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◆ January 21, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. ◆

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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* 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 -From God I will not stray

J. Krebs

INTROIT -The Lord is Gracious

G. Thalben-Ball

* OPENING HYMN - *Arise, Your Light is Come*

VU 79

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of the Christ has come to us.

All: Let us celebrate God's abiding love!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim
God's word.

All: But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.

One: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

All: Jesus called the disciples by the lakeshore

One: They left their families and work to follow Jesus.

All: Lord, give us the courage to follow you all of our lives.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

**Holy One, God of all Creation,
you call us to be your people,
to carry your vision in this time and place,
to go where you send us**

to help welcome your amazing good news.
As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ
to spread the news that your realm is near,
fill us with your Holy Spirit,
O God of all Creation.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may share your good news
with a world in need.
Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

★ SONG – *Whale Did Swallow Jonah*
Who did, who did, who did, who did,
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo?
Who did, who did, who did, who did,
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo?
Who did, who did, who did, who did,
Who did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo?
Who did swallow Jonah?
Who did swallow Jonah?
Who did swallow Jonah down?

Whale did, whale did, whale did, whale did,
Whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo.
Whale did, whale did, whale did, whale did,
Whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo.
Whale did, whale, did, whale did, whale did
Whale did swallow Jo, Jo, Jo, Jo.
Whale did swallow Jonah,
Whale did swallow Jonah,
Whale did swallow Jonah down.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

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Reader: Chris Palmer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 62

VU 779

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14-20

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

★ HYMN- *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star*

VU 98

SERMON - "Joanh's Snit"

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

ANTHEM - Creating God

D. Hurd

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)

We give you thanks, God of all creation,

**for the power of your life-giving Word,
making the winds blow and the waters flow.
Receive these gifts from our hands,
and use them to bring peace and blessing
to all your people; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN
concluding 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 – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

VU 271

*** COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

**CHORAL RESPONSE – I am the Light of the World
*"I am the light of the world!"***

VU 87

*You people come and follow me.”
If you follow and love
you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

POSTLUDE – I will Sing a New Song of Gladness
Soloist: Margaret Duff

A. Dvorak

◆ **Melrose Events** ◆

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

Ted Lowrey and Shari Saunders will be sharing in worship leadership next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of the Epiphany season. Their service is structured around a familiar passage of the Gospel of Matthew (near the end of Matthew 25) where Jesus speaks about the compassionate qualities of worthy citizens of the Realm of God. Among those qualities is the duty of care for neighbours. Jesus reminds his hearers (and us): “just as did these things to the least of these who are members of my family, you did them to me.”

◆ **Thank you** ◆

...to our January coffee hosts – Denise and Phil Farrauto

◆ **2018 Offering Envelopes Now Available!** ◆

2018 Offering envelopes are now available for pickup in the church office. If you would like envelopes but do not currently have a number assigned please contact the office. Also, if you would like to switch from envelopes to PAR the church office can assist with the process.

◆ **Family Ministry Updates** ◆

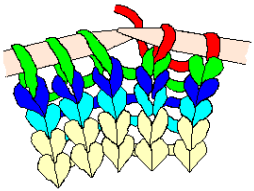
There are lots of exciting things happening with the Family Ministries Program in 2018! Be sure to stay connected to all that is going on by checking the Website, Facebook Page, and e-mails from Meg. Stay tuned for more exciting updates.

◆ An update from Cobourg ◆

The office received a lovely card recently from Ruth and wanted to share a portion of it with everyone:

“My thanks for the emails, notes and calendars I have received from so many of my Church Friends since moving last November. My Church has carried out one of its missions while it is doing outreach. This has helped me with my adjustment to a new home and community. I am so grateful. Many thanks, Ruth McNeely”

◆ The Prayer Shawl Ministry ◆



Saturday January 27, 2018 at 9:30 in the church parlour. Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied. Coffee, tea & a light snack.

◆ 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!

◆ 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.

◆ Study Leave Staffing ◆

Following worship this morning, Rev. Philip will be on study leave until January 29th. The Rev. Jane Wyllie from First-Pilgrim United Church will be covering urgent pastoral care for the week. Jane can be reached at 905-522-9900 or email: jane.wyllie@gmail.com.

◆ Melrose Staff Update ◆

The Official Board wants to update you on some recent staffing changes. Darcy Feaver is no longer an employee of Melrose United Church, and we

wish her the very best in all her future endeavours. We will be moving forward with a rotating system of custodian staffing, made up of Al Ritchie, Daniel Payne, and Chris Palmer, with additional support being provided by our Office Administrator Michelle Millson. Kevin Geluch will continue in a custodian/handyman role. We thank all of our staff for their important contributions. If there are any questions, concerns, or compliments related to staffing, please contact Patti Varey or Brenda Moulton.

◆ **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 – January 22

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 - January 23

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

Wednesday - January 24

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Mindfulness Workshop	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room

Thursday - January 25

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 – January 26

RSCDS Dancing Special Class	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
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Saturday - January 27

Prayer Shawl and Outreach Ministry	9:30 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Bach Elgar Rehearsal		
Bach Elgar Lunch	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Hammer Baroque Concert	12:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
	4:00 p.m.	Auditorium

Sunday – January 28

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