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◆ Sunday, February 10, 2019 ◆

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Featured Window: "The Divine Shepherd"

Melrose Annual General Meeting

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◆ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019 ◆
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEATURED WINDOW: "THE DIVINE SHEPHERD"
MELROSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

WE WORSHIP AS WE CONSTITUTE THE MELROSE ANNUAL
MEETING

INTROIT - Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

W. Willan

* OPENING HYMN - *Let Us Build a House*

MV 1

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ has come to us.

All: Let us celebrate God's abiding love!

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

All: and gives us refreshment of soul.

One: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

All: so that the name of God will be glorified.

One: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

One: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

All: and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 23, Isaiah 6)

**Holy are you, Sanctuary of our Hearts,
and blessed is Jesus Christ,
Word of joyous grace.**

**In that time when we had lost our way,
he called to us,
so we could follow him into your joy;
in that time when all hope had died,
he touched our souls with the fire of your love;
in that time when death's cold grip
wrapped tightly around our hearts,
he came to surround us with your life.**

**While we cannot understand the mysteries
of your holiness and grace,
when we are called to Christ's side
we can only cry, "Here we are; we will follow"
even as we hope for that faith which was his. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN - *Are You a Shepherd?*
(the children go out to their programme)

MV 126

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Cheryl Evans

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL - Isaiah 6: 1-8

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Awesome Holiness"

◆ **RESPONSE – SERVICE OF OUR WORK** ◆

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 by all)

Loving God,

**we give thanks for all you have given to us
and praise you for your astounding goodness.**

**Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies
for the ministry of your church.**

**Bless our offering for the work of your realm,
and give us wisdom**

for the right use of all you have provided.

Amen.

★ HYMN – *We Have This Ministry*

VU 510

BLESSING OF OUR FOOD

(all are invited to proceed to the auditorium for lunch and for the
AGM)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING (after the AGM)

SUNG BLESSING – *Go Now in Peace*

Besig/Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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** ◆

In the concluding line of each verse of Ron Klusmeier's 1977 hymn "Worship the Lord" we are reminded that "worship and work must be one." Klusmeier's text underscores the true meaning of the word "liturgy" which is "the work of the people." Appropriately next week we will combine our morning worship with our AGM which will take place in the auditorium following our time in the sanctuary (if you are planning to attend the AGM, remember to bring something for your lunch!). The homily will also explore the nature of this important connection between worship and work. It will focus on the calling of Isaiah the prophet which is described in beautiful detail in the Book of Isaiah's sixth chapter. Standing in the holy sanctuary of the Jerusalem temple, the prophet has a vision of the Divine Presence. Isaiah realizes that God is so large that hem of God's robe entirely fills the temple space. Faced with ultimate majesty, the prophet is brought to a realization about his own smallness. He becomes aware that he has "unclean lips" and that he needs to be purified by another agent; in this case, a seraph who touches his mouth with a coal from the altar. Once forgiven and cleansed, the prophet asks to be sent out into the world in response to God's holy call. The pattern of Isaiah's experience reflects what congregations do when they worship together. We honour God and God's power, we seek blessing and forgiveness and we offer the gift of ourselves and our lives in the divine project of mending a broken world. Worship and work must be one.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts this month *Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey*

◆ **Celebrating our stained glass windows in Worship** ◆

2019 marks the 90th anniversary of the completion of our beautiful sanctuary designed by renowned Scottish architect John Gibb Morton, who used the ruin of Melrose Abbey as his creative inspiration – hence our church name. In honour of the anniversary, and in anticipation of our forthcoming celebration weekend in late March, elements of worship on each of the forthcoming Sundays will

feature themes from one of the glorious stained glass windows that adorn the sanctuary walls.

◆ **2018 Tax Receipts are now available** ◆

Help the office save on mailing costs and pick yours up today!

◆ **Melrose Annual General Meeting** ◆

The Melrose Annual General Meeting is February 10th directly following the service. Hard copies of the Annual Report are available today in the parlour after worship. Please sign the sheet indicating you have received your copy. If possible, one copy per household, please.

◆ **Motion for Annual Meeting on February 10, 2019** ◆

The Melrose Board recommends that the following motion be considered at the upcoming Annual Meeting:

That the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund in order to meet the needs of the operating budget for 2019.

◆ **PAR Donations** ◆

If you are not already making monthly donations to Melrose through Pre-Authorized Remittance, please consider contributing through PAR as a convenient means of providing financial support. If you are already contributing through PAR, please give thought to increasing your contributions for 2019. To join PAR, or to change your contributions through PAR, please contact Michelle in the Melrose office.

◆ **TGIF February 15** ◆

Join us for an all ages family friendly night! Bring a potluck dish to share and plan for fun! Post dinner activity includes making chocolates in our kitchen. Starts at 6pm. For more info talk to Meg. All are welcome!

WIT - Women In Touch potluck dinner

Wednesday February 13th at 6:30 pm

in the Melrose church parlour

Our guest this evening is

Susan Ewert

Artist & Painter

Fundraising opportunity \$\$

towards repair of the Stain Glass windows

&

the chance to go home with a sample of Susan's art

◆ **Melrose Office Closed from February 16-February 24** ◆

From February 16 to February 24 the Melrose office will be closed. The custodial staff will be in the building as normal and able to assist with property related issues. Messages left on the office voicemail and sent to the office email will not be checked or responded to. During this time please contact contact Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner for pastoral care issues and Kevin Geluch for building related issues.

If you would like a message included in the February 17 or February 24 bulletin insert please have all information to the office by Tuesday February 12.

◆ **Upcoming World Day of Prayer Service** ◆

Friday evening, March 1st 7:30pm, Melrose will be hosting World Day of Prayer, a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer.

This year, the writing country is Slovenia: "Come - Everything is Ready".

◆ **Everyday Skeptics - Lenten Study** ◆

Announcement from Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre: With Lent on the horizon, now's the time to get set for your personal or church Lenten Devotions and Study. "Everyday Skeptics: devotions for

spiritual growth" is from the United Church Publishing House, 2018. How do the prophets influence our spiritual formation and our actions as church today – wrestle with such questions through daily scripture, reflections and prayers.

Please call or email to order "Everyday Skeptics: devotions for spiritual growth" for \$14.95 hampresresource@gmail.com 905-318-5289.

◆ **A Time for Reconciliation and Forgiveness** ◆

Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 pm. When the Transition Team presented its report to the congregation this past October, the Team acknowledged that there was still some work to do on the first of the stated goals for the period of interim ministry: *Helping to bring healing to the congregation*. Conflict, as we know, can be destructive in any congregation or organization. Even once many aspects of conflict have been dealt with it is not quite enough to leave it at that, especially when such conflict involved the end of a pastoral relationship. Healing – deep healing – needs to draw on spiritual resources as well. The Transition Team will provide an opportunity for such healing on the evening of February 20th. This time of sharing will be excellently facilitated by Judith Johnson, a former Minister of Congregational Development for Hamilton Conference. The intention is both to provide a safe context for all voices to be heard and also to encourage the kind of reconciliation and forgiveness that will, in turn, provide a healthy foundation for developing a new pastoral relationship here at Melrose.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – February 11

Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Quilting	12:30 p.m.	Parlour
LeapYear Education	5:30 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Norman Slater Room

Tuesday - February 12

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 - February 13

Duet Club	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Sportball Hamilton	10:00 a.m.	Gym
Siva Yoga	10:30 a.m.	Norman Slater Room
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:00 p.m.	Gym

Thursday - February 14

Parent Child Mother Goose Class	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Melrose Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Chapel
Carpet Bowling	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
RSDCS Dancing Class	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

Friday – February 15

Executive Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
WrapAround		
WDP Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium

Saturday - February 16

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Sunday – February 17

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