

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

March 24, 2013

Palm/Passion Sunday

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: Aria (Jongen)

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

Candle Liturgy for Lent:

One: Today we move closer to Good Friday with mixed feelings – we feel the excitement of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Yet we also recall His passion on the cross. Jesus wanted His disciples to live passionate, justice-seeking, God-centred lives. Yet we so want a quiet and safe faith. Many times, we are afraid to take risks to follow God’s way. Jesus’ passion is like the smoke from a candle – it can’t be controlled or held back. It is a presence all round us. We are called to recognize that passionate presence, and proclaim our faith proudly in the way we live and treat one another. (extinguish purple candle)

**All: Passionate God, challenge us to take risks.
Strengthen us to live out our faith
Help us to live courageously,
in the name of Your passionate Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 29 - 38 Colton Gough

*** Hymn & Procession with Palm Branches:** VU #122

All Glory, Laud and Honour

Story time for the Young and Young at Heart

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Rev. E. Bearisto

* **Hymn:** Rise On! Ride On in Majesty!

VU #127

(Tune: VU #100)

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bring us at the last with him and the faithful to your new Jerusalem, your kingdom of peace and justice for all. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Darrell Mesheau

Cello Solo: Larghetto (Matz)

Charlotte Staples

Prayer of Confession: See back of bulletin

Third Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Elizabeth Savoie

Anthem: Hosanna in the Highest Sing

(Mengel)

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**

Fourth Scripture Reading: Psalm 31: 9-16 - Part 2 - VU #758

Jon Sweeney

*** Hymn:** Go to Dark Gethsemane VU #133

Fifth Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 14-23, 39-46, 54-62 Ines von Waldow
Jon Sweeney and Elizabeth Savoie

SENDING FORTH

*** Closing Hymn:** Were You There VU #144

The Last Word: Luke 23: 13-25

The Christ Candle is extinguished and the table stripped

Postlude: O Darkest Woe (Held)

We leave in silence

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for a **SOUP LUNCHEON** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service. 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 to Outreach projects and supporting our community. Thanks for your support... clean up help always appreciated.

Next Sunday, **EASTER SUNDAY**, there will be **SUNDAY SCHOOL** with some great surprises for the children. After “Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart”, we will head off to Sunday School as usual returning to the sanctuary for Communion.

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.

WILMOT BOOK CLUB meets Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm in the parlour to discuss the book *Great Village* by Mary Rose Donnelly. The setting of the book is in Great Village, Nova Scotia, and all who enjoy local fiction are invited to attend, whether you have read the book or not. You will be welcomed with a cup of tea and good conversation.

WATER IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD: Learn the negative impacts of Goldcorp's Canadian mine on the Guatemala/El Salvador border and their international trade tactics against citizens there, from Sandra Carolina Ausencio, El Salvadoran advocate, educator, and environmentalist who works with the Franciscan Committee for Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation. She will be joined by Lawrence Wuest of Stanley NB, who closely monitors the proposed Sisson open-pit, tungsten and molybdenum mine on the Nashwaak Watershed. **Thurs., March 28th, 7pm Wilmot United Church Parlour.** This event is being sponsored nationally by the United Church of Canada, KAIROS, the Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network, Mining Watch Canada, the Council of Canadians, with support from the Maritime Mining the Connections Task Group.

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 April 2nd at 1:30 in the Parlour. As usual, our afternoon will conclude with a refreshment time, this month provided by Group 3. All Seniors and Retirees are very welcome!

CONCERT: On Sunday, March 24th, please join us for our “Because He Lives Easter Concert” at Nashwaaksis United at 7 pm. This will be an evening of music and stories as we celebrate the life of Jesus and the miracle of Easter.

MOZART "REQUIEM" AND HAYDN "LONDON" SYMPHONY

The Fredericton Chamber Orchestra and Fredericton Choral Society present Joseph Haydn’s Symphony No. 104 (the “London”) conducted by Richard Hornsby, and Mozart’s “Requiem,” under the baton of Heather Dunham. Wilmot United Church, Fredericton, Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 pm. Soloists: soprano Sally Dibblee, alto Deantha Edmunds Ramsay, tenor Derrick Paul Miller, and bass Paul Bustin. Tickets available from choir and orchestra members, from Westminster Books and at the door the night of the concert. Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students \$10, children \$5. For more information call Janet at 488-98.

CAN YOU HELP? Refugee Family - We are looking for 2 single beds with mattresses for a refugee family. If you are able to help please call Elaine Kenyon@ 455-7954 or Maggie Clark @455-4357.

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

RUMMAGE SALE: With spring just around the corner it is time to start thinking about house cleaning! While de-cluttering, think of the UCW and our SPRING RUMMAGE SALE to take place on Friday, April 19th, 3:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 am - 12 noon. Set-up will take place on Friday Morning. Contact Linda Gough at 459-3706 if you can spare a few hours either of these days to set-up, sell or pack-up.



Rummage Sale

Donations of good, clean spring & summer clothing, housewares, linens, toys, games, puzzles and small furniture can be left on the church stage during the weeks leading up to the sale. Please no televisions or computer equipment.

GRADUATES I am in the midst of gathering the names of those within our church family who are graduating from High School, College or University. If you or someone you know is graduating this year, please pass the name along to Marlene or Ellen (206-1943). Thank you

PENNIES FOR HEATHER INDOOR YARD SALE: Forest Hill United Church, Saturday March 30 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come buy, sell and donate your pennies (and other loose change) to help Heather MacInnis who is recovering from a double lung transplant due to her Cystic Fibrosis. Monies raised will assist Heather and her family with the expenses of being in Toronto while Heather recovers from her surgery.

GRANDMOTHERS HELPING GRANDMOTHERS BRIDGE LUNCHEON ADVANCE NOTICE: Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is once again hosting a bridge luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 25, at St. Theresa's Church Hall. \$40.00 per table. Don't miss out on one of the most popular events in town! Please call Rosemary Gorman at 472-2967 to reserve a table.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

March 24 - 31

TODAY:

PALM SUNDAY

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
4:00 pm MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Monday, March 25:

6:30 pm SPECIAL OLYMPICS - gym
6:45 pm TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

Tuesday, March 26:

12:00 pm OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - Fireside Room
6:00 pm REHEARSAL Choral Society and Chamber Orchestra
7:00 pm BOOK CLUB - Parlor
7:00 pm MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

Wednesday, March 27:

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, March 28:

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1:00 pm WILMOT WRITERS - Parlor
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
7:30 pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE at St. Paul's United

Friday, March 29:

11:00 am **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at Wilmot

Saturday, March 30:

1:00 pm **REHEARSAL** Choral Society and Chamber Orchestra

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

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

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4:00 pm **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Ministers:

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
292-1680

Rev. Ellen Beirsto
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/>

COMMUNITY PRENATAL CLASSES

Are you pregnant, over age 25 and looking for affordable prenatal classes?

If yes, then these classes are for you!

WHERE: Wilmot United Church

WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 pm 1 evening/week

Come learn more about having a healthy pregnancy, birth, parenting, a newborn and breastfeeding! A healthy snack will be provided weekly.

* Participants must meet criteria to attend
(See website for details)

<http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/parish-nurse.php>

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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