

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ Sunday, February 2, 2020 ◆  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020 ◆  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

INTROIT - Open Now These Gates of Beauty G. Young

\* OPENING HYMN - *Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing* VU 223

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ.

**All: The light from this one candle shines equally for each of us and for the whole world.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come here to be enlightened and empowered, assured and inspired.

**All: How can we not want to share this with others?**

One: Yet, we are nervous about their response,

**All: afraid to be judged and rejected.**

One: We are not sure we have the words to explain the joy and meaning to be found in you and in your church.

**All: Today, make us bolder and braver sharers of these life-changing blessings. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**Your love calls us to live in new ways,**

Gracious God: working for justice; living kindness; walking with you, humbly, every day.

Please, help us, O God!

Help us to notice your blessing in the world.

Help us to live your love. Today, Tomorrow, Always.

In Jesus' name, we ask these things. Amen.

WELCOME AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ HYMN - *The Church is Wherever God's People* VU 579

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Tabitha Marshall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 15 VU 736

WISDOM OF ISRAEL - Micah 6: 1-8

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

★ HYMN - *What Does the Lord Require of You?* VU 701

REFLECTION: "What Does the Lord Require?"

THE EPISTLE - 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

One: Hear these words to our church.

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

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.**

ANTHEM – The Beatitudes

W. H. Anderson

REFLECTION – “An Alternative Community!”

★ HYMN – *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

VU 684

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

VU 544

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**Our gifts are given freely. Our gifts connect us to suffering and need, our own and that of others.**

**Thank you God.**

**Our gifts are for healing. Our gifts help those known to us.**

**Thank you God.**

**Our gifts help those whose names we will never know.**

**Our gifts are given in love. Bless all through these gifts, O God.**

**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 - God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686

COMISSIONING AND BENEDECTION

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** ◆

In February, I have decided to change the presentation of scripture by using all three recommended scriptures from the lectionary reading plus the psalms. Rather than one main sermon, my reflections are being split to cover two scriptures rather than one. The first reflection will occur right after the reading as the chosen text and the second after the text of the Gospel. This will allow two different insights to be explored and shared.

The first Scripture from 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 involves Paul lecturing the Church of Corinth on human wisdom versus the mysterious wisdom of God. If we follow the world's view of power, we cease to be the church, and we are only mimics of the

political power to which we have grown so accustomed. When we believe that our knowledge will lead us to the truth which we can control and manage, we lose sight of the gospel which is revealed in weakness and vulnerability of the love of God in Jesus on the cross.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we are continuing with the Sermon on the Mount – Jesus’ teachings began with the Beatitudes discussed last week. This week he teaches about obedience to God’s laws and offers the two metaphors of salt that retains its flavor, and light that is allowed to shine, to describe the importance of his followers when they follow his teachings. This is the fifth Sunday after Epiphany and we are travelling along with Jesus as he lays out the instructions for discipleship.

◆ **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.

◆ **Reminder – Family Day** ◆


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

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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







JOIN US ON

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# **Women in Touch**

## POTLUCK DINNER



**FEBRUARY 12**

**6:15 PM**

**CHURCH PARLOUR**

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BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND  
ENJOY AN EVENING OF  
FELLOWSHIP

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Melrose United Church  
86 Homewood Avenue**

**Social Outreach: Minute for Mission!**

*Has anyone browsed the Gifts with Vision catalogue or the online site from United Church of Canada? It is worth a visit to understand how the United Church of Canada supports local, national and international needs.*



**GWV19-5**

\$35.00 donation assists Safe Spaces for Youth in Jamaica and Kenya where young people because of the gender identity, sexual orientation and gender expression face violence and rejection by their own families and society. Youth are provided with health care, counselling and job training and a safe accommodation.

**GWV19-23**

\$130.00 donation supports farmers in rural Colombia (often women) in obtaining microloans and learn about crop rotation, fertilizers and irrigation . This improves yields and thusly improves the security of families.



**GWV19-23**

\$20.00 donation supports aboriginal children in obtaining winter outfits & mittens so that they might be prepared for the incredible cold weather in northern Alberta. The children are often outside learning about environment and culture from their Elders and teachers at the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources.

The Social Outreach Committee encourages everyone to take a minute to look at the website: [www.giftswithvision.ca](http://www.giftswithvision.ca) and be a part of supporting each other in our world.

## **Let's wash our hands and stay healthy!**

Right now, we all have a greater awareness of the risks of spreading infections. The risks from the Coronavirus for us in Canada are low. The best place to get reliable information is from the Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>.

We did learn from SARS that washing our hands, especially before touching our face or eating was important. For those of you who are old enough to remember, we all changed our behaviour and thoroughly washed our hands with soap and running water for 20 seconds (two versus of Happy Birthday). Or we used hand sanitizer when running water wasn't practical. This helped to reduce the spread of the flu as well as SARS. While it appears that the Coronavirus does not spread easily between people, now is a good time to support each other by remembering to wash our hands. We can support each other in reducing the spread of the flu (influenza) and other illnesses in our Melrose community. Please take a moment to wash using the hand sanitizers before entering the sanctuary, and especially before coffee. It can also be a time to pause and reflect as we gather together.

*-thank you to Janet Landeen for preparing this announcement*








# How to handrub (preferred method)

Rub hands for 15 seconds

- 1  Apply 1 to 2 pumps of product to palms of dry hands.
- 2  Rub hands together, palm to palm.
- 3  Rub in between and around fingers.
- 4  Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand.
- 5  Rub fingertips of each hand in opposite palm.
- 6  Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand.
- 7  Rub hands until product is dry. Do not use paper towels.
- 8  Once dry, your hands are safe.

# How to handwash (when hands are visibly soiled)

Lather hands for 15 seconds

- 1  Wet hands with warm water.
- 2  Apply soap.
- 3  Lather soap and rub hands palm to palm.
- 4  Rub in between and around fingers.
- 5  Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand.
- 6  Rub fingertips of each hand in opposite palm.
- 7  Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand.
- 8  Rinse thoroughly under running water.
- 9  Pat hands dry with paper towel.
- 10  Turn off water using paper towel.
- 11  Your hands are now safe.



**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR****Monday – February 3**

Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Bowling	1:30 p.m..	Bowling Alley
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m..	Auditorium, Gym

**Tuesday - February 4**

<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 5**

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

**Thursday - February 6**

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 7**

<b>TGIF</b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour, Auditorium</b>
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**Saturday - February 8**

Mindful Group	8:30 a.m.	Parlour
Tom Schilling	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

**Sunday - February 9**

<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>

*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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