

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

March 17, 2013

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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: Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor (Bach)

Lenten Introit: Take, O Take Me As I Am MV #85

Candle Liturgy for Lent:

One: On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we move ever closer to Good Friday and Jesus' suffering and death.

All: **Yet in the midst of the darkness of Lent, we hear words of hope.**

One: The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God will not abandon us even when we are close to despair. God will make a way for us in the wilderness. God promises us water in the desert and flowers in dry land. Jesus trusted in God's abundance and calls each one of us to live generous lives. We are challenged to let go of our fears so that we can become part of the pouring forth of blessing in our world. (Fifth candle is extinguished.)

All: **Loving God, You call us from darkness and despair, to life and hope. Help us be open to the possibility of new life which can spring forth from the darkness of the old. Amen.**

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship - See back of bulletin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to The Offering

Offertory Music

* Doxology:

VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

* Prayer of Dedication:

**Extravagant God,
like the woman who anointed Jesus' feet,
you lavish us with love and acceptance
and ask that we love and accept others.
In offering these gifts,
we express our commitment
to your way.
May they bring hope and shalom
to this congregation
and to your world.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

* Closing Hymn:

In Christ There Is No East or West

VU #606

* The Last Word:

Psalm 126: 4 - 6

*** Commissioning:**

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;
may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;
may the love of Christ make us caring companions;
as together we go forth in the Lenten time. Amen.

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

VU #970

Postlude:

Maestoso

(Zach)

BULLETINS: This morning's bulletins are in celebration of **Evelyn Maxine Hsu Jin Liàng Beirsto**. Evelyn is the daughter of Jeff & Winnie, sister to Pearl and granddaughter of Fred & Dixie Beirsto and Eugene & Carrie Hsu. Evelyn is wearing the gown that her great-grandfather, Walter, wore here at Wilmot 100 years ago.

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 the Pastoral Care and Health Committee for hosting Coffee & Conversation today.

BANNERS: **DOVE** and **DROPLETS** (Baptism) The design combines the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, with water drops, among which a green Cross is figured.

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).

FLOWERS FOR EASTER: The Sanctuary Committee invites members of the congregation interested in placing flowers at the front of the church, in memory of loved ones, for the Easter Sunday service (March 31), to have them to the church by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30. Please advise Marlene, no later than Wednesday, March 27 of whom your donation is in memory, so that it can be noted in the bulletin.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: We will be travelling to a sugar bush for breakfast on Thursday, March 21. We will car pool and leave the church at 8:30 am.

WILMOT SENIORS: Join with us on Tuesday, March 19th at 1:30 in the Parlour when our special guest will be Shaune Walsh Daigle. Shaune is the owner/caregiver at Country Garden Lane, a residential retreat where people who are recovering from knee or hip replacements, fractures or other orthopedic surgeries can come to have a holistic recovery experience. Shaune's presentation will be followed by a time of refreshment, this week provided by Group 2. All seniors and retirees are very welcome.

SOUP LUNCH: **Note date changed to March 24** Plan to celebrate Palm Sunday and enjoy Wilmot fellowship over a bowl of 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 go Outreach projects and supporting our community. Thanks for your support... clean up help always appreciated.

EARTH HOUR 2013 – LIGHTS OUT At **8:30 p.m.** on **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**, we invite you to join millions of people around the world in turning off your lights for one hour. This action will create a wave of darkness spreading around the world as we switch off our lights and electrical appliances for this year's **International EARTH HOUR!**

United Church/KAIROS sponsors speaker re Goldcorp in NB

The Maritimes Mining the Connections Task Group announces the ***Water Is More Precious Than Gold*** national speaking tour sponsored by the United Church of Canada, KAIROS, the Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network, MiningWatch Canada, and others. Don't miss this chance to learn why many are concerned about the United Church Pension Plan's investment in Goldcorp. Guest speaker **Sandra Carolina Ascencio** works at the Franciscan Office for Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation. She is a member of the Coalition Against Metal Mining in El Salvador (the Mesa.) The Mesa is calling for Goldcorp to halt development of its Cerro Blanco Mine on the Guatemala/El Salvador border, deeply concerned about possible contamination of El Salvador's major river. **Tour dates and locations: Fredericton – Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm** - Wilmot United Church Parlour. Contact: Tracy Glynn (506-440-5592).

FASHION SHOW: Join Ste Anne's Point Chapter IODE at their "Step into Spring" Luncheon Fashion Show on Saturday, March 23rd at Holy Family Parish Church on the Hanwell Road. Time: 12 noon, Cost \$12.00. Fashions by Tanjay, children's clothing from Oshkosh and Cintamani, scarves from India. Proceeds go to support the Education, Citizenship and Community Services/Scholarships for Fredericton. Call 454-2649 or 454-2397 for tickets. Also tickets are available at Read's Newstand and Café.

BECAUSE HE LIVES EASTER CONCERT -- 2000 years ago God walked amongst us in a way that He never had before. During His time here He taught us, healed us, inspired us, and loved us. But even after a lifetime of miracles His greatest gift came at the end of His ministry when the gates of death were closed and the doorway to Heaven was opened for us to continue to follow Him. On Sunday, March 24th at 7:00 pm join friends at Nashwaaksis United Church for an even of music and stories as we celebrate the life of Jesus and the miracle of Easter.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2013: It's time to put on your walking shoes and join us for HIKE FOR HOSPICE 2013. We raised over \$15,000 in last year's event and we would like to try to exceed that this year. With your participation, we can do it! On Sunday May 5, Hospice Fredericton will be hosting its 6th Annual Hike for Hospice fund raising event at Killarney Lake. Come out and enjoy a hike around the lake, live music and BBQ. For more details please call Stephanie Golding at 472-8185 or email support@hospicefredericton.ca.

FREE: Brunswick Street Baptist Church is offering FREE Income Tax Preparation and E-Filing for Seniors, Students and Low Income Individuals. When? Each Tuesday in March and April. Time? 1- 6 pm Where? Barnabas Centre - 359 George Street. No appointments needed - first come/first served.

EASTER TALKS WITH BISHOP BILL HOCKIN

HOPE ... When Life Hurts

Lessons from Job

Mondays, April 8 - 22, 2013

12:15 - 1:00 pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Monday, April 8

The Upside of Suffering

Monday, April 15

The Underrated God

Monday, April 22

Seeing A Better World Through Our Tears

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

March 17 -24

TODAY:

LENT V BAPTISM

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

Monday, March 18:

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

Tuesday, March 19:

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

Wednesday, March 20:

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

Thursday, March 21:

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

Friday, March 122

12:00 pm **FOOD FOR LIFE - Board Room**

Saturday, March 23:

10:00 am **TOY LIBRARY**

6:30 pm **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Sunday, March 24: **PALM SUNDAY / SOUP LUNCHEON**

9:30 am **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION - Board Room**

11:00 am **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

12:00 pm **SOUP LUNCHEON**

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, Rev. Bob Jones

Organist: Virginia Leiter

Choir Director: Steven Peacock

Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips

Sexton: Randy Randall

Church Office: 458-1066

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 21 2:30 A WORSHIP SERVICE at SHANNEX
(55 Patience Lane). Everyone is welcome to join us.
- March 24 PALM SUNDAY
- March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:00 - St. Paul's United Church
- March 29 11: 00 GOOD FRIDAY Service here at Wilmot
- March 31 EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 SUNRISE SERVICE at the end of the walking
bridge with a continental breakfast to follow (at Wilmot)
11:00 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE
Communion will be served.
- April 14 AFRICAN SUNDAY – Come and hear about Ellen, Bethany
and Erica's journey to Southern Africa.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Just wanted to let you know that we officially have a Middle School Youth Group that meets weekly. We have assisted in serving communion to a shut-in, helped with a welcoming potluck for two families through Outreach as well as explored our church building creating some great rubbings. We have gone on a Sleigh Ride as well as swimming. We helped out in several ways over Christmas and are presently 'tacking' four small quilts – with the help of our quilters. We will deliver these quilts to Quispamsis United Church with whom we are working on this project. The quilts will be donated to Romero House or make their way up north to keep someone warm in Happy Valley /Goose Bay. We are having a great time and will try to keep you up-to-date from time to time.

Ellen and the Youth

LENTEN FAST - FROM CARBON

- Sunday** Read Genesis 1:1-2:3 and reflect on the goodness, beauty and power of creation. Offer gratitude for the creation and sustenance of the earth and for everything that is good on earth. Go for a walk near your home and notice what's beautiful around you.
- Monday** Buy food that's being grown or produced locally, using local farms and local farmers' markets where possible. Bonus: Grow some of your own food. You don't need an allotment or even a garden - grow herbs, fruit and vegetables in pots (window sill or garden), or join others in your community to cultivate gardens together.
- Tuesday** Clean or replace air filters as recommended. Replacing a dirty furnace filter can save 15% of the energy used.
- Wednesday** Have a truly "Green" lawn and garden by avoiding use of toxic chemicals. Visit the National Coalition for Pesticide-Free Lawns website for more information.
- Thursday** Calculate your carbon footprint today at climatecare.org - which is a UK website or carbonfund.org - which is a US website. I have not found which site we could use for Canada but these sites will give you an idea. Find out what more you can do about climate change, including purchasing carbon offsets.
- Friday** Wash your dishes by hand and let them air-dry. If you must use a dishwasher, run it only when you have a full load, and skip the energy-intensive drying cycle by choosing the "air-dry" option. Or, just stop the machine once the water has drained and leave the door open overnight.
- Saturday** This spring, plant a tree. One tree will absorb about a ton of carbon dioxide over the course of its lifetime. Trees also provide shade that could reduce your air conditioning bill significantly.

