



# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

## LENT TWO

March 12, 2017

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:** Suite on the First Tone (Clerambault)

**Lenten Introit:** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

### Welcome to the Church

### Lenten Candle Liturgy:

Last Sunday we put out the first candle, reminding us of temptations which draw us away from God. Today we will put out a candle as we think about those times when we have not trusted fully in God's promises.

**Today we think of Abraham and Sarah who trusted in God's promise that they would have many descendants. When Isaac was born, he became a child of the covenant, as Abraham and Sarah had promised. Our baptism makes us children of the covenant, also.**

We extinguish today's candle reflecting on the promises made at baptism and how we sometimes fail to live up to our calling as God's covenant people. We have too often trusted in our own strength. (*Candle is extinguished.*) Let us pray:

**O God, we confess that we have put our hope in so many things. Help us to focus ourselves and put our trust in You. Give us strength to live up to the promises we have made as your covenant people. May we remain open to Your constant love. Amen.**

## **Call to Worship:**

In this place and at this time, let God call out of us what is good.

In this place and at this time, let us gather as one body,

In this place and at this time, let us open ourselves to the presence  
of God's Spirit

In this place and at this time may we be filled with the spirit of worship.

## **Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** As the Sun with Longer Journey VU #111

## **Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**\* Hymn:** Oh a Song Must Rise MV #142

## **Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:**

*(Based on a prayer written by John Birch, (faithandworship.com))*

We come as Your creation facing its creator,

Hearts laid bare by Your light,

Humbly asking for Your mercy.

We come to You as a people in need of assurance and forgiveness.

We come to You as a people in need of healing and wholeness.

We come dependent upon Your love.

Draw us close.

Enfold us in Your arms.

Fill us with Your Spirit,

that we might reflect Your light within this dark world.

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Hymn:** Spirit of the Living God VU #376

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Prayer of Preparation:

O Holy One, we that Your wisdom  
will be revealed to us as Your Word  
is shared with us this day. Amen.

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 12: 1-4a  
John 3: 1-17

### Congregational Response:

This is the witness of God's people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Open My Eyes (Scott)

**Reflection:** Listening, Imagining, Trusting Ellen Beirsto

### Prayers of the People

\* **Hymn:** I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry VU #644

## 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:

O God, accept and bless the offering we now hold before you.  
Accept and bless too the intentions of our hearts.  
Help us to keep our promises to love and serve

Your people and Your world  
We ask it in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

## SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\* **Closing Hymn:** O Jesus, I Have Promised VU #120

\* **Commissioning & Benediction**

\* **Choral Amen** VU #969

**Postlude:** Dialogue sur les grands Jeux (Clerambault)

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If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

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**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 **Helen Dykeman, Gabe Gibson, Joan and Steven MacKenzie** for hosting this important 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).



**DON'T FORGET:** Church Office will be closed until March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Access to church during afternoons (12:30 - 6 p.m.) not possible unless group leader has key or prior arrangements are made. It would be wise to phone ahead (452-0219) to see if the building is open.

**MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>:** Gibson Memorial United Church, will be hosting a "Jiggs Dinner-Corn Beef" 4 – 6 p.m. Adult: \$15 and Child: \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

## **Lenten Carbon Fast**

**Consider a Carbon Fast this year during the season of Lent. We will provide you with daily suggestions for reducing energy consumption and overall carbon footprints.**

**Monday** Pray for those studying for careers in environmental sustainability and for those presently working in this field.

**Tuesday** Give your dishwasher a day off. Save water and the energy to heat it. Only run it when you have a full load.

**Wednesday** Use local shops or farmers' markets. Your choice reduces the distance that items travel to market, thereby reducing CO2 emissions. Avoid as much as possible foods that have been imported by air.

Consider growing some of your own food. You don't need an allotment or even a garden - grow herbs, fruit and vegetables in pots or join others in your community to cultivate gardens together

**Thursday** Turn off your engine when you stop for a minute or two. In city driving, up to one-third of your fuel can be wasted through idling.

**Friday** Reduce the number of plastic bags you use by getting a fabric or reusable bag for shopping. Although plastic bags use 70% less plastic than they did 20 years ago, most are still made from polyethylene, a non-degradable plastic.

**Saturday** Avoid buying products that have lots of packaging. About a third of the waste we generate is from packaging to get items to our homes. Choose loose products and buy refillable containers when possible (food co-ops and health food stores usually offer these options.)

**Third Sunday, March 19** Pray for people living in poverty and affected by climate change. Think prayerfully about how we are depleting our resources at an unsustainable rate. Reflect on the facts that the richest 20% of the world's population consumes 80% of the world's resources, and those who contribute least to the causes suffer most from the effects of climate change.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

March 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

### TODAY:                      LENT TWO

- 9:30 am            **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** - Board Room  
11:00 am            **WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
12:00 pm            **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

### Mon. Mar. 13:

- 1:00 p.m.            **U.C.W. -Parlour**  
6:45 p.m.            **TOASTMASTERS CLUB** - Board Room

### Tues. Mar. 14:

- 1:30 p.m.            **SPANISH CLASS** - Parlour  
7:00 p.m.            **FAITH FORMATION** - Parlour  
7:00 p.m.            **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Board Room  
7:00 p.m.            **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

### Wed. Mar. 15:

- 9:00 a.m.            **QUILTERS** - Parlour  
10:00 a.m.            **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m.            **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT**  
7:00 p.m.            **NA GROUP** - Fireside Room

### Thurs. Mar. 16:

- 9:30 a.m.            **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP (learn to quilt)** - Parlour  
6:30 p.m.            **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:00 p.m.            **MARTIAL ARTS** -Gym  
7:30 p.m.            **CHOIR PRACTICE**            \_\_\_\_\_

### Sat. Mar. 18:

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

### Sun. Mar. 19:                      LENT THREE

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