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◆ Sunday, May 5, 2019 ◆
Third Sunday of Easter

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 ◆

THIRD SUNDAY OF MAY

* 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. Clarke

* OPENING HYMN – *The Risen Christ* VU 168

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

All: God's Resurrection love shines in our hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, we come before you in joy,
 clothed in the majesty of your glory.

All: We come to sing your praises.

One: Like the myriad faithful of old,
 we proclaim the Lamb to be worthy
 of blessing, honour, and glory.

All: We fall down before you in worship!

PRAYER OF APPROACH (said by all)

**God of power and might,
let your love shine on us
and through us to others.**

Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts.

**Give us the joy of knowing and serving you
in all that we say, think and do.**

In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Jump for Joy*

MV 48

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Gwyn Xagoraris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 30

VU 757

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9: 1-6, 7-20

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: John 21: 1-19

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

All: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

VU 334

SERMON: “Gobsmacked”

ANTHEM – Christ, Being Raised from the Dead

K. Bissell

◆ **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.*

VU 218 verse 1

*We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name,
glad praises we sing.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)
**Many hands worked to offer these gifts,
and many hands are offered for your work.
Let our hands be Christ's hands:
inviting, sharing, teaching, and comforting.
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 - *Lift the High Cross*

VU 151

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.

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

Next week is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christian Family Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday and Mother's Day! In addition to honouring those auspicious occasions, our scripture focus will be an interesting story from the ministry of the apostle, Peter describing Peter's visit to Joppa and the raising of Tabitha from death. Two details stand out. First, there is the clear picture we receive of the importance of Tabitha's ministry. She used her privilege – her wealth, just acts and gifts, and prophetic speech – for the benefit of the less privileged: the widows, the indigent, the hungry, depressed, oppressed, marginalized and penalized. Second, her awakening from death causes many to be "believe in the Lord." When the residents of Joppa see Tabitha restored to life, they join the community of believers less because they are stunned by a miraculous act than because of what that act might mean for them and the world. If death is no longer a barrier between us, can we hope that the ills that plague us, our families and our world might also be healed by a God who cares deeply for us?

♦ Thank you... ♦

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

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!**

◆ 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

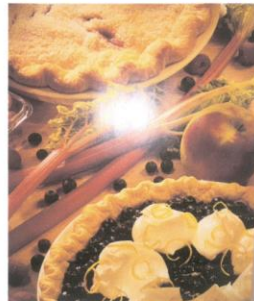
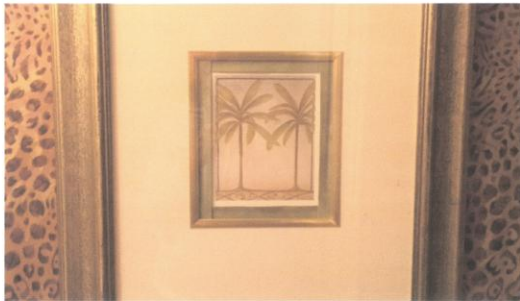
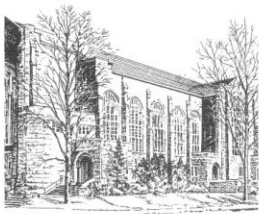
-Apple Sauce, Oatmeal, Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Canned pasta, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Fruit cups and other non-perishable toddler suitable snack foods

◆ **Reminder : Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

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

◆ **Update from the Melrose community** ◆

Jackie Cranston, the twin sister of Helen Cambridge (a former member of Melrose) died on April 25, 2019 in hospital in Dunnville. A card has been sent to Helen on behalf of the Melrose congregation.



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NICOLA WINSTANLEY

Guest Artist

JAMES CYBULSKI

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SAT. MAY 11TH, 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

TO SUPPORT ON GOING PROJECTS AT
MELROSE

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – May 6

Quilting	12:30	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - May 7

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

Wednesday - May 8

Siva Yoga	10:30	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Private Rental	6:00 p.m.	Parlour
Private Rental	7:00 p.m.	Gym
	7:15 p.m.	

Thursday - May 9

Mother Goose Classes	8:45 a.m.	Parlour
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Yoga Evening Group	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Friday - May 10

Saturday - May 11

Pages Pics and Pies Event	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen, Par.
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Sunday – May 12

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

