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◆ **Sunday, March 3, 2019** ◆

Transfiguration Sunday

Featured Window - "Te Deum & Benedicite"

West Gallery Window

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 ◆
TRANSFIGURATON SUNDAY
FEATURED WINDOW - "TE DEUM & BENEDICITE"
WEST GALLERY WINDOW

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God W. Willan

* OPENING HYMN - *How Good, Lord, to Be Here* VU 103

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of 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)

Holy God, present in our midst

yet beyond all comprehension,

by your light, we see light;

by your healing, we are made whole;

by your mercy, we know your greatness.
Turn your gaze upon our weakness
and show us the way of your love
that we may live with unveiled faces,
through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Teach Me, God, to Wonder* VU 299

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Ken Holden

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 99 VU 819

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 34: 29-35

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28-36

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

All: Praise to you, O Christ

* HYMN – *Come Down. O Love Divine* VU 367

SERMON: “The Shining”

ANTHEM –Prayer for Transfiguration Day J. Weaver

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *Worship the Lord*
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.

HB 33 Verse 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

Generous God,
it is through your mercy
that we have this ministry –
the ministry of our talents and treasure,
the ministry of our passion and purpose.
Strengthen our hearts for your service,
and accept these grateful offerings
that we lay before you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(followed by 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

COMMISSIONING 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

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

This coming Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday. The Time for Healing and Reconciliation which was postponed from February 20th will take place (weather permitting!) on this day at 7:30 pm. March 10th is the first Sunday of Lent (it's also time change Sunday so don't forget to spring forward!). As is our custom, we will mark the beginning of this new season of the church year with the celebration of Holy Communion. The communion homily will focus on the Temptation sequence in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 4: 1-13). Luke tells us that immediately following his baptism, Jesus goes into the wilderness. He had said "yes" to God in baptism, but in order to enter into his vocation he needed to learn to say "no" to the temptations with which Satan attempts to seduce him. All three of these tests tempt Jesus both to betray his identity and to misuse his power. The first temptation is to make the gratification of one's physical appetites the priority in life. The second is to gain influence and followers by flashy displays of power. The third temptation is to gain wealth, possessions and political control by an idolatrous use of power. Jesus says "no" to all three by quoting Deuteronomy 6:13 which requires the worship of God alone.

◆ **Let's Celebrate!** ◆

Help us celebrate our personal milestones as we prepare to celebrate the 90th of our Church building. Over the next few weeks, please sign the birthday calendar during coffee hour, on your birthdate. We are not asking for the year, just the date. Thank you.

◆ **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.

◆ **Corner Shoppe Update** ◆

As spring slowly approaches and you are thinking about spring cleaning, please remember the Corner Shoppe for your donations of household items, art, books and more. We look forward to passing them on to others for their enjoyment and use. Donations can be left inside the auditorium behind the door marked for that. Thank you for your ongoing help and support.

◆ **Social Justice Update - Social Justice Sunday** ◆

Social Justice and Outreach Sunday: March 24th

Come to the Parlour after church and enjoy some Filipino Desserts and egg rolls. All money raised will go to support United Church Mission Services to the outreach work in areas hit by earthquake, tsunami and monsoons.

From UCC Website:

Japan, China, Hong Kong, and the Philippines have all sustained major damage as massive typhoons swept across their countries last fall. In addition, Indonesia experienced two significant earthquakes that cost thousands of lives, many lost in the tsunami that followed the latest earthquake. These disasters also destroyed vital transportation and communication links making emergency response challenging.

In the midst of this, United Church Mission & Service partner ACT Alliance, working with other partners in the region, is responding to these devastating events with medical teams to treat the injured, damage assessment teams, food, shelter, and agricultural support to replant crops. They are concentrating their resources to reach the most remote and underserved communities. United Church donations will support this critical work.

Please include the people of the Asia Pacific Region in your prayers as they face the long and difficult journey from emergency response to reconstruction and recovery.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

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

◆ **Greening our Sacred Space** ◆

Each month we receive an update on the number of trees our solar panels have "saved" through our carbon offset.

In January 2019 we offset 5 trees!

 Melrose Chancel
Choir Presents:

UPCOMING MELROSE RECITAL SERIES

For the Melrose Organ Fund!

March 17, 3:00 pm Artsong and Aria
Songs by Schumann, Handel, Parry, Verdi.
Allana Stevenson, soprano; Alexander Cann, piano

March 24 3:00 pm Music for flute, cello, and piano
Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, de Falla, and
Piazzola
Kimberley Schemeit, flute; Monica Fedrigo, cello;
Alexander Cann, piano

March 31, 3:00 pm Carnival of the Animals
A classical favourite for a young audience
Krista Rhodes, piano; Alexander Cann, piano

April 6, 7:00 pm Celebrate Melrose's 90th birthday!
Favourite selections from ninety years of worship at
Melrose United
Melrose Chancel Choir
Alexander Cann, director

April 14, 3:00 pm Bach's Passions
Arias from the St. Matthew Passion and the St. John
Passion, by J.S. Bach
Chris Palmer, baritone; Alexander Cann, piano; and
members of the Melrose Chancel Choir

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MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – March 4

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
Resource Management	7:00 p.m.	Room
Committee Meeting		Chapel

Tuesday - March 5

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 - March 6

Duet Club Rehearsal and Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
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
Time for Healing and Reconciliation	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday - March 7

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 March 8

Saturday - March 9

Tom Schilling: Master Class	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
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Sunday – March 10

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