

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

MAY 5, 2013

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked * - those who are able are invited to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude: Three Andantes (Walond)

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

**We come to celebrate God's presence,
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.**

We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
and the life we are called to live.

**We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.**

We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

We Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

God, you touch our lives
with mystery and hope.

We come to this place today,
ready to see your power working through us.

Help us to be open to your Word,
and to answer your call among us.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn:** We Praise You, O God

VU #218

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beirsto

*** Family Hymn:** I Can Feel You Near Me God

MV #48

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness

that gains from the manipulation of others,

deliver us, O God.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,

deliver us, O God.

From the arrogance and thoughtlessness

that abuses your good creation,

deliver us, O God.

From trusting in the weapons of war,

and mistrusting the councils of peace,

deliver us, O God.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations,

deliver us, O God.

From suspicions and fears

that stand in the way of reconciliation,

deliver us, O God.

From words and deeds that encourage discord,

perpetuate racist assumptions,

sexist stereotypes, and classist attitudes;

from everything that contributes to oppression,

deliver us, O God. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love:

The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

* **Hymn:** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation

Ian MacDonald

In our struggle to hear your Word, O God,
bless even our doubts, our wonderings,
our wanderings, our soul-struggles,
life's deep questions, and deeper mysteries.
Teach us to love our questions
as well as our answers. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 16: 9 - 15

Congregational Response:

This is the witness of the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: When Peace Like a River (Grotenhuis)

Reflection: The God Who Finds Us Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** O for a World VU #697

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music

*** Doxology**

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.**

*** Prayer of Dedication:**

God of the hungry,
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied,
and hunger has gone from the earth. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession:

In our prayers, let us give thanks for the gifts of God,
and pray for those who work in God's vineyard, saying:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For the bounty of the earth,
for the goodness within the human heart,
for power to change and the will to learn,
let us give thanks:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For all those who work for healing,
for people in the caring ministries,
for ecologists and researchers,

for pastoral care workers and friends,
for the hands of Christ in the world,
for others we may wish to name . . .

let us give thanks:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For all those who learn and teach,
for apprentices and supervisors,
for students and resource people,
for program directors and camp leaders,
for schools and educators,
for wisdom and knowledge and guidance,
let us give thanks:

We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For those who struggle for liberation and justice,
for the witness of base communities,
for mission and development workers,
for those who risk their lives for others,
for those who work for human rights,
for those who speak truth on behalf of the oppressed,
for all who bear witness to the way of Christ,
let us give thanks:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit. Amen.

The Last Word : Revelation 22: 1 - 5

*** Closing Hymn:** I See a New Heaven

VU #713

*** Blessing and Sending Forth:**

Be the living expression of God's kindness:
kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes,

kindness in your smile,
kindness in your warm greeting.
In the slums we are the light of God's kindness to the poor.
To children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely,
give always a happy smile.
Give them not only your care,
but also your heart.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*** Choral Amen**

VU #431

Postlude: Ancient Cathedral Galleries (Jantzer)

If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

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WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service. This week Coffee Hour is being hosted by members of Wilmot U.C.W. If you are new to our church, we have a 'Welcome to Wilmot' kit for you. Please ask one of the ushers at the back of the sanctuary, for the blue folder. We're glad you're here!

THANK YOU: Thank you, **Elizabeth Savoie**, for your great idea and your detailed planning of our "Bread for Life" meal last Sunday. It was a wonderful gathering. A special thanks as well to the many hands that joined together to make it happen.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING: On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday mornings.

UNIVERSAL PORTRAIT STUDIOS has begun contacting those who wish to be included in our **2013 Wilmot Pictorial Directory**. If you wish to call and book your own appointment please call **toll free** as early as possible at 1-888-769-7339. Kathy (ext. 3) is the contact person. The dates are May 21st and 22nd, and the week of May 27th. The times are from 1 pm and the last appointment is 8:30 pm. We are still looking for greeters. If you are able to volunteer for a two hour period on those dates please contact maggie4357@rogers.com or stop by the Stewards table at Coffee and Conversation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: As summer approaches, there is a need for extra people to fill in on occasion for regular members of Wilmot's Community Kitchen teams. Please consider adding your name to the sub list for the summer months. You can always decline if the timing doesn't work for you. Volunteering at the Kitchen takes about 2 hours on Sunday, from 4:15 – 6 pm and you would only be called occasionally. The tasks involved include helping to prepare, serve, and clean up the meal that is served for Sunday supper, under the supervision of the Kitchen's cook. Please email or call Beth Paynter to add your name to the list: bpaynter@nb.sympatico.ca or 454-5581.

WILMOT SENIORS If you think you would enjoy some fun playing games such as 45's and Scrabble, plan to come out to Seniors on Tuesday, May 7th at 1:30 in the Parlour. As usual, our afternoon will conclude with a refreshment time, this month provided by Group 1. All Seniors and Retirees are very welcome! **Looking Ahead:** Put June 11 on your calendars for our Annual Mystery Day. Promising to be a great day...lots of fun but not too far and only 2 stops. \$20 per person.

THE UCW BOOK SALE IS BACK! It will take place on May 9th and 10th. Set-up is on May 8th. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, sell and pack-up on any one of these dates. Please contact Linda Gough at 459-3706 or e-mail at lgough@nbnet.nb.ca. We are also looking for donations of books. They can be dropped off at the church any time between now and the set-up date. What a wonderful opportunity to stock up on a wide variety of titles for your summer reading! Stop by and browse on the 9th and 10th of May. See you there!



The deadline for articles and information for our Spring/Summer issue of ***Words from Wilmot*** is Friday, **May 24** in order to have it printed and ready for distribution on Sunday, **June 2**. Please think about what you want promoted for your group or committee for the summer and the new fall season 2013 so that we can produce a lively and informative newsletter for our church family. Articles should be sent to Lucille Caseley at lucille@caseley.net.

FREDERICTON MARCHING BAND is hosting a spring concert at Wilmot United Church on Monday, May 6 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SERVICE OF HOPE: For all those touched by cancer a SERVICE OF HOPE will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on May 7 at 7 pm. This will be a Community Candlelight Service. Everyone welcome.

CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES, EVERYONE! This Saturday, **May 11 from 5:15-6:15**, we have the Fredericton Indoor Swimming Pool in Nashwaaksis all to ourselves – complete with lifeguards. Give us a call if you wish to join us. Looking forward to a great time, Ellen (206-1943) or Marlene (458-1066)

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday, May 11th, at 8 a.m. in Fraser Memorial Hall. Guest speakers will be Jean Street and Kelly Watson on their Rotary sponsored trip to India. If you plan to attend, please call Ron Naugler at 459-5142 or Blaine Irving at 472-8662. You may also contact St. Paul's office at 458-1183.

KITCHEN PARTY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY: Sat., May 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Boyce Farmers' Market in support of Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers. **FISH AND CHIPS DINNER** by Rick Huskins with lively Celtic and Folk music by **ONE ACRE LOT**. Adults- \$15.00 Children under 12-\$5.00. Tickets are available from Susan MacLeod 459-7066, the take out window at Huskin's Foods the Market, Westminster Books, or Mary Jo McIntosh 459-7015. Please get your tickets and join us for a great evening.

SPRING SONG AND SWEETS: Come to an evening of music which celebrates God's gift of creation and spring! Hymn singing and choral offerings by the Brunswick Street Baptist Church choir in addition to beautiful hymns played on the concert harp by special guest, Catherine Fitch Loza of Halifax. The evening ends with a dessert reception. Saturday, May 11, 7 pm in the church sanctuary. No admission but a freewill offering will be taken.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

May 5 - 12

TODAY:

9:30 am	ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room
11:00 am	WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
4:00 pm	YOUTH GROUP
6:00 pm	REHEARSAL - Fredericton Marching Band - Sanctuary

Monday, May 6:

2-4 & 6:30 pm	LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC
7:30 pm	FREDERICTON MARCHING BAND CONCERT
6:30 pm	TELEMINISTERS - Parlor
6:30 pm	SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Gym
6:45 pm	TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

Tuesday, May 7:

12:00 pm	OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room
1:30 pm	WILMOT SENIORS - Parlor
7:00 pm	PRENATAL CLASSES -Wilmot Hall
7:00 pm	MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

Wednesday, May 8:

9:00 am	MORNING OUT/QUILTERS - Parlor
10:00 am	TOY LIBRARY
10:00 am	WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT - Fireside Room
7:00 pm	NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room

Thursday, May 9:

10 am - 6 pm	BOOK SALE - Gym
1:00 pm	WILMOT WRITERS - Parlor
4:00 pm	WILMOT SEEKERS - Parlor
6:30 pm	HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 pm	PAINTING CLASS - Board Room
7:30 pm	SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday, May 10:

10 am - 6 pm	BOOK SALE - Gym
12:00 pm	FOOD FOR LIFE - Board Room

Saturday, May 11:

10:00 am	TOY LIBRARY
2 - 4 pm	CISV - Gym
6:30 pm	DROP-IN CENTRE

Sunday, May 12:

	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY
9:30 am	ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room
11:00 am	WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:00 pm	COFFEE & CONVERSATION
4:00 pm	MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

ADVANCE NOTICE: Summer worship services:

During the month of July we will have combined worship services with our friends from St. Paul's. Worship services will be held here at Wilmot beginning at 10:30 am. August and the first Sunday in September we will worship at St. Paul's.