

Wesley United Church

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THEME: Yet I Stand

RUNNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE Sybil Marsh

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

Leader: Welcome to a time of wonder

Congregation: and music that calls us home

Leader: Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

Congregation: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality

Leader: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

Congregation: leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN — *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* (VU 232)

PRAYER

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;
you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.

You are like the sunlight enticing us taller and like the breeze rustling our leaves.

You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,
and in the nights when winter's frost ice the landscape your love warms and sustains us.
You are everything to us.
O let our gratitude be great,
let our praise be plentiful,
let our worship be wonder-full!
Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son.
Amen!

MUSIC MINISTRY— *Goodness of God* The Busalpa Girls

PUPPET MINISTRY

HYMN — *Fairest Lord Jesus* (VU 341)

BIBLE READING – 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 Pam Garner

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of^f faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

HYMN — *As a Fire is Meant For Burning* (using the tune of VU 687)

REFLECTION

HYMN — *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* (VU 518)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING AND BLESSING OF OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD NEWS

HYMN — *For the Healing of the Nations* (VU 678)

BENEDICTION — *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE

Sybil Marsh

Welcome to all our visitors. We are pleased you have joined us today. Please take a few moments to fill out the visitor card in front of you in the pew – and make sure you join us in the upper hall for refreshments following the service. We look forward to getting to know you and your family.

Dates to Remember

Monday, April 29 — 9:30 a.m.— Membership and Outreach meeting in the Parlour

Wednesday, May 1 — Pennies From Heaven fundraiser begins

Wednesday, May 1 — 7 p.m.—Bible Study in the Parlour.

Wednesday, May 8 — 5 and 6 p.m.— Lasagna Dinner at Beth-el United Church. For tickets call Justin-289-925-6415.

Thursday, May 9 — Wesley Seniors' Activity 1- 3:00 p.m. Robins' Hall — food, fellowship and fun! For free!!

Saturday, May 18 — 8 a.m. to noon — Annual Yard Sale at Central United Church, Port Colborne

Saturday, May 18 — 8 a.m. to noon — Plant sale hosted by the Pelham Garden Club at Fonthill United. Cash only.

Saturday, May 25 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.— Book sale at Central United Church, Port Colborne

TO MAKE A DONATION TO WESLEY UNITED CHURCH
YOU ARE WELCOME TO:

1. Send an e-transfer to: wesleytreasurer@yahoo.ca
2. Mail a cheque made out to the church.
3. Drop your cheque donation anytime in the outdoor mailbox or in the grey box beside the office door at the church.
4. Bring cash donations into the office during church hours.
5. Sign up for the preauthorized remittance program (PAR). Contact Wendy Reed to register.
6. Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.

We thank you for your support!