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◆ 30 April, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

Third Sunday of Easter

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, April 30TH, 2017 ◆

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

* 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 -- *Overture (from Fireworks Music)*

G.F. Handel

INTROIT - *Alleluia*

J. de Cleve

* OPENING HYMN - *Christ is Alive*

VU 158

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in the world.

All: God's Resurrection love burns in our hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,
where hope is stronger than despair,

All: there, we find Jesus walking.

One: The stone has been rolled away!

Jesus is our companion on the journey!

And our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is with us!

OPENING PRAYER (said by all):

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**All: Gracious God,
Jesus, our risen Lord,
was made known to the disciples
in the breaking of the bread.
Open the eyes of our hearts
that we may recognize his presence,
and with the disciples cry, "the Lord has risen indeed!"
Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
to be a blessing to others in your name. Amen.**

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

★ HYMN – *Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!* MV 121

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Emily Warren

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 116 VU 836

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1: 17-23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 13-35

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN—*Stay With Us Through the Night* VU 182

SERMON – “The Kindness of Strangers”

CHORAL ANTHEM – *Abendlied (Evening Song)*

J. Rheinberger

German text: Luke 24:29 “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.”

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

- ★ OFFERTORY HYMN—*There in God’s Garden* VU 346 (Verse 6)
*All heaven is singing, “Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy healing strength and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!”
Amen! My Saviour!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Holy God,

**by your grace, accept the fruit of our labour
and the offering of our lives.**

Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving

in union with our risen Lord,

who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, VU 914)

- ★ CLOSING HYMN – *Thine is the Glory* VU 173

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE – VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, Amen!

POSTLUDE – *La Rejouissance (from Fireworks Music)*

G.F. Handel

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

May 7th is the annual "Music Sunday" at Melrose and will feature special music by our chancel choir under the direction of Alexander Cann. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated.

◆ Thank You... ◆

...to our April coffee hosts--

Shari and Linda Saunders &  Kathy Ross.

◆ Spring Cleaning with the SJC ◆

The Social Justice Committee can always find a good home for those little samples of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. that hotels and dentists like to share. Please drop off any unopened personal hygiene products in the Helping Hands blue bin, located in the auditorium.

◆ Congregational Meeting ◆

There is also a congregational meeting next week **MAY 7** following worship for an update on the United Church Remits.

◆ Child and Youth Notes ◆

Please check out the job posting for the Child and Youth Position on our website: www.melroseunited.ca

◆ **Melrose Passover Seder** ◆

The Melrose Passover Seder will be taking place on **May 10**. Please refer to posters for more information. A signup sheet is available in the office to indicate how many will be attending and what you plan on to bring. **Signing up is important** (but we will still feed you if you forget...). This year's event will again be ably led by Janet Kronick.

◆ **News from the Melrose Office** ◆

From **Thursday, April 20 to Friday, April 28** Pam and Michelle will both be on holidays. If you have any requests for bulletin announcements or space use, please forward them to the office by **Friday, April 14**. Further details for office coverage during this time will be posted as soon as decided.

Pam's vacation will continue, into May with her return to work scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16**. During this latter period of time, Michelle will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

● **May at the Corner Shoppe** ◆

"Everything's Coming Up Roses" in May for Mother's Day at The Melrose Corner Shoppe! Be sure to check it out for some 'Up-Cycling Inspiration' and some 'Spring-Time Cheer'!

All proceeds go to Melrose Stained Glass Window Repairs

◆ **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 – May 1

Carpet Bowling	8:00 a.m.	Gym
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	2:45 p.m.	ENTIRE BUILDING
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour
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Tuesday - May 2

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday - May 3

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Property Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday – May 4

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Thursdays Are For Fun!	6:00 p.m.	Parlour, Gym
English Country Dancing	6:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Friday – May 5

Set-up for Memorial Reception	All Day	
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Saturday - May 6

Memorial Reception	11:00 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
OnCourse Education	11:00 a.m.	Aud., Parlour, Kitchen
Bach Elgar Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Chapel

Sunday – May 7

Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30a.m.	Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.	