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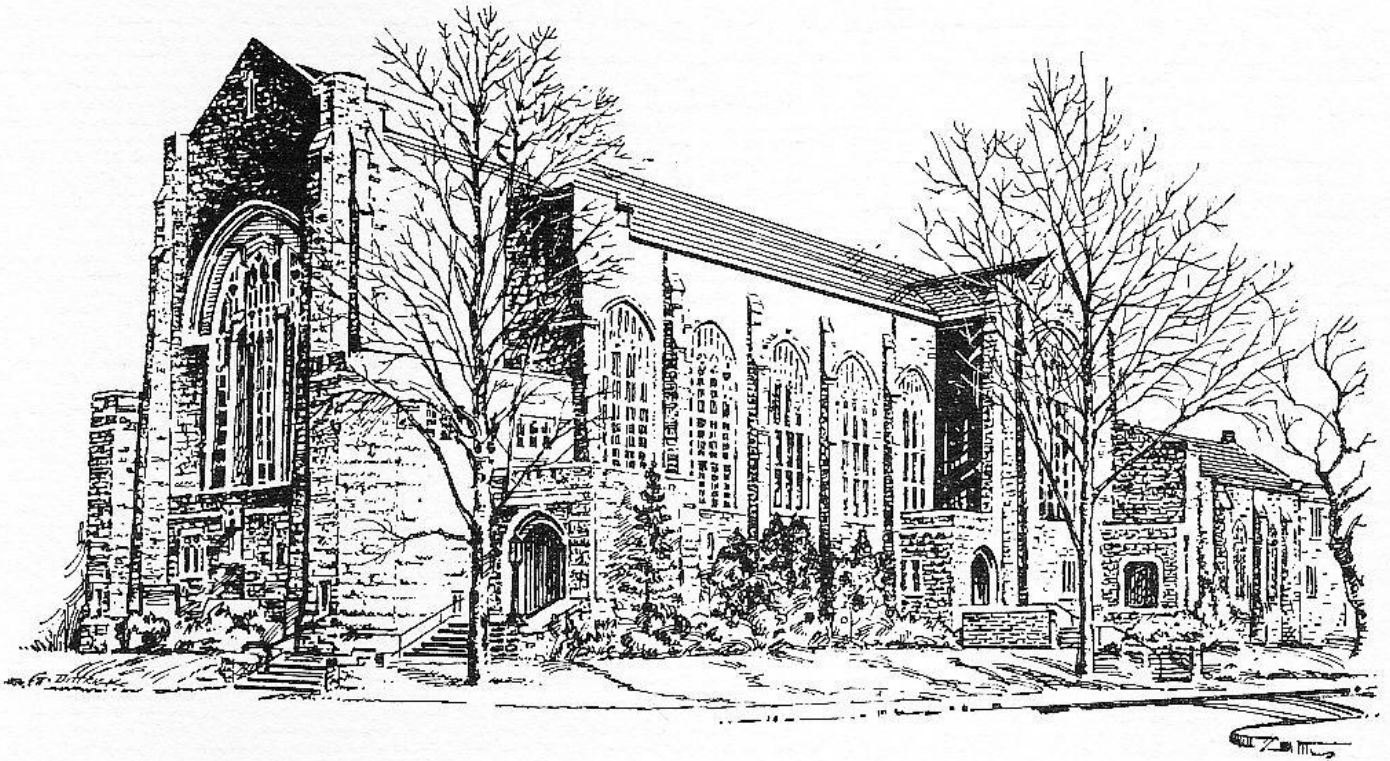
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◆ **Sunday, March 31, 2019** ◆

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**90th Anniversary of the Dedication of the
Church Building - Easter Sunday 1929**

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 ◆
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE
CHURCH BUILDING - EASTER SUNDAY 1929

* 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 - *Come, We That Love*

(1st hymn sung in this building) VU 714

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Let us celebrate the decades of God's goodness
in the life and work of Melrose United Church
and the ninety years of beauty and shelter offered by
these majestic stone walls.

**All: Come! Let us raise a joyful song to the Lord,
a shout of triumph to the rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving
and enter God's courts with praise,
Let us give thanks and bless God's name.

**All: For the Lord is good; God's covenant love endures
forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low,
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER AND CANDLE FOR LENT IV

All: Compassionate Jesus, you gave your life for love of us. Teach us to care for one another with that same selfless love. May our lives witness the joy of serving you and humankind. May our hearts feel the peace of surrendering completely to you, so that we may help to make your kingdom come. Amen.

(three purple candles and one pink candle 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: In the midst of any darkness, God's light is poured out on you. Accept the light and love that is freely offered, and be transformed by its healing mercies.

All: Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *O, For a Thousand Tongues* (sung at 1st service) VU 326

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Tim Webb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 24

VU 751

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Ezra 3: 8-13

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 14-16

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN – *The Church's One Foundation*

VU 332

SERMON: “The Stone Carvers”

ANTHEM – O How Amiable

R. Vaughan Williams

◆ **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)

Holy One, your heart abounds with gifts.

**Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you
and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy,
inspired by your Spirit,**

open to the joy of your presence,
hospitable to one another,
and generous toward your world. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS (from the 50th anniversary of the church building, 1979)

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to God, by whose inspiration this church was built, for bringing us to this hour of worship and this day of celebration. Let us thank God for giving Jesus, the Christ, who founded the Church in his death and resurrection and has sent it forth through the ages as a witness to his love; for bestowing his Holy Spirit who has hallowed this sanctuary and made it not only a place of beauty but a source of strength; for calling women and men to serve, and for calling us in our time.

**All: Praise be to You, O God, for Your work in our midst;
for the rich heritage that is ours in this church;
for the inspiration of that cloud of witnesses that surrounds us here; for all who have found in this sanctuary refreshment and comfort,
peace and renewal, challenge to service and strength to render it.**

One: Let us pray for this congregation;
that we may be given strength to minister
and faith that is not afraid.

**All: Make us one in faith and hope and love.
Give us a concern for the needs of others.
Fill us with Your Spirit
that we may declare in word and deed that Christ is Lord.**

One: Let us dedicate ourselves to seeking new ways
of deepening and expressing our faith;
enriching our community life
and reaching out to others.

All: In union with Christ, who gave himself

**we give ourselves to You, O God,
To your service in the world of rescuing,
nourishing, and caring, we dedicate ourselves.
To the continuing witness of your church
for justice, mercy and unity, we dedicate ourselves.
To the deepening of our sensitivity
to the work of your Spirit
around and within us, we dedicate ourselves.
Accept and use us in your service.
To you be the praise and glory forever.**

One: And now, as Jesus has taught us, let us pray together:

**All: 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 – *God of Grace and God of Glory*

VU 686 Tune: Cwn Rhondda

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE –

VU 967

Amen, 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.

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

Next week is Lent's fifth Sunday (April 14th will be Palm Sunday!). The lectionary gospel reading for Lent V, Year C is the beautiful narrative from the twelfth chapter of the Gospel of John that describes a dinner party that took place at the home of Jesus' friend Lazarus some six days before the Passover. The dinner is the event in John's gospel that immediately precedes the "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem (John 12: 1-11). Present and intimately involved are Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary. While Martha serves the food, Mary takes a pound of costly perfume with which she anoints Jesus' feet. For this gracious action, Mary is rebuked by Judas Iscariot, who chastises her for "wasting" an ointment that might have been sold to raise money for the poor. Who exactly was this man? The sermon time will focus on the fascinating figure of Judas Iscariot (whose surname may possibly be a corruption of the Latin *sicarius* or "murderer" – suggesting that he might well have belonged to a radical group of terrorists dedicated to the overthrow of Roman power in Judea). A further complication arises in the light of the discovery during the 1970s of a Coptic papyrus codex (book). This papyrus (likely dating from the second century) features a series of

fascinating conversations between Jesus and Judas. Was Judas a terrorist, a betrayer, or (as an article in *The National Geographic* magazine in 2006 suggested) Jesus' "truest disciple"?

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **Let's commemorate!** ◆

To commemorate our 90th Anniversary of the building there will be copies of the **Melrose Windows book** by Dr. Mutch published in **1954 available for sale at \$10.00 each**. A truly rare collector's item from the original printing. There are also **commemorative plates from 1973**, never circulated available **for sale at \$20.00 each**. Both souvenirs are in limited quantity and once sold they will no longer be available. Own a piece of our history as we move forward to make new memories. Please view them in the auditorium following the service.

◆ **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

◆ **Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts** ◆

Memorial donations for Easter and Chancel Flowers and Gifts will be accepted until **Palm Sunday, April 14**. Celebrate the memory of someone special to you and your family with a donation to the Easter and Chancel Flower and Gift Fund. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, and on other special Sundays throughout the year. Special donation envelopes are available in the narthex and in the sanctuary, with an enclosed paper for writing memorial names.

◆ **Supper in the Sanctuary** ◆

There will be a potluck supper in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm on **April 18**. This is an intergenerational celebration of Maundy Thursday. All families and friends of Melrose are welcomed to attend. Come and share in the spirit of the season.

◆ **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.

Take this home and share it with family and friends!



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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – April 1

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 - April 2

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 - April 3

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
WIT Dinner	6:15 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton Soccer Club	7:00 p.m.	Gym

Thursday - April 4

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 April 5

Melrose Choir Rehearsal		
Kitchen Inspection	8:00 a.m.	Kitchen

Saturday - April 6

Mel's Birthday	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary, Parlour, Aud., kitchen
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Sunday – April 7

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Chapel

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, da Faller, and Piazzola.
Kimberley Schemit, 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

Aries 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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