

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

April 14, 2013

Third 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.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome to the Church

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: Walking along the road, fishing, eating a meal:
In the ordinary, everyday things,
the disciples met the risen Christ.

All: **Jesus is present among us.**

One: Everything written in the law of Moses, the prophets and the
Psalms has come true. We do not need to feel alone.

All: **Jesus is present among us.**

One: Let us praise God, on this wonderful day!

All: **Amen! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Approach

(Seasons of the Spirit, April 14, 2013)

Welcoming God,

May our welcome to others be as great as Yours has been to us;

To those who are hungry, may we offer bread;

To those who are broken, may we offer healing;

To those who are lost, may we offer nourishment;

To those who are in need, may we offer a helping hand.

May this place be a place of grace

Where what is offered is served to others

Trusting in your unconditional love, O God.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn:** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing VU #169

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart Ellen

*** Hymn:** We Are Marching (Siyahamba) VU #646
South African Traditional Song

Listening to God's Word

Prayer of Preparation Ron Buck

Scripture Reading: Acts 9: 1 - 20

*** Anthem:** Elijah and Joshua (Albrecht)

Gospel Reading: John 21: 1 - 19

"An Amazing Trip to Southern Africa" Bethany & Ellen

Responding To The Word

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** In Christ There Is No East or West VU #606

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.**

* **Offertory Prayer**

Sending Forth in God's Name

* **Hymn:** For the Healing of the Nations VU #678

* **Commissioning and Benediction**

* **Choral Amen** VU #431

Postlude

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

BULLETINS: This morning's bulletins have been donated in celebration of all the work being accomplished by so many volunteers around the world as well as the organizations "International Volunteer HQ" and "Dreams to Reality."

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all friends and visitors worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome and thank you to **Bethany Young** and **Nat Fetter** for sharing their gifts with us. You are invited to join us for a **SOUP LUNCHEON** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service. This luncheon is provided by members of the Outreach Committee and their helpers. We so appreciate this gesture. Warm your body and soul over fellowship and hot delicious soup - 2 different varieties, including a vegetarian soup. Suggested price is \$5 /person, \$12/ family of 3. However, soup is for everyone ... not to worry if no money. We want your presence. Profits will go towards Outreach needs. Thanks for your support. Clean up help always appreciated.

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED: One of the ways that we exercise our ministry of hospitality is through our greeters and ushers who welcome people each Sunday. As with many of our ministries we rely on volunteers to fill these roles. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Shirley Cleave at Coffee and Conversation or by phone - 459-7743, or email - scleave@nb.sympatico.ca. Instructions and support will be provided as needed. Thanks for considering this opportunity to serve.

SYMPATHY: Our love and condolences are extended to Andrew & Joan MacDonald on the recent death of Andrew's brother, **William L. MacDonald**.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who donated food on your latest food offering Sunday. We are truly appreciative of your generosity and thoughtfulness. ***"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*** Matthew 25:39-41
God bless you.-Janet Thomas, Community & Family Services, The Salvation Army

PLEASE NOTE: The Council will be talking about the ways in which we serve Holy Communion, so if you have any thoughts or comments, please let Carlinda Daigle know by phone or e-mail carlinda@nbnet.nb.ca

MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!! Universal Portrait Studies will be taking photos for our new Wilmot Directory 2013, the week of May 27 to 31 and if necessary, May 21 and 22. Please visit the Stewards Table during Coffee and Conversation for more information. Further information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

WILMOT SENIORS: Join with us on Tuesday, April 16th at 1:30 in the Parlour when our special guest will be Kim Colpitts. Kim is a Registered Dietician who is Diabetes Education Coordinator and co-manager of the Diabetes Resource Centre in Fredericton. She will offer a presentation specifically geared to our group, and will answer any food related questions you can come up with! And as usual, we will enjoy a delicious refreshment time together, this month hosted by Group 3. All seniors and retirees are very welcome.

GLOBAL BRIGADES: During the month of April Amelia Secord will be offering cookies and cake pops during Coffee and Conversation by donation toward her travels with Global Brigades to Honduras in early May. Global Brigades is a student led organization where volunteers work with licensed doctors and pharmacists to deliver public health programs and distribute supplies in clinics and workshops. Amelia will be focusing on dental hygiene with children and would greatly appreciate your support.

EARTH DAY - APRIL 22 - <http://www.earthday.ca/pub/> Earth Day began in 1970 and "was designed to inspire awareness for the earth's environment." In 1993, a song was written entitled "What Are We Going To Do?" What a great title! Let each of us of all ages continue to work together to make this world a 'greener' world.

Wilmot Youth & Ellen

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND ALL AGES: To celebrate our time together here at Wilmot, the Fredericton Indoor Pool has been rented for May 11 from 5:15 - 6:15 (complete with life guards.) Please call Ellen (206-1943) or Marlene at the church office to have your name put on the list! Come and join us for this great family outing.

April 19 – May 19: Art exhibit- **A Child’s View from Gaza.** This exhibit looks at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the eyes of children. The Charlotte Street Arts Centre is honoured to host, in its Penny Gallery (first floor hallway beside the dance studio), a special traveling exhibition, a set of 36 works of children’s art and photographs from Gaza, brought together by Susan Johnson, a Philadelphia- area activist for Palestinian rights, along with Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME). Thomas Woodley, president of CJPME says, “The exhibition teaches about the Israel-Palestine conflict, but through the experiences and perspectives of the children. It’s a great way to sensitize new audiences to the devastating reality faced by the Palestinians of Gaza.” Following Israel’s twenty-two day military assault on Gaza during ‘Operation Cast Lead,’ which began on Dec. 27, 2008, Johnson traveled with a delegation of activists of all different faiths to Gaza in May 2009. Throughout the trip the delegation visited hospitals, refugee camps and schools. After visiting a children’s art therapy class, the idea of an art exhibit of the children’s drawings came to life as an ideal way to promote public awareness of Gaza’s plight. The exhibit seeks to raise peoples' awareness of the human price of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This exhibition in Fredericton, is co-sponsored by the Fredericton Palestine Solidarity and Jews for a Just Peace Fredericton. ***An opening reception will take place on Friday, April 19th, from 5:30-7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.***

**WAKING UP TO OUR LIVES:
An Introduction to Mindfulness
May 31 - June 2, 2013**

Mindfulness is being present to our body, thoughts and emotions in a friendly, non-judgmental way. We all have the innate capacity to be mindful - it is simply a part of being human. This retreat will explore practices like sitting and walking meditation, and mindful listening and communication. Open to all who want to learn to be more present in their lives. Leaders: Elizabeth Shein is a clinical social worker who has worked in the field of health and mental health for over 25 years. She uses mindfulness-based practices with diverse individuals, groups and communities. Ivan Drouin MA, is a Registered Psychologist and Manager of Adult Mental Health Services at the Colchester East Hants Health Authority in Truro, NS. Program Cost; \$360 (includes meals and accommodations). Where: Tatamagouche Centre. Please register at least 2 weeks in advance. www.tatacentre.ca

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

April 14 - 21

TODAY:

9:30 am ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room
11:00 am WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:00 pm SOUP LUNCHEON
12:00 pm LISTENING SESSION re Baptism - Fireside Room
1:15 pm F'TON MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL
4:00 pm YOUTH GROUP

Monday, April 15:

9:45 am LA LECHE LEAGUE - Nursery
2-4 & 6:30 pm FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC
6:30 pm SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Gym
6:45 pm TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

Tuesday, April 16:

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

Wednesday, April 17:

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, April 18:

1:00 pm WILMOT DABBLERS - Board Room
6:30 pm HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 pm PAINTING CLASS - Board Room
7:30 pm SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday, April 19:

12:00 pm **FOOD FOR LIFE** - Board Room
3 - 7 pm **RUMMAGE SALE** - Gym

Saturday, April 20:

9 - 12 pm **RUMMAGE SALE** - Gym
10:00 am **TOY LIBRARY**
6:30 pm **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, April 21:

9:30 am **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room
11:00 am **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**
12:00 pm **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**
12:00 pm **LISTENING SESSION** re Baptism - Fireside Room
1:15 pm **F'TON MALE CHORUS REHEARSAL**
4:00 pm **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Ministers:

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
292-1680

Rev. Ellen Beairsto
206-1943

Ministers Emeriti:

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

Organist: Virginia Leiter

Choir Director: Steven Peacock

Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips

Sexton: Randy Randall

Church Office: 458-1066

<http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/>

CHICKEN DINNER: Gibson Memorial United Church, will be hosting a **Chicken Dinner**, Wednesday, April 17, from 4 – 6 p.m. Adult: \$12; Child: \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets. No tickets at the door.

QUILT SHOW: New Maryland United will be hosting a Quilt Show on Saturday, April 20th from 1-4 pm in the sanctuary of the Church. Heirloom, new and gently used quilts will be on display. Light refreshments will be provided. Freewill offering for outreach.

TURKEY DINNER at the Oromocto United Church on May 4th from 4 -6 pm. Adults \$10, Children under12 \$5.00 and Preschool free. Everyone welcome.

Nelson Mandela wrote:

Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of a mine, that a child of a farm worker can become the President.

South Africa has been awarded several Nobel Peace Prizes:

In Chemistry - [Aaron Klug](#), 1982

In Literature - [Nadine Gordimer](#), 1991 and [JM Coetzee](#), 2003

In Medicine - Max Theiler, 1951, [Alan M. Cormack](#), 1979 and [Sydney Brenner](#), 2002

The Nobel Peace Prize for working towards peace and equality - [Albert Luthuli](#), 1960, [Desmond Tutu](#), 1984, [FW de Klerk](#), 1993, [Nelson Mandela](#), 1993

“During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony and with equal opportunities.”

– Nelson Mandela

A Harvest of Rainwater

All life needs water. Hear now how mission and service funds are quenching physical and spiritual thirst for Palestinians with restricted water access.

Most of the Middle East has limited available water. The rainy season in Palestine and Israel lasts from October to early May, peaking in January. Other months often no rain falls at all. This makes life difficult for many Palestinians because rainwater runoff is the only water available that does not require an Israeli permit. Collecting and storing water is important, so Palestinians use cisterns with a minimum capacity of 17,000 L, which is enough water to support a family of seven for about six months.

The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) works with Palestinian communities and families to build rainwater cisterns through its Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR). Community members involved in planning and construction learn how to maintain the cisterns, as well as how to conserve and protect the water. DSPR wants communities to become self-sufficient and make best use of the resources sustainably.

Situated at the ancient crossroads where the world's Abrahamic faiths all began, the ecumenical spirit of MECC is a sign of healing in a land charged with historic enmity. MECC is a fellowship of 27 churches in 12 countries representing 14 million Christians.

The priorities of the United Church are shared by MECC and the DSPR. Our partnership with them has provided a reliable source of water to many families in this parched area of the world.

Every gift to the church's mission and service is used wisely and helps transform lives. Please continue to give generously.