

ST. PAUL'S & WILMOT UNITED CHURCHES
JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
June 30, 2013

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

Prelude: Ave Maria (Arcadelt-Liszt)

Welcome to the Church

Announcements

* **O Canada** VU #524

Call to Worship:

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

This is the place where the prophets cry out
for peace and justice and righteousness.

It is the place where God reaches down
into the corners of our lives,
to offer us the mystery of holy love.

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We Light The Christ Candle

* **Hymn:** We Praise You, O God VU #218

Opening Prayer:

We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship.

**You welcome young and old, all seeking peace,
and all brimming over with energy.**

**You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,
and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.
You welcome us all, welcoming God.**

*** Hymn:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV #150

Connecting to our Hearts' Longing:

Be still, and know that God is. Before creation began, God was.
And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.
From everlasting to everlasting, God is God,
who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

Silence for Reflection

Assurance of God's Love:

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship
with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Illumination: (Unison)

John Beyea

**O God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.**

Scripture: Luke 9: 51 - 62

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Guitar Solo: Estudio

(Sor)

Sermon: The Challenge of Discipleship

Rev. R. Gaskin

Time For Silent Reflection

*** Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

VU #315

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to The Offering

*** 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:**

Our heavenly Father
by your generosity we have received
all that we have and all that we are.
Grant that we may so use
the things which you have entrusted to our care,
that we may become more and more your children
in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

**Lord of all being and source of every blessing,
we thank you for all good things:
for life and love,
for health and food,
for work and home,
for nature's beauty and comfort,
for human skills and laughter,
for memory and hope,**

for everything which gives us
pleasure, nourishment, and strength.

Prayers of Intercession:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

attributed to St. Francis 12th Century

The Last Word: Galatians 5:1, 13 - 25

* **Hymn:** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence VU #421

* **Commissioning**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen** VU #971

Postlude: The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God (Marcello)

You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

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 the ***Stewardship & Finance Committee***. We appreciate their contribution to this important time in our church family.

SYMPATHY: The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are sent to the family of ***Vera (Fox) Baird***, who passed away on Sunday, June 23. She is survived by her children, Barbara (George Filliter), Shelly (Pat Buckley), and Bruce (Marilyn), and 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Vera was predeceased by her husband, Douglas Baird, and her father-in-law, Dr Foster Baird. By Vera's request, there will be no visitation nor service. Memorial donations would be appreciated to the charity of the donor's choice. Rest in peace.

DON'T FORGET: Worship begins at 10:30 followed by a time of fellowship in the gym.

SUMMER TEA PARTY: On July 3rd, from 2 to 4 pm Wilmot congregation is hosting a tea for Governor's hall, one of the units at Shannex. It would be wonderful to have your help in either baking, or attending or helping us to set up or pack up. Of course, we have several members who live there, and I am hoping several more will come along to make the event a warm and hospitable time for all. Please let Marlene (458-1066) or Rose~Hannah know how you can support this outreach action.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- AUGUST 26 – 30

TOGETHER WITH ST. PAUL'S and HELD AT WILMOT

“Everywhere Fun Fair” is this year's program where Biblical neighbors will teach children how to be friendly, giving, bold, forgiving and welcoming. It will take the children on a global celebration with the feel of a “World's Fair” stopping by 5 countries – Japan, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, Mexico and Australia. The children will discover that God's love can be found everywhere including their own neighborhoods. The week will be filled with interactive storytelling, global games, 'rockin' music, cool crafts and more! To register your children (to help us with our planning) call Ellen or Marlene.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:

Beginning today and 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.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Wilmot August 26 - 30.

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A FOSTER FAMILY? There is an ongoing high need in our community for couples or individuals to become foster parents for children in care. Foster parents play an essential role in supporting the most at risk children in New Brunswick. The Department of Social Development is currently recruiting individuals or families to participate in their fall orientation and training sessions. If you are interested in getting information on becoming a foster family for children between the ages of 0 and 19 years old please call 1-866-444-8838 or visit www.gnb.ca/family. If you have any questions about the information provided, the fostering process or any other questions or concerns please contact Gwen McLeod, at gwen.mcleod@gnb.ca



JULY 20: ANNUAL SUPPER & AUCTION - Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey. Supper is from 4 to 6 pm. Menu: Barbequed Chicken Breast, potato and pasta salads, homemade rolls, tea/coffee, assorted homemade pies. Adults -- \$12 and children under 12 -- \$6. AUCTION begins at 7 pm. There will be Yard Sale going on between the supper and auction (4 - 7 pm). Everyone welcome and a fun filled day/evening is guaranteed!