

Wesley United Church

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THEME: Bold Ambassadors

RUNNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE — *Shout to the Lord*
(Zschech/ arr. Labenske 1993) George Cleland

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

WELCOME

Welcome to this place:
where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:
where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:
where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather to worship our Timeless God.
**We gather together to share with your children
the past blessings we have received from our God.**

Come, let us gather to worship our Awesome God.
We gather together to listen for God's word for us today.

Come, let us gather to worship our Glorious God,
who delights in our worship, witness and service.
**We gather together to share our hope and trust in our
merciful God, who has never failed or forgotten us. Amen.**

PRAYER

Here we are Lord!
We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives
from the hubbub of our work and play from the hue and cry of the
world around us,
we come to worship you.
In this hour, we long to meet you, to feel your presence surround-
ing us,
enveloping us, loving us.
We long to settle into silence,
laying aside our worries and our cares,
aware of your presence around us,
before us, behind us, within us.
Come, Lord Jesus in our midst as we worship you together, this
morning. Amen!

MUSIC MINISTRY — *In the Sweet By and By*
Solo by Doug Willford

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN — *Let All Things Now Living* (VU 242)

BIBLE READING – 2 Corinth. 5:16-21 Linda Moore

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.
Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who rec-
onciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of
reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in
Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has com-
mitted to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore
Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal

through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN — Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples (VU 507)

REFLECTION

CHOIR MINISTRY — *Take Up His Song* (MV 213)
Hermann 2005/ arr. Kinbg 2006

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.

Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale – politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.

Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING AND BLESSING OF OFFERING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Shelley Coombes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD NEWS

HYMN — *Retell What Christ's Great Love Has Done* (VU 347)

BENEDICTION — *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE — *Cornerstone*

Mote, Liljero, Myrin, Morgan/ arr. Labenske 2012

George Cleland

Dates to Remember

Monday, April 22– 9:30 a.m.—Fundraising Committee meeting in the Parlour

Tuesday, April 23 – 7 p.m.— Christian Development meeting in the Library.

Wednesday, April 24 – 7 p.m.—Bible Study in the Parlour.

Friday, April 26 — 5:30 p.m.— Wesley Outreach Spaghetti Dinner. Free-will offering, but tickets will be required. Bring your family and friends!

Saturday, April 27 – 5 p.m.—Youth Activity and Fellowship – Robins' Hall

Sunday, April 28 — 8:30 a.m. The Wesley Men's Group will host a Congregational Breakfast for the entire congregation. There is no charge to attend.

Monday, April 29 — 10 a.m.— Membership and Outreach meeting in the Parlour