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◆ **Sunday, April 28, 2019** ◆
Second Sunday of Easter

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019 ◆

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing arr. F. R. C. Clarke

* OPENING HYMN - *Crown Him with Many Crowns* VU 211

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Jesus breaks in upon our darkness.

All: How good it is Jesus for us to be here in your light.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You work through us, dear Jesus.

You help us make a difference in each other's lives, and for others to make a difference through ours.

All: Please keep working through our lives.

Keep showing us the gifts that we have and how we can be a hope and encouragement to each other.

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our friend.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

Dear God, please wrap your love around our hearts.

Awaken us to the kindness and the need

- both of which surround us.

Empower us with the compassion and the generosity which can make us better, and be a help to all the world, both now and in the future.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *Are You a Shepherd?*

MV 126

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Shari Saunders and Ted Lowrey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM - Psalm 91

VU 807

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 19: 32-36

One: Hear how God tells us to take care of others.

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 25: 31-45

One: This is gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thank you dear Jesus.

* HYMN - *The Strife is O'er*

VU 159

SERMON: "Immigration Experiences"

- Shari Saunders and Ted Lowrey

ANTHEM -I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

L. Dengler

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *We Praise You, O God*
We praise you, O God, our redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.

VU 218 verse 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

We ask your blessings Jesus
on all who are gathered here and upon these gifts
that all may be transformed
and the world made new again.
In your name Jesus we ask it, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(followed by the Prayer of Jesus, VU 914)

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 – *The Risen Christ*

VU 168

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Go Forth with Blessing*

Go Forth with blessing,
Go Forth in peace.
Peace and joy be with you,
Amen, Amen.

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.

Calling all members of Melrose - Your help is needed...

M&P committee is putting together a volunteer group

1. To help at special events
2. To cover custodial/office work on short notice in the case of illness or unexpected absences

(be in church office to direct people, answer questions & for locking up)

We are setting up an email list of people to contact

If you are interested & available
please send your email with

"Volunteer" in subject line to melrose@melroseuntied.ca

♦ A big recital series Thank you! ♦

Thanks to all the volunteers, musicians and soloists who made the music recitals a great success. The final amount raised for the organ fund was **\$3518!**

♦ 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. See poster in auditorium for more info.

◆ Social Justice Updates ◆

May 12 - Social Justice Outreach are Celebrating Mother's Day ! We are collecting baby formula, baby diapers, wipes and baby food for EssentialAid.org. Please bring a small donation to the coffee hour. This is a One of a Kind Hamilton Charity that assists families of young infants to obtain much needed items to ensure a good start to life!

Their website states:

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Last year, we distributed over 70,000 diapers to children in need.

Help us make a difference again this year by donating any:

-Diapers, any size - Opened packages OK

-Formula, any brand (sealed and unexpired)

-Baby Food (sealed and unexpired)

-Breastfeeding Supplies

-Coupons for Infant Formula

-Apple Sauce, Oatmeal, Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Canned pasta, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit cups and other non-perishable toddler suitable snack foods

◆ Doors Open Hamilton is Coming to Melrose - NEXT WEEK ◆

Melrose United Church is SHINING in 2019. We will be showcasing our beautiful sanctuary on May 4th 10am-4pm as part of Open Doors Hamilton. This is a PERFECT way to let folk come into our church and see the beauty of the building. So we need you! Spots available are:

Time: 10am-12pm- 2 people; 12pm-2pm-2 people; 2pm-4pm- 2 people

Volunteers will provide security to our building provide

refreshments and also welcome folk in. We are not doing tours, but will be on hand to answer questions. If you have time to volunteer please let Michelle in the church office know or email Gwyneth directly at gwynxag@gmail.com

◆ **Reminder : Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

NEXT Prayer Shawl is May 25th at 9:30 am.

◆ **Garden Cleanup** ◆

Volunteers are welcome to help tidy up the gardens at Melrose on May 4, from 10am-12pm weather permitting. Some gardening equipment will be provided; however, gardeners may wish to bring their own preferred tools and a yard waste bag or two!

◆ **Melrose Potluck Seder** ◆

Melrose Potluck Seder

Experience the significant & inspiring meaning of the Passover Seder.

Thursday May 2nd,

6-9pm (times are approximate)

Pre-registration is preferred -

Contact the Melrose Office: 905-524-1323

Please Bring:

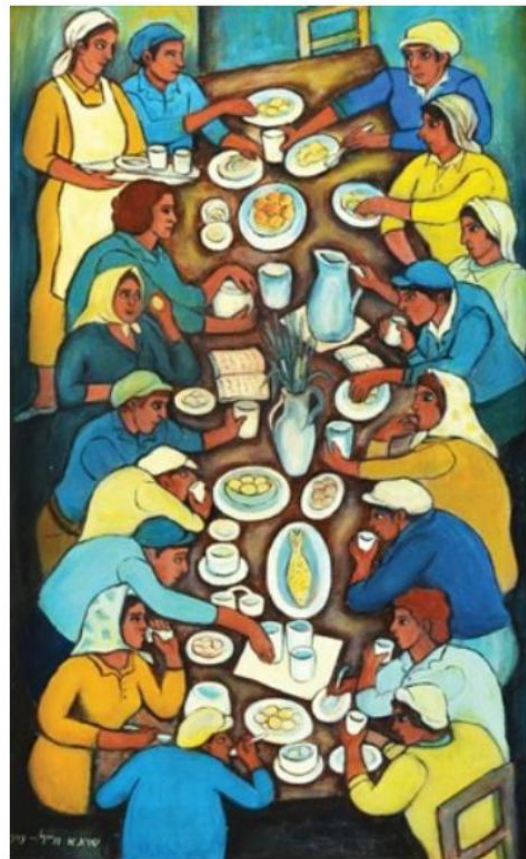
A main dish, salad or dessert,

2 candles, wine (optional)

Dinner begins after the Seder service



The only time of year that it's okay to have 4 glasses of wine with dinner.



Shraga Weil, Passover Seder 1949

◆ **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.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month Shari Saunders, Linda Saunders & Kathy Ross.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**Monday – April 29**

FIRE DRILL	10:00 a.m.	Entire Building
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - April 30

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 - May 1

Duet Club Rehearsal and Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Private Rental	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
Resource Management Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

Thursday - May 2

Mother Goose Classes	8:45 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Melrose Potluck Seder	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday - May 3

Tafelmusik and Hammer	1:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Baroque	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

Saturday - May 4

Doors Open Hamilton Acoustic Blend Café	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen

Sunday – May 5

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary