



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

October 1, 2017
WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

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.

Presider: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

Organ Prelude: Communion (Gigout)

Welcome to the Church

Christ Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

This morning, the sun's first rays called the day into light.

Did you hear the chatter and song of birds breaking the silence
of pre-dawn night?

Did you see, the colours of dawn stretched across the heavens?

Did you feel the cool night air shifting to a morning breeze?

Creation is stirring; our day has begun.

***Sung Response:** Morning Has Broken VU #409 - verse 1

Some of us woke from peaceful slumber,
refreshed and renewed.

Or perhaps it was a long, endless night
of sleep deprived hours.

Or even the tormented dreams
of a restless mind.

Yet we have gathered here.

Whether reluctant or joyful,
weary or rested,
we raise our voices in song and praise.

Sung Response: Morning Has Broken

VU #409 - verse 1

Opening Prayer:

Creating One,
here we are, a gathering of your people;
evidence of Creation's unfolding,
we come, all shapes and all sizes. all ages and life stages.
We come on dancing feet or carefully walking.
We come hesitant and unsure,
or filled with conviction and knowing our way.
However we come,
we are here to join with all of creation in praise and thanksgiving.
Accept our gift of worship
as with one voice,
one hope, one love,
we gather into praise.

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beirsto

*** Singing Together As This Church Family:**

Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love

VU #574

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Prayer of Preparation: (Unison)

Shirley Bird

**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: Exodus 16: 2-15 and Luke 22: 7-20

Congregational Response:

This is the witness of the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Ave Verum (Mozart)

Reflection: Fed By God's Grace Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time and Space for Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart VU #478

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering:

We are gifted by a world that delights and astonishes us,
frightens and informs us,
provides all that we need
and more than we should possibly want.
From the abundance we have received
we give our gifts of thanksgiving.
Our morning offering will be received.

Offertory Music

***Offertory Verse:** 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.**

Sacrament of Communion (see insert)

* - please take a piece of bread and dip it in the grape juice and eat it prayerfully , then return to your seat in silence. If you need a gluten-free bread, or prefer water instead of grape juice, please ask the server.

* **Closing Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

* **Commissioning**

***Choral Blessing** VU #963

Postlude: Renaissance (Rondel Fletcher)

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 following the worship service. Thank you to *members of the STEWARDS and FINANCE COMMITTEE* for hosting this time of fellowship.

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).



Monday, Oct. 2nd – Church Office OPEN

Wednesday, Oct. 4th – Church office CLOSED

Regular hours – 9 a.m. – 4:30 – each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

FLOWERS FOR THANKSGIVING: The Sanctuary Committee invites members of the congregation interested in placing memorial flowers at the front of the church on Thanksgiving (Oct. 8th) to have them to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 7th. Please advise Marlene no later than Wednesday, October 4th of whom your donation is in memory, so that it can be noted in the bulletin. The committee also welcomes donations of fruits, vegetables, potted mums, pickles or other harvest season items with which to decorate the sanctuary.



BENEVOLENT OFFERING: On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday afternoons.

SAMPLER SATURDAY: DON'T MISS IT! On Saturday, Oct 14, the Faith Formation Committee will be having our first "Sampler Saturday". It runs from **9:00 – 2:30ish**. You can come to the entire event or drop in for the sessions that you would like to try. The Sessions will begin on the hour and run for about 45 minutes. There is **Gentle Yoga, a Pilgrimage, Spiritual Practice, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Bread Making, an Intro to playing the Chimes and CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!** Although you do not need to register to be a part of this event, it would be helpful for our planning if you could let us know if there are some particular sessions in which you are interested. There will be an information booth at Coffee & Conversation over the next couple of weeks. Drop by and have a chat or give Ellen (206-1943) a call. **AN EXCITING DAY!**



NEW TO WILMOT? We're so pleased that you have chosen to be part of our Wilmot family, that we'd like to mark that with a gathering on Sunday October 15th after worship. You are invited to lunch! Please join us for homemade soup and fellowship in the parlour. We're so looking forward to introducing you to some leaders and long-time Wilmot folk. It matters to us that you feel part of our faith community.

WILMOT SENIORS FALL LUNCH OUT: Please join us for a delicious lunch on Oct. 17th as we head to Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson Street). \$15 for a yummy turkey dinner, tea, coffee and a choice of home made pies for dessert. Please contact Brenda at 363-3388 or Susan at 450-4072, if you would like to share this meal with us. Drives are available for all who need one. All seniors and retirees are very welcome!

HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Deadline for applications is Oct. 30th. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a post-secondary learning institution, i.e. university, community college, trade school, etc. Application forms are available at the church office.

CAN YOU HELP? I am looking for someone who will organize a luncheon for newcomers after worship in October. Please give me a call, or send an email.

Thank you. Rose-Hannah

FALL BOOK SALE: Wilmot United will be hosting a Book Sale on Oct. 5 and 6th from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. If you have books you wish to donate, you may leave them at the church. **If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Marlene in the church office.** Thanks



UCW RUMMAGE SALE: Please mark your calendars for Fri. Oct 20th (3 - 6 p.m.) and Oct 21st (9 - 12 noon) for Wilmot's fall rummage sale. This initiative is always warmly received by the Fredericton community and is also a wonderful time for fellowship and fundraising for us at Wilmot. If you have items to donate, please leave them on the gym stage anytime up to Oct 20th. If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Linda Gough at 459-3706.

YOUTH FUND & REDEEMABLES: Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect redeemables in support of our youth activities. They have been such a great help. You can drop them off anytime (just leave them in Ellen's office) or we would even pick them up just give Ellen a call (206-1943). THANK YOU for all of your support.

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS: It will soon be time to order the 2018 United Church calendars. This year it is necessary for you to pre-order your calendar. Marlene will only order the number of calendars that are ordered in advance. If you wish to purchase one, please contact Marlene in the church office.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT. 18: Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a “Turkey Dinner” on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 4 – 6 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$14; Child \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

OCT. 19: Nashwaaksis United Church - U.C.W. Unit 6 is hosting a Bridge Luncheon at 12 noon in their auditorium. To reserve your table for \$40, please contact Connie at 472-4744. Call now to reserve your spot!

OCT. 23: The Women’s Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having their Annual General Meeting on Monday, Oct. 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of St. John and Paul, New Maryland. Directions: Following the New Maryland road, the Church is on the left hand side going towards Nasonworth. Their hall is in the basement of the church. The entrance is to the right of the church when you're in the parking lot. Lots of room for parking & is wheelchair accessible. Reminder: Women’s Inter-Church member’s representative membership fee of \$10.00 is due from each Church. The Fellowship of the Least Coin donation can be received at this time. Everyone is welcome of all Christian denominations.

OCT. 28: **Roast Beef Supper** at Keswick Ridge United Church on Sat., Oct. 28th. Two sittings at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Adults - \$15 and Children - \$7. Advance Tickets only. Please call: C. Sheppard at 363-2284 or B. Kelly at 363-2739. Again this year, there will be Home Baking and Handicraft Sale sponsored by the U.C.W.

OCT. 28: Enjoy an evening Dinner Theatre at Nashwaaksis United Church, at 6:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 28th. For only \$25 you will be treated to the comedy show “*The Life of Riley*” and a 3-course meal of harvest soup, complete turkey dinner, and cheesecake. Numbers are limited so please reserve early from Rindy & Tom Austin, 450-7151.

OCT. 30: at 7 p.m. there will be a very different 'night out' for concert goers at St. Paul's United Church! A unique cinema experience with a twist is offered when we show one of the greatest silent films ever made, the classic 1925 film version of **The Phantom of the Opera**, starring Lon Chaney, together with live, improvised organ accompaniment from international recitalist David Drinkell. This was cinema as it used to be with a musician trying to capture the mood as the silent movie's images flash across the silver screen. Free will offering. Produced by Dr. Sharon Pond, "A Silent Haunting" it is a unique event as St. Paul's United Church transforms itself into the world of silent film and, accompanied by David on their 70-year-old Casavant organ, provides a heady and exhilarating evening's entertainment.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Oct. 1- 8th

Today:

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP & S.S.
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Monday, Oct. 2:

9:00 a.m. Church Office will be **OPEN**
6:30 p.m. **LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC** – various rooms
6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS CLUB** - Board Room

Tuesday, Oct. 3:

7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

Wednesday, Oct.4:

Church Office **CLOSED**

9:00 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** - Parlour
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT** - Lunch and Vouchers
7:00 p.m. **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - Parlour
7:00 p.m. **NA GROUP** - Fireside Room

Thursday, Oct. 5:

BOOK SALE 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** – Parlour
10:00 a.m. **BOOK SALE** - Gym
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Friday, Oct. 6:

10:00 a.m. **BOOK SALE – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Saturday, Oct. 7:

6:00 p.m. **DROP-IN CENTRE** - Gym

Sunday, Oct.8:

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY / RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION