

Wesley United Church

*Rev. Lennox Scarlett, Minister
George Cleland, Music Director
Avery Turner, Youth Co-ordinator*

THEME: Bloom Where You Are Planted

RUNNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - *Good Good Father* George Cleland

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
with music and song!

**It is good to sing praise to You, and make music to Your name, O Most High;
to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night.
For You make us glad by Your deeds, O God;
we sing for joy at the work of Your hands.**

Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with joyful songs—
with thanksgiving and praise!
For God has taken away our garments of sadness, and clothed us with joy,
that we might sing praise, and not be silent!

**We will sing of God's love forever!
Young and old will hear, and rejoice.
For Your unfailing love lasts forever;
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above.**

Sing new songs to God! Praise God's name!
Each day proclaim the good news of God's salvation.
Tell everyone about the amazing things God has done.

**May Your ways be known throughout the earth, O God;
Your saving power among people everywhere.
May the nations praise You and sing for joy,
for You govern them with justice,
and guide the actions of the whole world.**

OPENING HYMN: *Praise To The Lord Almighty* (VU 220)

PRAYER

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Avery Turner

HYMN - *In The Bulb There Is A Flower* (VU 703)

BIBLE READING - John 15: 1-11 Joan Simpson

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

HYMN - Seek Ye First (VU 356)

REFLECTION

CHOIR MINISTRY- *Long Before My Journey's Start* (MV 63)

COMMUNION - Celebration Of The Lord's Supper

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING AND BLESSING OF OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GOOD NEWS

HYMN - *You Shall Go Out With Joy* (VU 884)

BENEDICTION - *Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE - *Build Your Kingdom Here* George Cleland

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

Mon. May 6 - 9:30 a.m. Fundraising Meeting, The Parlour

Wed. May 8 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, The Parlour

Wed. May 8 - 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. Lasagna Dinner at Bethel United Church. For tickets call Justin at 289-925-6415

Thu. May 9 - Wesley Seniors' Activity 1- 3:00 p.m. Robins' Hall Hawaiian Theme' - Food, fellowship and fun! For free!!

Sun. May 12 - Mother's Day

Sat. May 18 - 8:00 a.m. to Noon - Annual Yard Sale at Central United Church, Port Colborne

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 7 - Kathy Young

May 12 - Betty Lane

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 to the church (See mailing address below)*
- 3) *Drop your cheque donation, anytime, in the outdoor mailbox or in the grey box beside the office door at the church.*
- 4) *Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR). Envelopes are also available. Please contact Wendy Reed.*
- 5) *Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plates at entrance to The Sanctuary.*

We thank you for your support!