

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ **May 27, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.** ◆  
**Conference Sunday**  
**Trinity Sunday**

# MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ◆

CONFERENCE SUNDAY

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in  
the parlour after worship ◆

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## ◆ WE GATHER AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ◆

### PRELUDE

INTROIT – Alta Trinita beata

Anon.

*Translation from Italian:*

*Holy Trinity ,exalted and ever adored by us*

*Glorious Trinity in one being miraculously united*

*You are ambrosial manna and all the world's desire*

\* OPENING HYMN – *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

VU 312

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

**All: And we are his hands, eyes and feet,  
a benediction to all God's people.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us gather and worship the God of all times and places,  
who from the beginning gifted us with seasons and change

**All: morning and evening, days and weeks, and Sabbath time.**

One: The One who is Holy Mystery and Wholly Love  
gave us months, seasons and years ...

**All: times for planting, growth, harvest and rest.**

One: Gracious and loving God, through the generations  
your Spirit has called us to be your church in this place.

**All: In these changing seasons in our United Church,  
help us to continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in  
this place as we move into this new season.**

One: We come to offer you gratitude and praise  
as we worship together with the churches of Hamilton  
Conference.

**All: We give thanks that throughout the changing seasons,  
you are always with us. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (said by all)

**Ever faithful God, we confess that we often find it difficult to  
change.**

**We hold on to the familiar and resist other ways of doing things.**

**Forgive us and help us to open our imagination  
to new ways of being your church in the world.**

**Gracious God, hear our silent prayers, as we confess those things  
that separate us from you and from one another ... (silence)**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, hear the Good News.

God, who has created and is creating,  
is doing new things in our church and our lives.

Whatever we have thought or said or done  
to let God down or hurt one another,  
we are forgiven, and we are loved.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM - Teach Me, O Lord

W. Byrd

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ◆

\* HYMN – *Dance with the Spirit*

MV 156

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Jim Roberts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Genesis 2: 8-10a, 15 (*The Message*)

DRAMATIC DIALOGUE: Act 1

\* HYMN – *Wait for the Lord* (repeated several times)

VU 22

PRAYER

One: Grace, mercy and peace from God,  
And the love of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Nothing has changed!

**All: But we know that isn't true. So much has changed.**

One: We gather as Hamilton Conference gathers for the last time,  
knowing that everything changes

**All: and will never be the same ever again.**

One: We grieve the loss of members of our church who have moved  
away or passed away.

**All: And we celebrate the legacy they leave us, witnessing  
to their faith by sharing in our mission and ministry.**

One: We grieve the changes in our churches,  
The times we feel bruised and broken.

We grieve as we mark the final days of the body that is  
Hamilton Conference, and each of the Presbyteries  
who served it and the church well.

**All: We celebrate and give thanks for the opportunities  
to serve God and for the friendships made along the way.**

One: In the name of the Risen One,  
We gather in this place,  
Knowing that everything has changed.

**All: Released from our fears,  
Healed from our wounds,  
Challenged by God's love,**

One: We gather to celebrate the Divine presence that remakes us.

**All: The transforming pain that reshapes us.**

One: The Holy One's passionate energy that empowers us.

**All: And who makes all things new again.**

One: Amen.

**All: And amen!**

\* HYMN: *In the Bulb there is a Flower*

VU 703

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 9: 6a, 8-11 (*The Message*)

DRAMATIC DIALOGUE: Act 2

PRAYER (concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 921)

## ◆ WE RESPOND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN – *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a Spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Generous God,**

**we give thanks that you have called us to be your church.**

**We offer our gifts and ourselves**

**that we might continue to share your love**

**in our churches, communities and world.**

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:5, Ezekiel 47: 12, Revelation 22: 1-4, 9  
*(The Message)*

DRAMATIC DIALOGUE: Act 3

\* CLOSING HYMN – *We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection*

VU 586

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – *Hallelujah, amen!*

VU 974

*Amen, Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (2x)*

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.

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◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Next Sunday, the second after Pentecost, marks our return to something that our Church calendar calls "Ordinary Time." The word "ordinary" does not suggest that forthcoming Sundays are unexceptional, rather it refers to the way that these Sundays are distinguished through a sequence of ordinal numbers (second, third, fourth Sundays after Pentecost etc.). The sermon time will focus on the call of the prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 3: 1-20). While still a child, Samuel hears a voice calling him in the night. He thinks that the voice is that of his teacher, Eli, but the voice belongs to God. Ironically God's message turns out to be *against* Eli and his house. This oracle of doom for the house of Eli foreshadows other oracles Samuel delivers over the course of his life. Throughout his prophetic career, Samuel will expose kings who are more concerned with their own security and wealth rather than with the well being of their people. The tendency of the powerful to take advantage of the vulnerable is a chief concern of Samuel and the Hebrew prophets who succeed him. Indeed, the overwhelming witness of the prophets is that God has no

tolerance for those who prey on the weak, who abuse their power, or who eat their fill while others are hungry. Does Samuel also have a message for our own time?

◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** ◆

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry is

**Saturday June 2nd 9:30 am in the Melrose parlour.**

Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied. Come enjoy coffee, tea & a light snack.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hour hosts this month Denise and Phil Farrauto

◆ **Summer Scripture Readers** ◆

We now have a full roster of summer readers. Thank you from Carolyn Duff. I will send reminders to you from Nova Scotia. Please, readers, make sure that Michelle, in the Church Office, has your up-to-date email address.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe - Update** ◆

Hip-Hip-Horray!!

As of May 6<sup>th</sup> The Corner Shoppe Stained Glass Window Repair Fund has \$1081 plus an additional \$698 in reserves for a total of \$1779. The next stage of work is scheduled to take place this summer. Let's keep up the FUNdraising!!

◆ **Melrose Garage Sale** ◆

Thank you for all those who helped and participated in the garage sale! An update of how much was raised will be shared as soon as it is available!

## ◆ JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP ◆

When the Interim Ministry period began at Melrose four goals were articulated for the Transition Team and the Interim Minister:

- Help to bring healing to the congregation
- Help to restore morale within the congregation
- Help to establish good governance behaviour within the congregation
- Work with the whole congregation to establish common mission and values

While excellent progress has been made on the first three of those goals, the Transition Team needs your help and your input with the fourth. The Team met productively with the Official Board in the spring and now it's the turn of the congregation as a whole to shape Melrose's *identity and mission* as the community journeys together into its future. A light lunch will be provided (yes, we know it's Father's Day - bring Dad!).

### ◆ It's time to go for GOLD!!! ◆

Case for Kids to support Wesley

Urban Ministries is coming! Join us NEXT SUNDAY June 3 for a walk run or ride to end child poverty. Each year we have achieved silver pacesetter status as a team (\$1000 in donations). This year we are going for GOLD! Let's raise over \$2500! To participate get a form in the office or talk to Rev. Philip.

### ◆ The Prayer Bear Ministry... ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill

in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.

### ◆ Washroom Renovations Fundraising ◆

We are renovating the washroom along the lower corridor, located directly below the office. This washroom is used by people from the Norman Slater room, the gymnasium and the bowling alley, as well as by others. It will also be used this summer by the STEM camp that is using our auditorium. We plan to install a new floor, new toilets and new light fixtures, and we will probably also replace the counter and sinks. We will also be repainting the room. The cost is estimated to be \$10,000, including an allowance for contingencies.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this project. Please mark any donations as being for washroom renovations. We already have funds for two toilets, raised through the Easter breakfast.

If you wonder whether it needs renovations, please go take a look at this circa 1930s room!

# Child Haven International

presents a Fundraiser at



## Narula's Banquet Hall

1162 Barton Street East (near Ottawa Street) Hamilton

Parking beside or across the street

Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6-10 pm



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Founders of 9 children's homes in India, Nepal, Bangladesh & Tibet

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Purchase at [www.childhaven.ca](http://www.childhaven.ca),  
or Valerie Dougherty at 905-465-1911 or email: [waynegibson27@gmail.com](mailto:waynegibson27@gmail.com)

CHI office at 613-527-2829

**MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday – May 28**

MONTHLY FIRE DRILL		ENTIRE BUILDING
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

**Tuesday - May 29**

Bach Elgar Auditions	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

**Wednesday - May 30**

HPL: Locke Street Storytime	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

**Thursday - May 31**

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton Soccer U12	7:30 p.m.	Gym

**Friday – June 1**

Bookmobile: HPL	10:00 a.m.	Parking Lot
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**Saturday - June 2**

Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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**Sunday – June 3**

Amici Music School	9:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>