

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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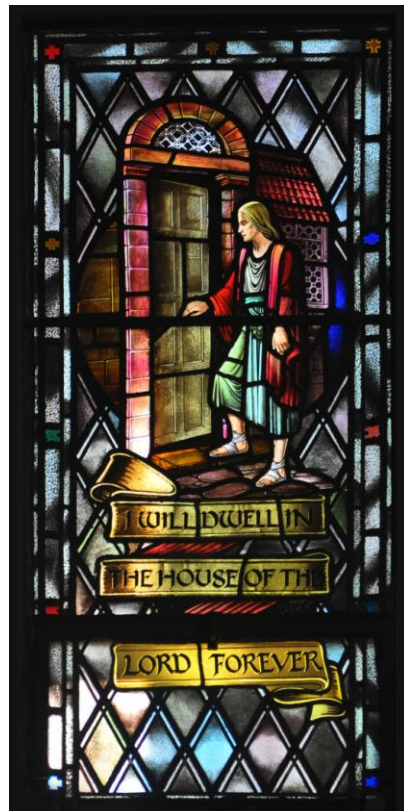
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◆ Sunday, May 12, 2019 ◆  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Christian Family Sunday**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019 ◆  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

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

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◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – Holy, Holy, Holy

G. Thalben-Ball

\* OPENING HYMN – *Great Shepherd of Your People*

VU 398

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: From every nation, in every language, we cry out:

**All: "Salvation belongs to our God,  
and to the Lamb!"**

One: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving!

**All: Honour and power and might be to our God  
forever and ever!  
Amen!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (said by all)

**You are the Good Shepherd, Lord,  
we hear your call;**

we know your voice;  
we follow your paths.  
You lead us beside still waters.  
You guide us to the springs of life.  
You shelter us and restore our souls.  
In you we find life everlasting.  
We come humbly into your presence this day,  
in praise, worship, and adoration.  
Our hearts run over  
with your unfailing goodness  
and never-ending love.  
In the name of our Saviour, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN - *Like a Rock*

MV 92

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Readers: Andrea Hill and Isla Brisbin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM - Psalm 23

Sung by the Choir

SCRIPTURE: Acts 9: 36-43

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 10: 22-30

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* HYMN – *God is My Shepherd*

VU 748

SERMON: “Raising Tabitha”

ANTHEM – Christ, the Lord hath risen

C. S. Lang

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

\* OFFERING HYMN – *We Praise You, O God*

VU 218 verse 1

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**Gracious and loving God,  
all of your works,  
all that you have done for us,  
testify to your love.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may all that we do and all that we are  
testify to your amazing care and compassion.  
In gratitude and love,  
we offer ourselves to you. 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 – *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* VU 320

## 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** ◆

Among the lectionary readings for fifth Sunday of Easter is the fascinating story of the apostle Peter who is called upon to account for his practice of eating with gentiles (Acts 11: 1-18). Peter answers these charges by narrating "step by step" each detail of an experience that has caused him to reconsider the Jewish purity code and in particular its restriction of certain food items. Peter claims to have heard a voice from heaven declare: "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." Peter argues that power ultimately rests with the word and promise of a loving God. He emphasizes that what both the Gentiles and the Jewish believers hold in common is indeed a gift from God. At its root, the good news is not a universalized theological truth to be believed, but an experience of God that draws us into corporate and shared confession and worship.

### ◆ **Social Justice Updates** ◆

This morning Social Justice Outreach is 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 today. 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!

### ◆ **It's cookbook time!** ◆

It's finally here! Our cookbook is coming hot off the press. Pre-orders available now. \$17.00 per book or \$50.00 for three (check or cash, check payable to Melrose United Church). All proceeds will go to the operations budget.

### ◆ **Reminder: Victoria Monday Holiday** ◆

Melrose office and building will be closed on Monday May 20. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday May 21.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **Update from the Melrose community** ◆

Earlier this week the office was notified of the sad news of the passing of a dear member of the Melrose community: Ethel Lapp. The obituary is on the church website. The funeral service will be held at Melrose on Monday afternoon at 3pm with visitation also at Melrose before the service from 1pm-3pm. A reception will be held in the church auditorium after the funeral.

◆ **Reminder : Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

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

**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday – May 13**

<b>Visitation: Ethel Lapp</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
<b>Funeral: Ethel Lapp</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Funeral Reception</b>	<b>3: 45 p.m.</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

**Tuesday - May 14**

<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
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 15**

Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Private Rental	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Resource Management Committee Meeting</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>

**Thursday - May 16**

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
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

**Friday - May 17**

Executive Meeting WrapAround	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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**Saturday - May 18**

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**Sunday – May 19**

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>