.**

**WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**★ HYMN –***God, We Praise You for the Morning*

**VU 415, verses 1-5**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (said by all)**

**Loving God in whom we put our trust,**

**Take from us what we need to carry no longer.**

**Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live**

**While confronting us with the truth**

**From which we wrongly turn.**

**We ask not for what we want,**

**But for what you know we need. Amen.**

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US**

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Cheryl Evans

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 99

VU 819

WISDOM OF ISRAEL – Exodus 24: 12-18

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

K. Bissell

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 5: 1-12 – The Sermon on the Mount

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

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

REFLECTION: “Transformed People, working together.”

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**God of many names,**

**God of our ancestors and our descendants,**

**God of love and peace and justice,**

**Accept what we do and what we give this day.**

**Accept the sacrifices we make, big and little,**

**Of our time, our energy, our resources.**

**Bless what we offer, we pray,**

**For the life-changing ministry of Jesus Christ.  
We ask it in his holy name, Amen.**

★ HYMN – *The Race That Long in Darkness Pined*

VU 879

BLESSING OF OUR FOOD

*All are invited to proceed to the auditorium for lunch hand for the AGM -  
there will no postlude, Alex will play as we move to the auditorium.*

COMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION (at the close of the AGM)

SUNG BLESSING – Go Now in Peace

Besig/Price

### ◆ 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 is the First Sunday in Lent. We will be celebrating Communion today. Our journey during this Holy Season leads us through peaks and valleys of Hope, Despair and ultimately Hope once again. It is a time for examining and reawakening our relationship with God.

Traditionally, it has been a time of giving up something we like as a way of focusing us on our spiritual life. Some have chosen to take on something new as a way of honouring God. Perhaps, you choose daily prayer, or meditation, or an intentional act of social justice, whatever your path, it is your personal expression and gift to our loving Creator who chose to become One of us in the incarnated Jesus.

This walk is familiar and we know the outcome, yet it offers us an opportunity to see with fresh eyes the Holy Mystery that brings us to the foot of the Cross and Beyond.

Our Scriptures start at the beginning with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden facing the temptation to which they succumb. It is not just surreptitiously scoffing an apple off a tree that is at stake. The heart of the

error in judgment begins in disobedience and the desire to be equal with God in powerful all-knowing. Sin enters the world in the form of a break in the relationship and trust in our benefactor, God. It forms the pattern for generations of disquiet in choices that fall short of humanity glorifying God.

Our Gospel picks up the narrative of Jesus similarly being tempted in the wilderness by Satan. In spite of offers of food, rescue and power, Jesus remains steadfast in his resolve to worship the One true God.

My reflections this week look at both these scriptures from a point of weakness versus resolve, disobedience versus obedience, and fall versus grace. May you find new moments of insight and a deeper relationship with God as you reflect on what it means to be a disciple in the service of Jesus Christ.

◆ **USHERS NEEDED ☺** ◆

Due to the Lenten Melrose Recital Series Throughout March we need two ushers per Sunday afternoon to assist with welcoming folk into the church. The time commitment would be from 2:40pm - 3:30pm on either March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29th. These Recital Series will be a delight to the ears!. If you have time to donate, please speak to Gwyneth X. after church or email at [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com)

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

Help the office save on mailing costs and pick yours up at the annual meeting today!

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **World Day of Prayer** ◆

World Day of Prayer will be held at St John's Anglican Church on Friday March 6th. Refreshments at 630 pm service to begin at 700pm  
This year the service is the Women of Zimbabwe with special guest speaker Emma Cuthbert. This is an annual ecumenical service that Melrose had participated in for many years



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.*





**MARCH 1 @ 3:00 PM**  
**CHORAL: BACH AND PALESTRINA**

*Melrose Chancel Choir (with guests from The Bach Elgar Choir), Alexander Cann, director, with Allana Stevenson, soprano, Chris Palmer, baritone, and Kirk Starkey, cello*

**MARCH 8 @ 3:00 PM**  
**ORGAN: PAUL GRIMWOOD**

*Masterworks by Rheinberger, Vierne, and Buxtehude performed on Melrose's magnificent 1931 Casavant organ by Paul Grimwood.*

**MARCH 15 @ 3:00 PM**  
**CHAMBER: VIOLIN AND PIANO**

*Music of Mozart, Bartok, and Clara Schumann  
Megan Jones, violin, and Alexander Cann, piano*

**MARCH 22 @ 3:00 PM**  
**FOR KIDS: CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS**

*A performance for the young and young at heart featuring Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens. Krista Rhodes, piano, Alexander Cann, piano, Steve Dylag, master of ceremonies*

**MARCH 29 @ 3:00 PM**  
**VOCAL: CELINE CASCANETTE**

*Selections by Schubert, Mozart, and Gounod on a theme of love. Celine Cascanette, mezzo-soprano, and Krista Rhodes, piano*

All concerts pay-as-you-can; Suggested donation \$15  
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**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR****Monday – February 24**

Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium

**Tuesday - February 25**

<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 26**

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Mindfulness Group	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room
Resource Management Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

**Thursday - February 27**

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
Montessori School Gym Use	1:30 p.m.	Gym
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 28**

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**Saturday - February 29**

<b>Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Ward 1 Event	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium

**Sunday - March 1**

<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>Melrose Recital Series</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Confirmation Class</b>	<b>T.B.D.</b>	<b>Norman Slater Room</b>