



**All Sing:** “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” MV 115

Wow, Jesus!

There you are, blindingly brilliant, glowing with light that seems to come from within.

Is that your way?

Do you want me to glow from within, to show my true colours of faith?

Is your light that shines from within even me to come from self-giving?

Is your light blazing with hope, with new life, with reconciliation, with new possibilities?

How can I possibly follow?

From where will come the courage?

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Trust. I just have to trust...you.

I just have to open my own heart and let your divine light blaze forth to make all things new.

Maybe the best way into transformation is through relationships with others.

There are so many of us who need to be made new.

I pray that you would touch all of us with the light of your healing:

that you would blaze into those of us living with depression and with mental illness,

that you would make “new” those of us living with disease or injury or death,

that you would share joyful delight with those of us celebrating new birth and new beginnings,

that you would transform the lives of those of us living on the margins.

I just have to trust you, giving of myself, trusting in your self-giving.

Because...because you...because you say:

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Your light blazes forth beyond just this small part of my world.  
Your light blazes into the cracks and crevices of our global village:  
shining light on the horrors of conflicts in Syria;  
shining light on the beginnings of civil war in Mali;  
shining light on the rescue efforts in the aftermath of floods;  
shining light on the recovery and reconstruction efforts in the wake of earthquakes.

Your call beckons me into the wider world,  
to heal, to hold, to help, to learn, to grow,  
Thus your light becomes a beacon for your Way of transfiguration.  
Thank you, Jesus. Tell me once more your Way.

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May your newness begin in me as we share the words you gave us to pray, saying: Our Father...

Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson U.C., Burlington, ON

**\*Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty VU #315

## **Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

### **Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:**

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin.  
Christ you show us light, yet we still choose the shadows.  
In your Word you offer guidance, yet we ignore your counsel.  
In your Spirit you promise renewal, yet we remain the same.  
Speak to us from beyond the clouds of sin.  
Dazzle us anew with the light of love.  
Forgive us. Restore us. Amen.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

**\* Hymn:** Fairest Lord Jesus VU #341

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Prayer of Preparation

Andy MacDonald

Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word,  
our hearts to love your word,  
and our lives to be obedient to your word,  
through the power of your Spirit  
and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Scripture:** Luke 9: 28 - 43

### Congregational Response:

This is the witness of God's people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Sing to the Lord!

(Mollicone)

**Reflection:** What Does it Mean to Listen to Jesus? Rev. R-H Gaskin

### Time for Silent Reflection

\* **Hymn:** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU #104

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Announcements

### Invitation to The Offering

### Offertory Music

\* **Doxology**

VU #543

We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee.

## \* **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Prayers of The People:**

God eternal, our times are held within your hands,  
our lives are shaped by your design from before our birth.

You take hold of what has happened  
and nurture within it what you wish to be.

Like a wise mother, you give us both freedom and guidance.

How wise and caring you are, most blessed God;

we praise you and thank you.

God eternal, our times are open to your Spirit,

our lives await your touch.

God of mercy, fountain of loving care,

wellspring of blessing and source of our hope:

help us to break through the dry surface of our parched lives

to find the life that flows beneath, quietly, deeply,

cool with refreshment—

that living water for our souls

which is the Spirit of Christ your Son.

We ask for these your gifts:

for all in hospital or nursing home,

healing and encouragement;

for all living with long-term threats

to their health or well-being, patience and endurance;

for all who are worried, ease of heart;

for all who are lonely, some human contact;

for all who are anxious about their job,

or who are looking for work, fortitude;

for all who are wondering what path in life to take,

a sense of being able to trust that you, God, will guide them.

Finally we think of our own individual lives.

We take some moments of silence  
to give you our thanks for the blessing you have given us,  
and to ask for the needs that weigh most upon us . . .  
God of mercy, eternal source of life renewed and abundant,  
rise up and flood with loving care every withered life  
and every heart that thirsts for you.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Last Word:** 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4:2

**\* Closing Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

**\* Blessing and Sending Forth:**

May the blessing of God, fountain of living water,  
flow within us as a river of life.

May we drink deeply of her wisdom.

May we never thirst again.

May we go through life refreshing many,

as a sign of healing for all;

through the One who is Life eternal.

**\* Choral Amen** VU #967

**Postlude:** Now Thank We All Our God (Karg-Elart)

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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. Thank you to Lois Campion and Helen Dykeman for hosting Coffee Hour today.

**LISTENING SESSION - PARISH NURSING:** Today after worship - join us in the Fireside Room to share your thoughts on the completed Parish Nursing practicum.

**THE PRAYER CIRCLE** offers confidential prayer support for those with physical, emotional, family and spiritual needs. To have your concerns added to the Wilmot prayer list contact Guy Vezina (455-6174) or Raday Brown (454-3001).

**CIRCLE OF CARE MINISTRY:** From time to time, members of our Wilmot family who may be going through a rough patch can use a boost; a helping hand. We know that there are many in our church family who want to help out, but don't really know how. We have established a group of volunteers who are willing to be of assistance when called upon for the short term. There are folks who are willing for example, to take a turn driving some one out of town for treatment; to make and deliver meals on a rotating basis; to provide respite care so that a care giver can have an evening out. We would like to add to our numbers. If you would like to be part of this group, or if you have any questions about what would be involved, please contact Marlene Phillips (458-1066), Brenda Cameron (363-3388) or Susan Breen (450-4072). Thank you!

**THANK YOU:** To my Wilmot Church Family:

I would like you to know how grateful I am for your love and support for my family during this tragic time for us. The Memorial Service for Dave was very meaningful for us, and it was beautiful. The amazing music, the sermon, scripture, words of remembrance and prayers spoke to our hearts and gave us comfort and hope. A heartfelt thank you to the UCW, who provided wonderful comfort food at the reception. And, I will always cherish the prayer shawl that I have been given. I count Wilmot church as a beautiful blessing in my life. With love, Valerie Moore



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Lent/Easter issue of *Words from Wilmot* will be published for distribution on February 24. Please submit your articles and notices by Friday, February 15 for inclusion before this issue goes to the printer. We want to make sure that information from your committee or project gets published for the spring season.

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Join us for our mid-winter pot luck lunch on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the church parlor. Our special guest will be Rev. Ellen who will tell us all about her recent visit to South Africa. What better way to rid ourselves of the winter blahs than over a delicious meal with friends and stories from Ellen's adventure? All seniors and retirees are warmly welcomed!

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Plan to stay after worship next Sunday, February 17 to attend the Annual General Meeting of Wilmot United Church. A pot-luck congregational lunch will be held before the meeting. Those with Surnames from A-F are asked to bring sweets, and those with surnames between G-Z can bring sandwiches. Please bring these to the kitchen before the service. Tea and coffee will be provided. This is a time to recognize and to celebrate the work of our church over the past year. Copies of the 2012 Annual Meeting are available now.

**FINAL UPDATE:** First, my apologies for missing last week but there was no Wifi to be found anywhere. Our camping safari went very very well. Our tents were new, large for just 2 and easy to set up and take down. The group of 14 plus the guide and driver were great with the majority from Canada or Australia. Although we did not see all the animals that we were searching for, we had a great time locating many. We even went on a Rhino 'walk' and after what seemed like hours, finally located first 3 and then 2 more. They seemed to know our guide and came towards him and so we were only about 5 feet away. So many stories and pictures to share!

*Ellen, Bethany and Erica*

The Stewardship and Finance Committee are recruiting Chief Tellers and Teller Teams. Please stop by the Stewards' Table during Coffee and Conversation and pick up a copy of an information sheet. As well if you are able to volunteer about 10-15 minutes after a service to be part of a team, there will be a sign up sheet. Carlinda Daigle is Chief Teller for February and would welcome any interested volunteers to stop by for a brief review of what is required as a member of the team.



**WINTER WARM-UP:** Members of the Wilmot Congregation are invited to meet for a spaghetti dinner and sleigh ride on March 1st at Oakland Farms, New Maryland beginning at 6:00. MARK YOUR CALENDAR! In light of the positive feedback from the progressive dinner the Faith Formation Committee has decided a winter gathering of fun and fellowship would be welcomed. If you choose to go on the sleigh ride, it will cost individuals \$7.00 and we are asking a contribution of \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family to offset the cost of the supplies for the dinner. Bill MacLeod will make his famous sauce which you will not want to miss. We will conclude the evening with a singsong so bring along any portable musical instruments and we will provide the spoons. Please let us know no later than Sunday, February 17. Contact one of the following: Steve MacKenzie @ 472-1299; Elaine Kenyon @ 455-7954 or Ann Kennedy @ 453-9302. E-mails can also be used: [sjmackenzie@bellaliant.net](mailto:sjmackenzie@bellaliant.net), [ekenyon@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:ekenyon@nbnet.nb.ca), [akennedy160@rogers.com](mailto:akennedy160@rogers.com) Anyone wishing a drive or assistance, please contact one of us. We want everyone in the congregation to feel welcomed at this event.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a sign-up sheet at Coffee & Conversation.

**MUCHAS GRACIAS:** Many thanks to all those who donated items and offered good wishes that Wilmot conveyed to our partners in Cuba. They were more than very much appreciated. We'll have more stories later, but here are two discoveries that show that Wilmot's influence goes beyond Fredericton: (1) During worship in Matanzas, at the church of Wanda and Oreste, (a couple who spent a few months with us in Fredericton), it was brought to our attention that they had adopted in their service, the gathering of the children at the front of the sanctuary for the children's story, because of their experience at Wilmot. (2) When we arrived at the Anglican church in los Arabos, we were mobbed by the people there with questions about Jennifer Redmond (Jessica Robinson's granddaughter). Jennifer had served there when she was a student. They had restructured their sanctuary to make the best use of a projector that Wilmot had sent them, at Jennifer's intervention.

**WANTED:** The Outreach committee is seeking 1-2 Wilmot UC representatives to attend **“We Share Common Ground” Maritime Alliance-building with Idle No More** Fredericton – Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4pm @ St. Mary’s Cultural Centre, Leadership: gkisedtanamoogk, Miigam’agan, Alma Brooks, others TBA. This is an invitation for groups who have been walking in solidarity with the *Idle No More* movement, to send 1 or 2 representatives to a regional Gathering of allies, in peace and friendship. You may be participating because of concerns for the environment, for issues of poverty and livelihood, to stand with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, for health and safety concerns, out of love for the land, waters and air... We all walk together, for many diverse and important reasons. The purpose of the 3 regional Gatherings is for allies to together identify common understandings, and establish common ground to work together, as the Idle No More Movement evolves. Participants at these Gatherings will then take these understandings and common ground back to their groups, communities and organizations, to educate and support solidarity efforts. And, to keep the movement moving, other groups who will be invited include members of The Conservation Council, The N.B. Environmental Network, local groups who are opposed to hydrofracking, labour unions, other churches, The Food Bank, etc. Wilmot has members who belong to some other groups who stand in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples and they may be present at this gathering, so the Wilmot Reps will have support. If participation in this event interests you, please contact [judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:judycoates@rogers.com) or 454-5631 for more information asap.

**SPIRITUALITY IN NURSING PRACTICDE WORKSHOP:** Saturday, Feb. 23 from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm at Family Life Centre, Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Fee: \$40 (includes lunch); students \$20. More details and registration information can be found on poster on bulletin board downstairs.

**THE OBSERVER:** It is time to renew your subscription (\$20) to our national church magazine, The Observer. Please use the envelope provided. Cheques are to be made payable to "Wilmot United Church". If you are not presently a subscriber, you are encouraged to consider becoming one! Copies of The Observer are available - in rack near Carleton Street door.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN CARBON FAST:** The youth and I invite you to join us for an Ecumenical Carbon Fast. We will be joining churches across North America in an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint. Initiated by the United Church of Christ and endorsed by other denominations and faith groups, people of every Christian perspective – and people who are not Christians – have benefitted from this opportunity to become more conscious and conscientious in their daily lives. Each Sunday, beginning next Sunday, there will be a suggestion for each day. The activities range from the very simple: reduce electrical use; to the moderately challenging: take "military showers;" reduce your driving speed; to more long term: buy local produce and consider getting involved in a community garden. We don't expect everyone to be able to do everything suggested; but serious consideration of each day's activity will raise people's awareness, inviting them to think more carefully about how their day to day living impacts the environment and make the changes they can. Lent awakens us to hope in God whose "steadfast love endures forever" and we confess our mortality, our limits and our vulnerability so that we might be transformed and become the new life God calls us to be. This Ecumenical Carbon Fast is a concrete way of participating in the stewardship of God's creation. Until next Sunday,

Ellen and Wilmot's youth

**SPIRITUAL CARE GIVING - Enhancement Learning Program:** Feb. 23, March 9 and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am - 4 pm at the DECH. Cost for all 3 sessions \$60. This three-day course offers individuals conceptual and practical information to enhance their abilities and increase the skills necessary for meaningful spiritual and religious care in a health care context or in the participant's personal life and faith community.

See bulletin board downstairs for more details and information on registering.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

February 10 - 17

### TODAY:

- 9:30 am ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room  
11:00 am WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
12:00 pm COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
12:00 pm LISTENING SESSION - Parish Nursing - Fireside Room  
1:15 pm F'TON MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL

### Monday, Feb. 11:

- 12:00 pm U.C.W. - Parlor  
6:30 pm SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
6:45 pm TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

### Tuesday, Feb. 12: SHROVE TUESDAY

- 12:00 pm WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Parlor  
12:00 pm OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room  
7:00 pm STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Parlor  
7:00 pm MARTIAL ARTS - Gym  
7:00 pm SPANISH CLASS - Board Room

### Wednesday, Feb. 13: ASH WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 am MORNING OUT/QUILTERS - Parlor  
10:00 am TOY LIBRARY  
10:00 am WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT - Fireside Room  
4:00 pm WILMOT SEEKERS - Parlor  
7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE -Sanctuary  
7:00 pm NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room

### Thursday, Feb. 14:

- 1:00 pm WILMOT WRITERS - Parlor  
6:30 pm HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
7:00 pm PAINTING CLASS - Board Room  
7:00 pm MARTIAL ARTS - Gym  
7:30 pm SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

### Friday, Feb. 15:

- 12:00 pm FOOD FOR LIFE - Board Room

**Saturday, Feb. 16:**

10:00 am TOY LIBRARY  
6:30 pm DROP-IN CENTRE

**Sunday, Feb. 17:**

9:30 am ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room  
11:00 am WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL  
12:00 pm COFFEE & CONVERSATION  
12:00 pm ANNUAL MEETING - Gym  
1:15 pm F'TON MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL

**Ministers:**

**Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin  
292-1680**

**Rev. Ellen Beairsto  
206-1943**

**Ministers Emeriti:**

**Rev. Vic Moriarty, Rev. Cliff Moase and Rev. Bob Jones**

**Organist: Virginia Leiter**

**Choir Director: Steven Peacock**

**Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips**

**Sexton: Randy Randall**

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