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◆ Sunday, February 3, 2019 ◆

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Featured Window: "The Exodus" -South Aisle

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 ◆
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEATURED WINDOW: "THE EXODUS" SOUTH AISLE

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – Jesu, Our Blessed Hope of Heaven G. Young

* OPENING HYMN – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* VU 325

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ has come to us.

All: Let us celebrate God's abiding love!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With powerful words and dramatic gestures,
with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

**All: we respond to God's call
to offer healing and hope to our world.**

One: With courage to face the injustices around us,
with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

**All: we fulfill the call of Jesus
to engage in faithful obedience.**

One: With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,
with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

**All: we become the Spirit's refuge
for all who live in worry and fear.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**God of the prophets,
is it possible that you,
who spoke to Moses and to Jesus,
will speak to us?**

We may not be ready to believe it.

We may not be ready to receive you.

But we have gathered in your name and we pray:

Come, Holy One!

Fill us with the story of your people;

fill us with your loving Word.

Take us as we are, and make us wholly yours.

Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *If Our God Had Simply Saved Us* VU 131 (Verses 1-5)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Seth Preston

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM - Psalm 78

VU 792

THE EPISTLE - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL- Luke 4: 21-30

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “All You Need Is Love”

ANTHEM – Laudate Dominum

W.A. Mozart

solo: Allana Stevenson

*Sing praise to God above all ye nations,
praise Him ye people all ye souls on earth.
For He hath shown His kindness toward us,
His love and merciful kindness,
and the truth of God lasteth for all eternity.
Praise to the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
as it was then and will ever be,
both now and through the centuries everlasting. Amen.*

◆ **SERVICE OF THE TABLE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN – *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

HB 33 Verse 4

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before God, God's glory proclaim
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
These are the offerings we lay at God's shrine.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**Gracious and loving God,
receive our gifts of self and substance.
They have belonged to you
since our very beginning.
We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully.
With them we praise you.
With them we celebrate the great power
that is love –
a love that abides always,**

**a love that radically transforms,
a love that makes us whole. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
(followed by the Prayer of Jesus, VU 916)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* VU 333**

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *May God's Sheltering Wings* MV 214
May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.

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 ♦

In the concluding line of each verse of Ron Klusmeier's 1977 hymn "Worship the Lord" we are reminded that "worship and work must be one." Klusmeier's text underscores the true meaning of the word "liturgy" which is "the work of the people." Appropriately next week we will combine our morning worship with our AGM which will take place in the auditorium following our time in the sanctuary (if you are planning to attend the AGM, remember to bring something for your lunch!). The homily will also explore the nature of this important connection between worship and work. It will focus on the calling of Isaiah the prophet which is described in beautiful detail in the Book of Isaiah's sixth chapter. Standing in the holy sanctuary of the Jerusalem temple, the prophet has a vision of the Divine Presence. Isaiah realizes that God is so large that hem of God's robe entirely fills the temple space. Faced with ultimate majesty, the prophet is brought to a realization about his own smallness. He becomes aware that he has "unclean lips" and that he needs to be purified by another agent; in this case, a seraph who touches his mouth with a coal from the altar. Once forgiven and cleansed, the prophet asks to be sent out into the world in response to God's holy call. The pattern of Isaiah's experience reflects

what congregations do when they worship together. We honour God and God's power, we seek blessing and forgiveness and we offer the gift of ourselves and our lives in the divine project of mending a broken world. Worship and work must be one.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey*

◆ **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.

◆ **2018 Tax Receipts are now available** ◆

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

◆ **Melrose Annual General Meeting** ◆

The Melrose Annual General Meeting is February 10th directly following the service. 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.

◆ **Motion for Annual Meeting on February 10, 2019** ◆

The Melrose Board recommends that the following motion be considered at the upcoming Annual Meeting:

That the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund in order to meet the needs of the operating budget for 2019.

◆ **PAR Donations** ◆

If you are not already making monthly donations to Melrose through Pre-Authorized Remittance, please consider contributing through PAR as a convenient means of providing financial support. If you are already contributing through PAR, please give thought to increasing your contributions for 2019. To join PAR, or to change your contributions through PAR, please contact Michelle in the Melrose office.

◆ **TGIF February 15** ◆

Join us for an all ages family friendly night! Bring a potluck dish to share and plan for fun! Post dinner activity includes making chocolates in our kitchen. Starts at 6pm. For more info talk to Meg. All are welcome!

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday February 13th 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 Office Closed from February 16-February 24** ◆

From February 16 to February 24 the Melrose office will be closed. The custodial staff will be in the building as normal and able to assist with property related issues. Messages left on the office voicemail and sent to the office email will not be checked or responded to. During this time please contact contact Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner for pastoral care issues and Kevin Geluch for building related issues.

If you would like a message included in the February 17 or February 24 bulletin insert please have all information to the office by Tuesday February 12.

◆ **Upcoming World Day of Prayer Service** ◆

Friday evening, March 1st 7:30pm, Melrose will be hosting World Day of Prayer, a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer.

This year, the writing country is Slovenia: "Come - Everything is Ready".

◆ **Everyday Skeptics - Lenten Study** ◆

Announcement from Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre: With Lent on the horizon, now's the time to get set for your personal or church Lenten Devotions and Study. "Everyday Skeptics: devotions for spiritual growth" is from the United Church Publishing House, 2018. How do the prophets influence our spiritual formation and our actions as church today – wrestle with such questions through daily scripture, reflections and prayers.

Please call or email to order "Everyday Skeptics: devotions for spiritual growth" for \$14.95 hampresresource@gmail.com 905-318-5289.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – February 4

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

Tuesday - February 5

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 - February 6

Duet Club	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Sportball Hamilton	10:00 a.m.	Gym
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:00 p.m.	Gym
Hamilton Water Polo Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Thursday - February 7

Parent Child Mother Goose Class	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
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 – February 8

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Saturday - February 9

Tom Schilling Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
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Sunday – February 10

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Annual General Meeting	11:30 a.m.	Auditorium