



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

August 13, 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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Organ Prelude

Welcome to the Church on the Day of the Pride Parade in Fredericton

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: The Spirit of God calls to our spirits:

All: calling us together in worship and service.

One: The Word of God calls us to ministry:

**All: calling us to be the church,
calling us to love the world,
calling us to work for peace,
each and every day.**

*Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV # 1

Opening Prayer:

All: Holy Creator God, we gather in worship to give thanks and to seek inspiration for living our lives. We thank you for the world you have made, for its infinite varieties of peoples, colours, races, and cultures; for the endless opportunities to make new relationships; for the challenge of venturing across new frontiers, creating new things, and discovering new truths. We thank you for your call to participate in healing what is hurt or broken. We thank you for the work of our Mission and Service partners and the difference they are making around the world. Forgive us, good God, when we fail to see the wonder of diversity and the opportunity to love and serve others. Open us to the abundance of your grace. Give us peace and joy as we respond to your call in the Way of Christ. Amen.

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. Michelle Armstrong

The Sacrament of Baptism – please see insert

***Baptismal Hymn:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

VU # 444

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Deb Bradbury

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 65: 15-25 and Matthew 11: 28-30

Reflection: Dancing to a Different Tune

Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time for Silent Reflection

*** Hymn:** Will You Come and Follow Me

VU #567

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

***Offertory Verse:**

VU #543

**We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Tony Burnett

*** Hymn:** Go to the World

VU# 420

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: Let us go from this time of worship, knowing that we live in God’s world; a world full of God’s creatures, kindred spirits with many gifts to share.

Let us go in the loving embrace of the Spirit and sing a blessing to each other:

All: Go now in peace, go now in peace.

VU #964

May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Postlude

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 our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. A special welcome to our friends from St. Paul's as we come together as Downtown United. We are certainly looking forward to the coming weeks. Everyone is invited to join us for **ICED TEA & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship. Thank you to **Judy Coates** for hosting this time of fellowship.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Gordon Drain will be held at Wilmot United Church on Sunday afternoon, August 27th at 3 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

“MAKER FUN FACTORY – CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE”

St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program.

When: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30

Where: Wilmot United Church

Ages: Age 4 and up

****** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go....SO... Mark your calendars!***

“WELCOME SUNDAY” is September 10. Chairs of Committees are encouraged to start thinking about setting up an information display for that day. Thank you.

AUG. 13th: Wilmot Participation in Pride Parade: The Fredericton Pride Parade is **this afternoon** and this is the first year that Wilmot will be taking part as an Affirming Church. We will meet behind the Legion on Queen Street by 12:30 p.m. The parade route is 1 km through the downtown and ends at Officers' Square.

AUG. 16th: Enjoy an hour of singing your favourite hymns on Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m. at Brunswick Street Baptist Church accompanied by David and Leah Steeves. Ice cream social to follow. All welcome.

AUG. 20th: Blueberry Supper: St. Andrews United Church in Harvey is hosting a Blueberry Supper on Sunday, Aug. 20th from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Menu: Old fashioned baked ham, baked beans, baked potatoes, coleslaw, brown bread & roll sand blueberry desserts. Adults - \$12. Children under 12 - \$5