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◆ Sunday, March 24, 2019 ◆

Third Sunday of Lent

Featured Window: "The Good Samaritan"

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

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - Let Thy Merciful Ears O Lord

T. Weelkes

* OPENING HYMN - *As the Sun with Longer Journey*

VU 111

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ, be our light.

**All: Shine in our hearts;
shine in your church, gathered today**

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Luke 10)

One: Love the Lord your God,

**All: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

One: Love your neighbour as yourself,

**All: with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

One: Do this and you will live!

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT II

**All: Holy God, out of your great love for the world,
you reconciled earth to heaven
through your beloved child, Jesus.**

**Fill us with your tender mercy
so that we may all be reconciled to one another.
May we have the courage to forgive
those who have offended us
and the faith to trust in your redemptive love for us.**

(three purple candles are lit)

RESPONSE (sung)

MV 67

One: Kyrie eleison,
All: Kyrie eleison,
One: Christe eleison,
All: Christe eleison,
One: Kyrie eleison,
All: Kyrie eleison.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through,
a way back to God.

**All With gratitude, in faith,
we will walk the way of Christ. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *When I Needed a Neighbour*

VU 600

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Patricia Young

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 25, refrain 2

VU 752

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Job 28: 20-28

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN – *We Cannot Measure How You Heal*

VU 613

SERMON: “In Life, in Death, in Life beyond Death”

ANTHEM

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERTORY HYMN – *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

VU 116, Verse 1

*Giver of the perfect gift,
only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
gathered at thy throne of grace..*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**The wisdom of the world
tells us to hoard what we own, O God,
while you invite us to share what we have
with those in need.
Accept these gifts for your purposes,
that we may be your servants in the world.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
(followed by Prayer of Jesus)

**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.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *In Suffering Love*

VU 614

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE –
Amen, Amen, Amen.

VU 967

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!

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.

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

Next week we will celebrate the dedication of our magnificent Melrose building which took place exactly 90 years ago on Easter Sunday, March 31st, 1929. The neo-gothic design of our church is the work of renowned Scottish architect J. Gibb Morton who used the ruins of Melrose Abbey (located in the lowlands of Scotland) as his inspiration (another famous example of Gibb Morton's work is Metropolitan United Church, Toronto, which he was commissioned to re-design after a disastrous 1928 fire that destroyed most of the original building). We will experience some liturgical elements of the 1929 dedication service and in addition, the sermon will focus on a passage from the Book of Ezra that describes the building of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, an event that took place following the return of the Jews from exile in Babylon. As the prophet describes it, the young people rejoice in the wonderful new work they are undertaking. Their shouting, however, covers the sound of the aged who are also present at the start of the temple rebuilding process but who are weeping with regret as they remember their beloved first temple, Solomon's temple, which is no more. Our building anniversary festivities will continue following the service when there will be a special celebratory cake!

◆ **Celebrating our stained glass windows in Worship** ◆

2019 marks the 90th anniversary of the completion of our beautiful sanctuary designed by renowned Scottish architect John Gibb Morton, who used the ruin of Melrose Abbey as his creative inspiration – hence our church name. In honour of the anniversary, and in anticipation of our forthcoming celebration weekend in late March, elements of worship on each of the forthcoming Sundays will feature themes from one of the glorious stained glass windows that adorn the sanctuary walls.



◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Denise and Phil Farrauto*

◆ **Let's Celebrate!** ◆

Help us celebrate our personal milestones as we prepare to celebrate the 90th of our Church building. Over the next few weeks, please sign the birthday calendar during coffee hour, on your birthdate. We are not asking for the year, just the date. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday MARCH 30TH at 9:30 in the church parlour.

Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied. Coffee, tea & a light snack.

◆ **EcoLocke Event** ◆

Change the Way We Build- Achieving our Low Carbon Future

March 30 @ 7pm - Unitarian Church, Dundurn Ave South

Guest Speakers: Graham Cubitt and Jeff Stevens

All invited, free, refreshments provided

◆ **Save the Date** ◆

Saturday May 11, 2019 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. please join us for an afternoon at Melrose United Church for "Pages, Pics and Pies". This is a book, art and tea room sale where you can pick up some new to you pictures, books and enjoy a relaxing dessert and assorted teas.

We are asking for donations of books and art to make this a success.

Items can be left in the cornershoppe drop off area in the auditorium. More details to follow. Please see Patti or Jeff if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

◆ **Now Accepting Online Donations** ◆

Did you hear? We now accept online donations! This is powered through CanadaHelps.Org. You can do a one time donation or set up a monthly donation. This is another option in addition to PAR. Please share this info with visitors and those who have expressed interest in supporting the work of the church of the maintenance of the building.

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday APRIL 3RD at 6:30 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Susan Ewert Artist & Painter

Fundraising opportunity \$\$

towards repair of the Stain Glass windows

&

the chance to go home with a sample of Susan's art

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – March 25

Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
LeapYear Education	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - March 26

Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Martial Arts Class	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Ancaster U12 Soccer	6:30 p.m.	Gym
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pick up Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym

Wednesday - March 27

Duet Club Rehearsal and Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton Soccer Club	7:00 p.m.	Gym

Thursday - March 28

Parent Child Mother Goose Class	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
RSDCS Dancing Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday March 29

WrapAround Training	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
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Saturday - March 30

Prayer Shawl and Outreach	10:00 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
WrapAround Training	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Private Rental	12:00 p.m.	Gym
Guitar Hamilton	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Sunday – March 31

Private Rental	9:00 a.m.	Gym
Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Recital Series	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

MELROSE RECITAL SERIES



Melrose United Church - 86 Homewood Avenue

March 17, 3:00 pm
Artsong and Aria

Songs by Schumann, Parry, and Handel.
Allana Stevenson, soprano

March 24, 3:00 pm
Music for Flute, Cello, and Piano

The music of Bach, de Falla, and Piazzola.
Kimberley Schemmit, flute; Monica Fedrigo, cello; Alexander Cann, piano

March 31, 3:00 pm
Carnival of the Animals

The enduring classic for children, by Camille Saint-Saens.
Krista Rhodes, piano; Alexander Cann piano

April 6, 3:00 pm
Celebrate Mel's 90th birthday!

Choral classics from ninety years of worship at Melrose.
The Melrose Chancel Choir; Alexander Cann, director
Refreshments and silent auction following the concert.

April 14, 3:00 pm
Bach's Passions

Arias and chorales from Bach's Passions of St. Matthew and St. John.
Chris Palmer, baritone

Free admission, pay what you can in support of the Melrose Organ Fund.
Come hear our 1931 Casavant, one of Hamilton's finest musical instruments!

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