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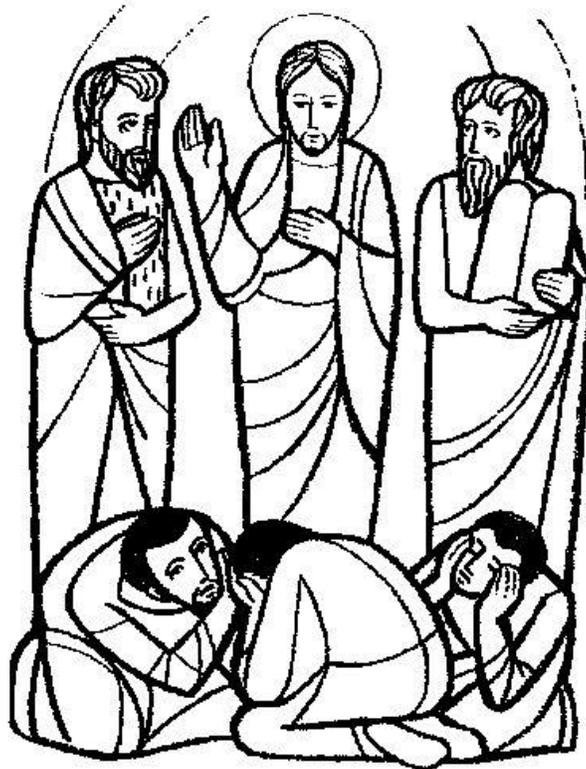
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◆ February 11, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆
The Transfiguration of Jesus

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

* 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 ◆

◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - Siyahamba

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* OPENING HYMN - *How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

VU 103

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of the Christ breaks in upon our darkness.

All: How good, Lord, to be here!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

All: we are called to be God's people.

One: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him
to the peak of another mountain,

All: we are called to follow wherever he leads.

One: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

All: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**Almighty God, giver of life,
your light shines in our lives**

and your glory is revealed
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Reveal his glory to us
as you did to Peter, James, and John,
that we may be filled with his power
and our mouths may proclaim his presence
forevermore. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

SOLO – Alleluia from *Exultate Jubilante*
Soloist: Allana Stevenson

W. A. Mozart

◆ **SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM** ◆

We welcome to the church family of Christ:
Willamena Young, daughter of James and Patricia Young

Statement of Purpose

The sacrament of baptism
proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.
By water and the Spirit,
we are called, claimed, and commissioned:
we are called God's own,
welcomed as children of God;
we are claimed by Christ,
united with Christ,
united with one another and the Christian community
of every time and place;
we are commissioned to Christ's ministry
of love, peace, and justice,
and strengthened by the Holy Spirit
for the work of the church in the world.

A Reading from Scripture

Matthew 3: 13-17 (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River)

Presentation (Margaret Duff, Worship Committee Chair)

On behalf of the congregation of Melrose United Church,
I present Willamena Nip Wai Lan Young, daughter of
James and Patricia Young for initiation into the body of Christ
through baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Do you believe in God, Source of love;
in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power.

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I do, God being my helper.

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join
with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation,
and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Parents

In baptism, Willamena marks an important step
in her journey of faith.

Will you pray for her and encourage her by your words and actions,
and walk with her in the way of Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Godparents

Recognizing that
many persons nurture and influence the life of a child
will you support Willamena as she grows in faith?

I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of the Community of Faith

**The congregation may stand, as they are able*

As the people of Melrose United Church,
do you commit yourselves to offer support and nurture
for these persons within a community that worships God,
loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

We do, by the grace of God.

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.
(the congregation is seated)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Let us pray:

Gracious and Holy God,
we bless you for the gift of life,
and within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.

By water, comes the growth of the earth.

Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom.

In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

~The water is poured into the font~

May God's Spirit be upon us
and these waters of daily use,
which we now use
to baptize and to welcome.

The Act of Baptism

Willamena,
I baptize you,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
One God, mother of us all. **Amen.**

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Willamena, child of God, from this day forward,
you bear the sign of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit,
Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within
you, all the days of your life. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle (the baptismal candle is lit)

Willamena, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

All: Amen!

Presentation of Books, Prayer Shawls, Certificates

One: Willamena, we present you with a book,
prayer shawl, and Certificate of Baptism. May the stories
of our faith support and encourage you as you grow in
your relationship with God. And may your prayer shawl
remind you that you are wrapped in God's love and care
all of your life.

The Hebrew Benediction (sung, VU 965)

Presentation of Willamena to the Melrose Congregation

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Gwyneth Xagoraris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-9

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN- *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

VU 336

SERMON - "Pass the Mantle"

ANTHEM - O Clap Your Hands
Williams

R. Vaughan

Text for anthem, from Psalm 47:

*O clap your hands, all ye peoples;
shout unto God with a voice of triumph.*

For the Lord most high is terrible;

He is a great King over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;

sing ye praises, every one that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen,

God sit upon the throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

◆ RESPONSE ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness* HB 33 Verse 4
*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before God, God's glory proclaim
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
These are the offerings we lay at God's shrine.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to give to you all that we have
and all that we are,
that we might praise you
not with our words only,
but with our whole lives. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

One: God by your Spirit,

All: Grant what we ask.

The prayers will conclude with a paraphrase of the Prayer of Jesus, VU 916:

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* VU 104

★ COMMISIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE -- May God's Sheltering Wings MV 214

*May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.*

POSTLUDE

Melrose Events ♦

♦ Worship Next Week ♦

Not only is this coming Wednesday Valentine's day, it is also Ash Wednesday -- which makes next Sunday the first Sunday of Lent. We will mark the beginning of this new season of the church year with a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. A centrepiece of the Scripture readings for Lent I is the familiar story of Noah and the flood. Two interpretations of the flood story are common in our culture. The most common is that this is a children's story filled with animals and rainbows. A less common interpretation underscores God's anger at human sinfulness and rebellion. Neither interpretation, however, tells the whole story. Next week's text (Genesis 9: 8-17) establishes a covenant between God and Noah and his descendents; it describes God hanging up the bow and putting aside forever the option for the earth's destruction.

Instead, God will try everything else. Whatever humanity's faults, God will not give up on loving us into restoration.

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our coffee hosts this week – Barb and Keith Mann

◆ **Ash Wednesday Worship Opportunity** ◆

Central Presbyterian Ash Wednesday Service will take place Wednesday, February 14 at 12:10 p.m. in the McPherson Chapel.

◆ **Melrose Annual General Meeting** ◆

The Melrose Annual General Meeting is February 25th directly following the service. Hard copies of the Annual Report will be available next Sunday, February 18th at worship.

At the Melrose Annual Meeting on February 25th, the following motion will be presented for the consideration of the congregation:

Motion: that the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$27,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund to meet the needs of the 2018 operating budget.

◆ **Melrose Tax Receipts Available** ◆

Tax receipts are available in the church office for pick up. You can pick up today after worship or during regular building hours.

◆ **Upcoming Holiday** ◆

Just a reminder that the Melrose Church office and building will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 for the Family Day holiday.

◆ **We want your used stamps!** ◆

Melrose United Church continues to support EffectHope (Leprosy Mission of Canada) in their ongoing efforts to eradicate Leprosy. Please drop off your stamps at the Church Office in care of Gwyn.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe** ◆

Get inspired for Valentine's Day at the Melrose Corner Shoppe. All proceeds raised go to stained glass window repairs.

◆ **Family Ministry Updates** ◆

March Break - We are looking at planning a morning of fun during the March Break on Wednesday March.14th. If you could please let Meg know if your kids are free on this day and are interested in participating that would be wonderful.

Sunday School Update - It has been wonderful to see so many kids of all ages joining us on Sunday mornings. In order to ensure all of our young people are getting the most out of the lesson time, we are looking at dividing Sunday School into two age groups for younger and older kids. In order to facilitate this, we are looking for volunteers! We will be launching a brand new curriculum in February called *What's in the Bible*. All volunteers will be given a lesson plan and resources. Please let me know if you are interested in signing up for a Sunday.

◆ **Jam Jars Needed!** ◆

It's marmalade making time at Melrose! If anyone has jam jars (must be 250ml size) and not using them, we will gladly accept them and use them. Please drop the jars off in the church kitchen anytime. Thanks so much! Jars are the most expensive part of preserve making, so keeping the costs down helps make the profits from the Locke Street Festival higher!

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday February 14th at 6:30 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Linda Waugh

Volunteer for "The Thursday Outreach Program"

at New Vision Church

(Gently used men & women's clothing & non perishable foods would be gratefully received)

Come & share a meal with friends!

◆ **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.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – February 12

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Tuesday – February 13

Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday – February 14

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Women In Touch Potluck Dinner	6:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday – February 15

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	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
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

Friday – February 16

WrapAround Executive Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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Saturday – February 17

Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
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Sunday – February 18

Melrose Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary