



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

November 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.

Presider: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

Piano Prelude: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You/We Will Glorify (Tornquist)

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

**God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us to worship.**

**God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
inviting us by love.**

**God's Spirit calls to our spirits,
calling us by name,
calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.**

We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.

Amen.

Christ Candle Lighting and Prayer:

The Earth spins,
from night to day to night again.

The planets revolve.

The galaxies dance through the sky.

**In all things, with all things,
is the God of All.**

In the places where there is no light,
in the places where only the tiniest spark can flare,
in the places where the light
is brighter than bright -
and all the places in between -

**In all things, with all things,
is the Holy Spirit.**

Let this flame be
**our tiny reminder
of the great Christ-light.
Now and forever! Amen!**

*** Opening Hymn:** God of Grace and God of Glory VU #686

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart Rev. E. Beirsto

Singing Together As This Church Family: I Can Feel You Near Me God
MV #48

Connecting to Our Hearts Longing

Anthem: Come, Peace of God (Callaway)

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Prayer of Preparation: Kelly Ebbett

Ever-revealing God:
Open us this day to your Word;
open us to your way;
open us to your call for us—today!
Through the pages of scripture,

make your way and will known to us
and your call as compelling
as it was for those first disciples long ago. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.

Scripture: Exodus 1: 8-21
Romans 12: 3-21

Congregational Response:

This is the witness of the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Call the Midwives!

Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time and Space for Silent Reflection

Hymn: To Show by Touch and Word

VU #427

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering:

Let us respond to God as to an intimate friend
from whom we would withhold nothing
because of the love and regard between us.

Fern Gibbard, for Osoyoos U.C., Osoyoos, B.C.

Offertory Music

Offertory Verse:

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.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

Loving God,
accept these gifts
as thanksgiving
for your many blessings.

Accept these gifts
as our commitment
to your kingdom.

Accept these gifts
and accept our lives.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Frances Flook, Emo/Devlin P.C., Emo, Ont.

We Give Thanks and Pray for Others

The Lord's Prayer

*** Closing Hymn:** I See a New Heaven

VU #713

*** Commissioning:**

And now may the heart of God
be wide open in our living;
the kindness of God
show forth in all our relationships;
the beauty of God
be seen in our countenance;
and the love of God for all creation
be known in our passion for justice and peace,
this day, this night, and forevermore. Amen.

Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont.

***Choral Amen**

VU #969

Please remain for the Postlude as it is part of the 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 Worship Committee* for hosting this time of fellowship.



BULLETINS: The bulletins this morning are given by Irene, James and Sarah Forbes in memory of *Ernie Forbes*.

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).

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelopes for 2018 are now available! You will find them at the entrance to the church (off Carleton St). If you are not currently using envelopes but would like a set for 2018, please contact Marlene in the church office (458-1066). She will be happy to get you a set. If you would like information on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Marlene can also provide that.



MAGGIE'S MUFFIN MANIA 150 RECIPES FOR CANADA'S 150TH. This is a fundraiser for UCW at \$15.00 a copy. It is available from Marlene at the church office, during Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, or at the U.C.W. meeting on Mon., Nov. 13th at 1 p.m. Great idea for a Christmas gift!!

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY (Nov. 19) We are asking our congregation to provide sandwiches, sweets, etc. for Coffee & Conversation on Anniversary Sunday. We ask the people whose last names are from A to P - please bring sandwiches. As well, if you are bringing sandwiches that are gluten-free, please mark this for us. Those whose names are from Q to Z, please bring sweetbreads, squares or cookies (no nuts please). Thank you. Volunteers to help with the luncheon are much appreciated.



Is your committee planning a special event or do you have an announcement you would like to share? Get the message out by posting it on Wilmot's Facebook page. Just send your request and info to Luke Randall at art@artstuff.ca and he will post it on Facebook for you.

CITRUS FOR SALE: It is that time of the year that fresh Florida citrus is available. This year we are ordering the citrus in advance. Order forms are available from Greg Black. Please see Greg after church. Deadline for orders is **Nov 13th**. Proceeds go to the Youth group activities; your support is appreciated.

BAKE and NEW-TO-YOU SALE: Mark your calendars for U.C.W.'s annual Bake and new-to-you sale on Friday, Dec. 1st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please consider contributing items to this festive sale and of course plan to drop by to shop!

WILMOT SENIORS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - This year **we are back at the Aggie's location in Islandview** on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 12 noon. It's going to be a great party with stories, door prizes, a Christmas Carol sing and of course, a delicious buffet lunch. All this fun for only \$17! As in the past, we will be collecting wrapped gifts to be donated to the Men's Shelter. Please let Susan (450-4072) or Brenda (363-3388) know if you would like to join us for some fun and fellowship. Need a ride? No problem, we can arrange one for you very easily. You are very welcome to be a part of our festivities as we celebrate Christmas together.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: We are currently recruiting USHERS, GREETERS and SCRIPTURE READERS for our 7 p.m. Family Service and 11 p.m. Communion Service on Christmas Eve. If you are able to help with any of these roles at either service, please contact Derek Ness ASAP by phone (999-6554) or e-mail (Derek.Ness@unb.ca)

GIFT CERTIFICATES “Buy A Night Campaign” certificates will be available from Marlene in the church office any time after Nov. 20th.

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE FOR MATURE INDIVIDUAL : Private bedroom, bathroom, & living room space in the basement of a home on Stanley St. (20 min walk to University). Use of garage, kitchen and utensils/dishes as well as other common living areas in the house . Large well-kept home is occupied by single, active, elderly gentleman who welcomes sharing his home with someone who will respect and enjoy it. A Social Work student has had current accommodation in this home which has worked out very well for both the student as well as the home owner. The student is graduating and moving out in Dec 2017. A second bedroom would allow someone in need to move in before Dec. Rent is \$400 a month. For further inquiries and viewing contact: Judy 454-5631 or judycoates@rogers.com

NOV. 17: Fredericton’s Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers is having a benefit dance Friday, Nov. 17th- 8:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fredericton. Music by Fredericton’s fabulous 9-piece dance band, *Juke Box Live*. Proceeds from the dance go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and Help Lesotho - supporting African grandmothers raising children orphaned by AIDS/HIV. Tickets are \$30.00 and available from Westminster Books, Jean Coutu Pharmacy **Or** by calling either : 472 -1767 or 457- 0362.

ADVENT SERIES with Bishop Bill: “A Christmas Reset - Finding the DNA of the Holiday Season” Mondays, nov. 27 - Dec. 11 at 12:15 p.m. - Crowne Plaza. All are welcome. Nov. 27 - A Serious Walk down “Stable Street”, Dec. 4 - Reading the “Magi Diaries”; and Dec. 11 - God and the “Generous Gene”

NOV. 17 an 18: TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES FESTIVAL SALE: The 17th Fredericton Festival Sale will be held Fri., Nov. 17th, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 18th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wilmot United Church. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information call Jill Bateman at 459-5685. Your purchase makes a difference!

NOV. 18: Nashwaaksis U.C.W. Christmas Bazaar, 9 am-11:30 a.m. Craft and bake tables and a Silent Auction. Do your Christmas shopping early. You may also enjoy our delicious Continental Breakfast by donation only. Hope to see you there!!

NOV. 18: There will be a Turkey Supper, and Bake and Craft Sale at Forest Hill United Church, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 6 – 12, and free for ages 5 and under. Takeouts and Celiac meals will be available.

NOV. 18: Join award winning Fredericton fiddler Katherine Moller, and the Katherine Moller Trio (Tom Richards – guitar and vocals, Kim Moller - bodhran and vocals), for her first annual Celtic Christmas Concert! Lots of classic favorites combined with original pieces are sure to entertain and warm hearts of all ages. Special guests include local Celtic phenomenon “Wicked Cry”, as well as master of the keyboards Carolyn Holyoke. Tickets are only \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for children 12 years and under. The event will be held on Sat., Nov. 18th at Wilmot United Church. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

NOV. 24: The Marysville United Church U.C.W. are trying something new. Their Christmas Bazaar and Turkey-a-la-king will be on Friday, Nov.24th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Marysville United Church. They will be renting tables for \$10.00. The supper will be \$10.00 and the menu is turkey-a-la-king with peas, carrots and coleslaw with cheese cake for dessert.

NOV. 25: Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a “Market and Breakfast” on Nov. 25th, 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Admission to the Market is free and breakfast is \$7/adult and \$3/child.

NOV. 26: “**Heaven an Unexpected Journey**” – one man’s experience with Heaven, Angels and The Afterlife. Join Jim Woodford and hear of his unforgettable journey into the afterlife! Hosted by Morning Gate Church – 74 Morning Gate Drive – Sunday, Nov. 26th at 6:30 p.m. Free will offering to be taken.

DEC. 1: A Christmas Nativity 'Tea' will be held on Friday, Dec, 1st from 2-4 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church, featuring a variety of lovely nativity scenes. Enjoy sandwiches and sweets along with tea and coffee. Free-will donation. No reservation required.

DEC. 2: You are invited to an Advent Retreat, “**Christmas Gifts That Won't Break**”, at St Andrews United Church in Harvey Dec 2nd from 9-3. Presenter is Marlene Phillips. Lunch is provided. Cost \$15.00. To register call Marilyn Henry at 366-3599 or email at henrymt@nb.sympatico.ca. Marlene has registration forms in the office.

LIBERTY LANE: Your are encouraged to support Liberty Lane’s Kenny House Capital Campaign. Liberty Lane is a safe housing and outreach centre for women and their children trying to restart their lives free from the threat of abuse. To donate or to learn about Liberty Lane’s Kenny House, go to libertylane.ca or call 451-2120.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Nov. 12 - 19

Today:

- 9:30 a.m. **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room
11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP & S.S.**
12:00 p.m. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**
12:00 p.m. **DISCUSSION MEETING** – Remit 6 - Parlour

Mon, Nov. 13:

- 1:00 p.m. **U.C.W.** - Parlour

Tues, Nov. 14:

- 12:00 p.m. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** – Parlour
7:00 p.m. **FAITH FORMATION TEAM** - Parlour
7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS**

Wed. Nov. 15:

- 9:00 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** - Parlour
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT**
7:00 p.m. **DISCUSSION MEETING** – Remit 6 - Parlour

Thurs. Nov. 16:

- 9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP** – Parlour
4:00 p.m. **SEEKERS' GROUP** – Parlour
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Fri. Nov. 17:

- 10:00 a.m. **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SALE** 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 18:

- 9:00 a.m. **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SALE** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
6:00 p.m. **DROP-IN CENTRE** - Gym
7:30 p.m. **KATHERINE MOLLER CONCERT** - Sanctuary

Sun. Nov. 19:

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

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

There will be an education session regarding the final Remit which Council must deal with on November 12th following worship, and Wednesday 15th at 7pm.

Remit 6 – One Order of Ministry

Background:

The 42nd General Council 2015 approved, subject to remit, the recognition of one Order of Ministry within the United Church known as the ordained ministry, and:

(i) providing within the ordained ministry of the church, for those who so choose through an appropriate educational program, ordination to the diakonia;

(ii) developing multiple paths of educational formation to the ordained ministry based on an overall equivalency of educational and spiritual formation;

(iii) incorporating (grandparent) into the ordained ministry all diaconal ministers; and

(iv) directing the General Secretary to establish a process to incorporate into the ordained ministry designated lay ministers currently serving in presbytery-recognized or presbytery-accountable ministries.

At present there is one order of ministry that is made up of ordained ministers, ordained to word, sacrament and pastoral care, and diaconal ministers, commissioned to education, service and pastoral care.

There is also a category of ministry made up of those who are recognized as designated lay ministers following successful completion of a specific program of study.

The 42nd General Council 2015 authorized this Category 3 remit to presbyteries and pastoral charges to test the will of the church with respect to this change.

The Question:

Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree that there should be one new order of ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers, with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?