



# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

June 4, 2017

Pentecost 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.

Presider: Rev. R-H Gaskin

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Organ Prelude:** Come, Holy Spirit (Weckmann)

### **Scripture to Anchor us:**

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.* Romans 5:5

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

### **We Light the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 104)

One: O God, the works of Your hands are numerous  
Your creative power  
is evident throughout the Earth.  
I will sing to You as long as I live.

**All: I will praise You with every breath I take.**

One: The waters of Earth are great and mighty  
and the works of Your hands –  
great and small –  
find a home in their droplets and waves  
I will sing to You as long as I live.

**All: I will praise You with every breath I take.**

One: All creation looks to You  
to give food in each season  
and when You send out Your Spirit  
everything comes to life.  
And we are created anew,  
I will sing to You as long as I live.

**All: I will praise You with every breath I take.**

**We Begin with Prayer:**

**Holy Spirit,**

**dance your light into the corners of our lives:**

**when we are cold, bring us warmth;**

**when we are afraid, bring us comfort;**

**when we are lost, brighten the path;**

**when we are unsure, mark the way;**

**when we are in need, come into our presence.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God

VU #236

**Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart**

**Solo:** Slumber Song of the Madonna

(Barber)

**Soloist: Rose Messenger**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**\*Hymn:** Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

VU #442

**Prayer of Confession:**

Generous God, you give us the gift of your Spirit,  
but we confess that we have not known how to use it.

You send us the Spirit of courage,  
but we have been afraid.  
You send us the Spirit of truth,  
but we cling to our illusions.  
You send us the Spirit of healing,  
but we cannot let go of our hurts.  
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:  
shake our hearts,  
set our souls on fire with your love:  
send us out into the world  
rejoicing in your power.  
We hold out to you  
all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,  
and we ask for your help  
to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

God's unfailing love sustains and upholds us;  
God will never let us go.  
Where the Spirit is, there is freedom.  
Receive God's forgiveness. Come alive in Christ!

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

MV #150

**Proclaiming God's Word**

**Prayer for Understanding:**

Hugh Ellis

**Living God, eternal Spirit,  
let your bright intoxicating energy  
which fired those first disciples  
fall on us to turn the world again.**

**Scripture Readings:** Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39

## **Congregational Response:**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit (Dawson)  
Soloist: Neil Thorne

**Reflection:** The Church is Born/Reborn Rev. R-H Gaskin

## **Time for Silent Reflection**

**Hymn:** O Breath of Life VU #202  
(Tune #437)

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Announcements**

**Reception of New Member:** Hugh Ellis transferring from First United in Bathurst

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

#### **Commitment of New Member:**

Hugh Ellis, will you join with us  
as together we celebrate God's presence,  
live with respect in creation,  
love and serve others,  
seek justice and resist evil?

**I will, with God's help.**

#### **Congregational Commitment:**

Dear friends in Christ,  
let us pledge to Hugh our support and care.

**Congregation: As your brothers and sisters in Christ,  
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.  
We pledge to you our love and our support.  
With God's help, we will together live out  
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

## **Welcome:**

**Minister:** In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities  
of membership in this congregation.

We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

## **Blessing and Sending Forth:**

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you. Amen.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

### **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.**

#### **\*Offering Prayer:**

Life-giving Spirit,  
bring to the bones of these gifts  
the flesh of our actions,  
and the breath of our caring,  
that our church and our service to others  
may come to life in your name. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

**to the cue: "We pray" – all sing "O God Hear My Prayer"**

VU #948

### **SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

#### **\*Closing Hymn:**

Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

VU #207

**\*Commissioning :**

**God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us  
to serve and worship you now and always. Amen.**

**\*Choral Benediction**

VU #963

**Postlude:**

Toccata

(Seeger)

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**WELCOME** to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning.  
We're glad you're here! A special welcome to

**JAMES WELLESLEY BEATON**, son of Tera & Clayton Beaton,  
**HAILEY MELVA LYNE GEDDES**, daughter of Emily & Patrick Geddes,  
**GWENDOLYN ELAINE KEYSER** and  
**WILLIAM MONROE KEYSER**, children of Philip & Haley Keyser.

You are invited to **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to ***members of the Worship Committee*** for hosting this time of fellowship and refreshments.

**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.



**The Spring/Summer issue of Words from Wilmot** is available from our welcomers at the door this morning and at Coffee and Conversation after worship. Please pick up your copy, and consider taking copies for neighbours, friends or relatives whom you know are unable to get out to church, or would enjoy having a copy. Large print copies are also available, and you will be able to access a copy in colour on the Wilmot website: [www.wilmotuc.nb.ca](http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca). Please encourage your friends and relatives to check the Wilmot website for our newsletter and updates for all of our special activities for June, July and August.

**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).

**SYMPATHY:** Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of the late ***Katherine (Kay) Crawford*** who passed away this past Wednesday afternoon. Kay was the sister of Carolyn Atkinson. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

**SENIORS' MYSTERY DAY:** Our Wilmot Seniors' Mystery Day is coming up on June 6<sup>th</sup>! If you have signed up to go, your driver will check in with you by June 5<sup>th</sup> to make plans for the 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please call Susan Breen – 450-4072. See you Tuesday!

**FOUR MEN Concert** - Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. – Join Brian McIntosh, our former clergy, and his friends “The Four Men” for concert of songs of Love, Hope and Inspiration. This promises to be a wonderful evening of music for all ages. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults & \$10.00 for Youth and available from the Church Office, at Coffee Hour, from Westminster Books and at the door. Proceeds from the concert will go to M & S and Famine Relief. If you are able to help with logistics or the reception following the concert, please contact Shirley Cleave, 459-7743 [scleave@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:scleave@nb.sympatico.ca) or Marlene Phillips in the Church Office, 458-1066 [wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca).

**FEEDBACK NEEDED:** The Wilmot Property Development Committee (Sheila Washburn, Lynn Fullarton, Greg Black, John Leroux, Andy Secord, Jeff Beirsto and Craig Frame) is looking for feedback on a number of issues related to the possible redevelopment of Wilmot Church's property. This feedback will be used to assist in the planning of future engagement with the congregation. A short questionnaire will be used during the **June 11th worship service** to gather this feedback.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Sunday closest to May 26 is marked by many churches as Healing and Reconciliation Sunday. June 21<sup>st</sup> is Canada's National Aboriginal day. So, on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, we will share a service developed by KAIROS called Enfolded in the Creator. I will need several extra people to fill some of the roles in this special service, so would you please contact me if you would like to participate in the leadership.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**YOU ARE INVITED:** On Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>, (6 -7 p.m.) approx. seventy grade eight students from George Street Middle School will open to the public their work and research completed on Great War soldiers honoured on the New Brunswick Provincial Cenotaph, in conjunction with the Fredericton Soldier Biography History Initiative. The event will take place in the school's gymnasium. In addition to an evening filled with poetry, contemporary dance and soldier letters written home during the Great War, on display will be approximately 80 Commemorative Soldier Banners, documents, service records, and biographies of each individual researched by students to date. It promises to be an opportunity to truly gain a sense of loss Fredericton families felt 100 years ago and an opportunity to reflect on what it means to our various communities today in the greater Fredericton region. Most importantly, it is an opportunity to talk with students and for them to share what they have learned about individuals who fought during Ypres Salient battles, the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, and the 100 Days.

**JUNE 11:** “Proudly Canadian – Songs from Coast to Coast” by the Stepping Stone Singers – directed by Verna Hayward. Grace Memorial Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

## LOOKING HEAD

### June 11 – GRADUATION SUNDAY

**June 18 – WORSHIP IN THE PARK (Odell).** This service includes games for the children as well as a barbeque. A great relaxing gathering of our Community of Faith. Don't forget your hat and a lawn chair. In case of rain, it will be held here at the church.

**June 25 –** A special service to honor **Canada's National Aboriginal Day** which is on June 21. This service was developed by KAIROS and entitled: **“ENFOLDED IN THE CREATOR”**.

**July 2 – 30 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be combined with St. Paul's and held **at St. Paul's at 10:30**. During the summer, the clergy from both of the churches will participate in the Sunday Services held at either St. Paul's or Wilmot.

**July 9 – I (Ellen)** will once again be heading to **GRAND MANAN** to lead their Sunday Service of Worship. As there is no United Church on the Island, each summer they organize having a visiting clergy or lay person to conduct a service for them. Feel free to travel to the Island and join me. It is a great place to visit and to go biking or hiking.

**August 6 – September 3 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be at **Wilmot at 10:30..**

**August 21-25 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** to be held at Wilmot

### MANOR SERVICES:

**YORK MANOR:** June 15, July 20, August 17

**PINE GROVE –** July 18

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

June 4 -- 11

### **TODAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY/BAPTISM/RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

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

### **Mon. June 5:**

- 6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

### **Tue. June 6: SENIORS MYSTERY TOUR**

- 6:00 p.m. VETERANS MUSIC CLASS – Fireside Room
- 7:30 p.m. FOUR MEN CONCERT - Sanctuary

### **Wed. June 7:**

- 9:00 a.m. QUILTERS – Parlour
- 10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
- 1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT
- 6:30 p.m. OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Board Room
- 7:00 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Parlour
- 7:00 p.m. NA GROUP – Fireside Room
- 7:30 p.m. PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – King St. Meeting Room

### **Thurs. June 8:**

- 9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP– Parlour
- 1:00 p.m. WRITERS GROUP - Parlour
- 7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

### **Sat. June 10:**

- 10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
- 6:00 p.m. DROP-IN CENTRE

### **Sun. June 11: TRINITY SUNDAY / HONOURING GRADUATES/ COMMUNION**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Church Office will be open MONDAY instead of Tuesday this week**

**REMINDER:** For our regular and any new customer, Wilmot's **Fair Trade Cupboard** will close for the summer on June 25<sup>th</sup>

For those who want to stock up for the summer, come see us during Coffee & Conversation after church on any Sunday in June. As well for those who made special requests in April, those coffees are at our Cupboard to be picked up.

### What we offer:

Several blends of coffee (ground and whole beans), a variety of teas, chocolate bars (dark, milk and mint), unbleached cane sugar, cocoa, hot chocolate, olive oil from Palestine, a Middle Eastern herb blend, and unbleached coffee filters.

The Fair Trade Cupboard is a solidarity project of the Outreach Committee. All food products are grown organically by small-scale farmers and sold through farmer-controlled local co-operatives that invest their earnings to provide important community services.

The "Fair Trade" label means that farmers get a fair price for their produce. The "Organic" label means that the farmers do not use toxic pesticides that are dangerous to people and the environment.

Let us help you put together just the right Christmas gift bag for that special person. We are open after church each Sunday during "coffee and conversation."

## REPORT FROM MARITIME CONFERENCE

Wilmot United Church belongs to Woolastook Presbytery, which encompasses the congregations in the watershed of the upper Saint John River, which the Maliseet indigenous people call the Wolastoq. Woolastook Presbytery belongs to Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, whose territory includes the Maritime provinces, the Gaspé Coast, and Bermuda. This structure is likely to change in the future because it appears that the proposal to reduce the conference and presbytery courts into one court will become an actuality. What will be the borders of the new court in which Wilmot will fall is yet to be determined. However, many who are involved in Maritime Conference hope that the borders of the Conference do not change, since the conference, its office, its staff and the congregations function very well together. (We are told that this is not the case for some other conferences across Canada.)

Attending the annual meeting of the conference, which took place May 25th to May 28th in Sackville, NB, were Wilmot's ministers, the Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin and the Rev. Ellen Beairsto, Wilmot's presbyters, Gail Wylie, Shirley Cleave and Norman Laverty, along with youth representatives, Jonathan Chase, Mathew Chase, Laura Coon and Sam Porter. The Conference also celebrated the ministries of the Rev. Clifford Moase (65 years), the Rev. Gilbert Todd (55 years) and the Rev. Robert Stevens (55 years). Congratulations to Cliff, Gil and Bob.

The theme speaker was the Rev. Dr. John Pentland, who spoke about some of the approaches that he was practicing in his congregation. Many of his ideas seemed very familiar to things that Wilmot is in the process of doing. Rose-Hannah asked him how does a congregation make known the good news of its activity to the greater public. A summary of his answer was "public theology".

The conference approved three proposals, regarding pension fund investments in gold mining in Guatemala, justice in the Palestinian/Israeli crisis along with a proposal

from the youth to change the name of the Saint John River back to the original indigenous name of "Wolastoq" (the beautiful bountiful river)

There were a number of focus groups at the conference on a variety of practices and interests. One of the largest focus groups was on practicing mental health on the frontlines, of congregations.

The Conference was ably presided over by the Rev. Catherine Stewart, who concluded her time by giving her sermon at the closing worship through a combination of modern and classical dance while the congregation listened to her pre-recorded message. The Rev. Richard Bowley of our neighbour, St. Paul's United, whom Catherine Stewart addressed as "Ricky", was installed as the new president of conference. The Rev. Catherine MacDonald of Eastern Passage, NS was elected president-designate, to take office next Spring.

Music is always a big item at Conference, and one of the big hits was Allister MacGillivray's **Song for Peace**. You may not find it on You Tube, but there is a beautiful rendition at <http://larrynickel.com/CypressAudio/SongforPeace.html>. (Click the arrow to start it.)

## A New Creed

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

