

BULLETIN NOTATIONS

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*“See my hands and my feet, that it is I, Myself;
Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones
as you see I have.” - Jesus*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: HWC 105 (*refrain*)

**He is Lord, He is Lord!
He has risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Be with us now.

Draw near to us as we draw near to You.

God of Life,

You are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,

that we may see You in one another.

Open our ears,

that we may hear Your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Enter our hearts,

that we may be filled with Your love toward all people.

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

Be with us now.

**Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage
to be people of Your Way.**

OPENING PRAYER: (*in unison*)

Loving Creator, maker of heaven and earth, God of all flesh, You made all things according to the Word of Your power and You made us the head of all creations. We are here today to worship You. Make our praises and worship acceptable in Your sight. You made us understand that You inhabit the praise of Your people, come down Lord and ride on the wings of our praise. In our gathering today, let us feel You, refresh us in You, renew us and help us grow in You. As we start today, guide us through according to Your will. In Jesus’ Strong Name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE VU 161:** “Welcome, Happy Morning”

TIME OF REFLECTION AND CONFESSION:

Forgive us, Lord, when we allow the enthusiasm of the resurrection to dissipate and we return only too quickly to the humdrum of life; when the hope of the resurrection does not find its way into our conversation and when the reality of the resurrection does not bring comfort in the face of our own mortality.

CHORAL RESPONSE: HWC 427 (*vs. 1*)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.**

God eagerly responds to our sincere repentance with His gracious forgiveness.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: VU pg. 890 “Wisdom 3”

FIRST LESSON: John 21: 1-14 *LAY READER: Joan Wells*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15: 42-44, 50-58

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***SUNG RESPONSE:** VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

***OFFERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

**Gracious God,
You have taught us that it is better to give than to receive.
You have blessed us with abundance
and we can never out-give you.
Receive these offerings that come from our hearts
as well as our hands.
May Your blessing magnify their benefits.
We pray in the Name of Jesus who gives us all things. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

(Lord hear our prayer, and in your love, answer)

THE LORD’S PRAYER: *(sung - VU 959)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

***HYMN VU 371:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

MESSAGE: “Fish for Breakfast”

***CLOSING HYMN VU 586:** “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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LARGE PRINT HYMNS and RESPONSIVE READINGS
are available on the pew as you enter the sanctuary.

AFTER WORSHIP, everyone is invited to stay
for refreshments and fellowship
in the Board Room & Friendship Room on the lower level.

PRAYER LIST
As we face life’s challenges, we are encouraged by those who surround us with their prayers. If you would like your name to appear on the prayer list, please tell the minister or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FONTHILL COUNCIL will hold a joint Council meeting with the Fenwick United Church Council on April 16 at 7:00 pm at the Fonthill church in the upper hall.

THE SPRING GRAPEVINE newsletter will be going out on May 1. If anyone has an article or notice to be included, please send it to the church office by April 26. Thank you.

PELHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH will host a “Breakfast & Healthy Aging Presentation” on Saturday April 20. Doors open at 8:00, breakfast at 8:30 with guest speaker to follow. All are welcome. RSVP to office@pelham.cc by April 16, or call 905 892-5922. A suggested \$10.00 free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the breakfast and an honorarium for the speaker.

CHORALIS CAMERATA presents “Sentimental Journey,” offering showtunes and “oldies” through the generations, on Sunday May 5 at 2:30 pm at St. Ann’s Parish Hall, 5731 Desson Ave., Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$25, including snacks and drink ticket. To purchase call 905 931-9225 or email: choraliscamerata@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE will be held by the Pelham Garden Club at Fonthill United Church on Saturday May 18 from 8 am to noon. Come for an amazing selection of plants for sale, plus baking and lawn sale. Cash only.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FONTHILL UNITED

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| Monday April 15 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 4:30 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 6:30 pm | Pickle Ball |
| | 7:00 pm | Venturers & Rovers |
| Tuesday April 16 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 9:00 am | Badminton |
| | 2:00 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 4:00 pm | Music Lessons (Friendship Rm.) |
| | 6:00 pm | A Cappella Niagara Practice |
| | 7:00 pm | Joint Council Meeting |
| Wednesday April 17 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 3:30 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 6:00 pm | Cubs & Beavers |
| Thursday April 18 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 9:00 am | Badminton |
| | 2:00 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 3:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | 4:45 pm | Sportball |
| Friday April 19 | 8:00 am | Montessori Preschool |
| | 1:00 pm | Music Lessons |
| | 6:30 pm | Pickle Ball |
| Saturday April 20 | 11:00 am | Music Lessons |
| | 12:30 pm | Upper Hall rental |
| Sunday April 21 | 9:30 am | Worship Service |

TO MAKE A DONATION TO FONTHILL UNITED CHURCH, YOU ARE WELCOME TO:

- 1) Mail a cheque to the church at: Fonthill United Church, Box 926, Fonthill ON L0S 1E0.
- 2) Drop your cheque donation, anytime, through the mail slot in the exterior office door at the church.
- 3) Bring cash donations into the office when the church office is open.
- 4) Send an e-transfer to: fonthilu@vaxxine.com.
- 5) Sign up for the pre-authorized remittance program (PAR).
Contact the church office to register.

Donations on Sundays may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. We thank you for your support!

Fonthill United Church

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

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MISSION STATEMENT

Words inspire us. Music uplifts us.
United in God’s love,
we strive to be an inclusive community,
learning together and supporting others with compassion.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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