

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ Sunday, May 19, 2019 ◆

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

# MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 ◆

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

## ◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – Holy, Holy, Holy

G. Thalben-Ball

\* OPENING HYMN – *This Joyful Eastertide*

VU 177

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: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

**All: Let praise to God fill the earth!**

One: Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

**All: Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**

One: Open your hearts and spirits today.

**All: Let us praise God today and always!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (said by all)

**Alpha and Omega,**

**you make your home with us,**

**you dry our tears and quench our thirst,**

**you are the tender love**

**that welcomes all people.**

**Like a mother,**

**you nurture your children,  
giving them life,  
teaching them to love.  
Come and dwell among us,  
and make all things new. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN - *The Spring Has Come* VU 187

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

**◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆**

Reader: Carma McKay

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM - Psalm 148 (sung by all) VU 870

SCRIPTURE: Acts 11: 1-18

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: John 13: 31-35

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

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN - *O God beyond All Praising* VU 256

SERMON: "What Not to Eat"

ANTHEM - When Ev'ry Heart O. Peterson

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING Far Away Friend

M. Springer

★ 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)

**Loving God, we give you thanks  
for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us  
in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection.  
Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation.  
May they be a testament to you love for us  
as we share them in love for you;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 – *O Christian, Love*

VU 594

## 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 - Rain has Fallen

S. Barber

Baritone soloist: Chris Palmer

### ◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next week is Conference Sunday (the first Annual General Meeting of the new United Church Regions 7, 8 and 9). The meeting will take place in Port Elgin, ON. Because Rev. Philip will be a delegate at the meeting, worship for the sixth Sunday of Easter will be capably led by Margaret Duff and Tim Webb. The liturgy comes to us from Living Skies Region (Saskatchewan). Scriptural passages will include Psalm 103, Isaiah 6: 1-8 and Matthew 14: 22-33.

### ◆ **Treasurer's Update** ◆

It has been a good first four months of the year for Melrose's finances. Donations received for our operations were \$7,000 (24%) higher than last year. As well, rental income has been \$3,400 higher. On the expenses side, natural gas costs have been \$3,900 less than last year. However, snowplowing costs were \$3,200 higher than last year.

If these positive trends continue through the year, we will have a significantly smaller deficit than has been anticipated.

### ◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

### ◆ **Update from the Melrose community** ◆

Earlier this week we celebrated the life of a member of the Melrose community: Ethel Lapp. The obituary is on the church website. The funeral service was at Melrose on Monday afternoon.

### ◆ **Reminder : Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

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

### ◆ **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

## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – May 20

**Victoria Day: Melrose Closed**

### Tuesday - May 21

<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 22

Duet Club Annual Meeting	10:00 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

### Thursday - May 23

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 24

Bach Elgar Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
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### Saturday - May 25

<b>Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
Bach Elgar Concert		Sanctuary, Aud., chapel

### Sunday – May 26

<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>

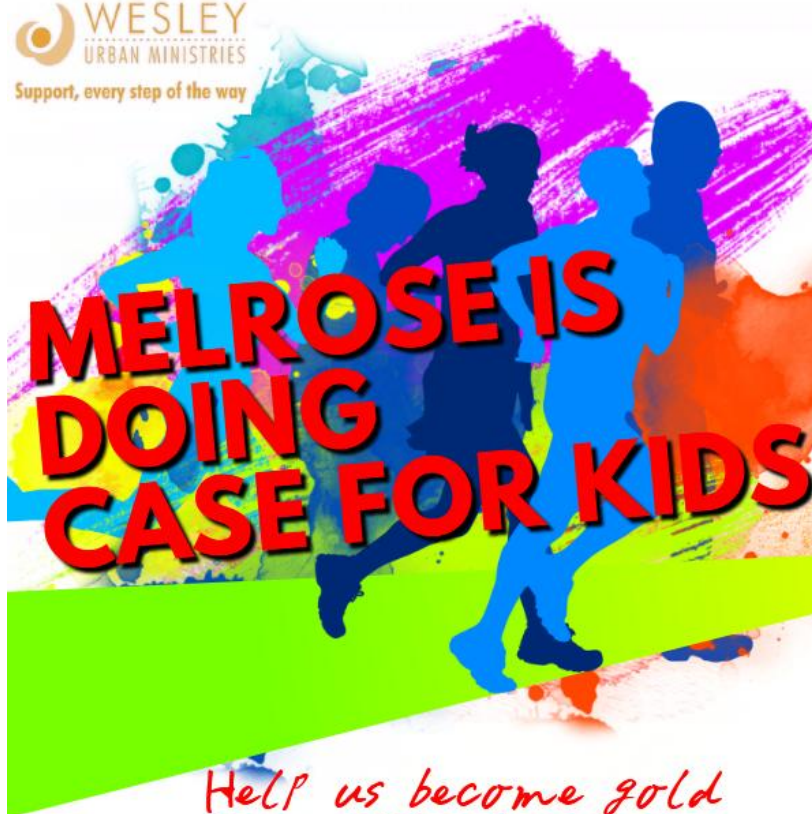
# MELROSE FAMILY MINISTRIES

## Coffee & Conversations

We want to hear from our Families!  
Please join us Sunday, May 26th immediately after the  
service for a time to share feedback and thoughts  
about the Family Ministries Program at Melrose.



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