



## WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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:** Priere

(Higgs)

**Handbell Prelude:** Canticle of Joy/One Love

The Frank T. Pridham Memorial

Handbell Choir

#### **Words of Welcome:**

One: Come, friends of the Cosmic Christ,  
let us give thanks for creation.

**All: We gather to praise God for the miracle of the earth.**

One: Come, friends of Sophia, wisdom of God who delights  
in

creation's goodness, and opens your hearts to  
wonder.

**All: We gather to praise God for the miracle of our lives.**

One: Come, co-creators with God, who is in all and through  
all,

who is above all and below all, and opens your hearts to mystery.

**All: Let us worship the God of all creation.**

**Call to Worship**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**\*Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

VU #325

**Unison Opening Prayer:**

**Holiness revealed in human form.**

**Love expressed with a human voice,  
we are called to be the church.**

**We pray for your Holy Spirit in this time of worship -  
inspiring, enlivening, emboldening us.**

**Called from lonely isolation into acts of daring selflessness,  
may we see that sacred spark in one another.**

**Called from fearful silence to proclaim the good news  
in every language,  
may we hear the Spirit calling us by name. Amen.**

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

Rev. E. Beairsto

**\*Hymn:** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

MV #171

**Connecting to our Heart's Longing: Psalm 5**

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness  
Make your way straight before me.

**Cello/Guitar Duo:** Nana

(de Falla)

Emily Kennedy, cello and Steven Peacock, guitar

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Prayer of Preparation**

Judy Coates

God, the words you speak have power:

power to create, power to disturb,  
power to heal.  
Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

**Scripture:** Acts 7: 55-60 and John 14: 1-14

One: This is the witness of God's people

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** A Thanksgiving Prayer

(Purifoy)

**Sermon:** Who Is Jesus For You?

Rev. R-H Gaskin

**\* Hymn:** O Jesus, I Have Promised

VU #120

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

### **Announcements**

#### **Passing the Peace:**

Greet one another: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Allemande

(Bach)

Emily Kennedy, cello

**\* Doxology:**

VU #54

**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.**

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**The Lord's Prayer** (an Aramaic translation)

**Loving Presence, luminous in all creation,  
hallowed be your name.**

**Thy Kin-dom come.**

**May we reflect on earth  
the yielding perfection of the heavens.**

**Help us to receive an illumined  
measure from the earth this day.**

**Forgive us when we trespass against others,  
human and other-than-human,  
as we forgive others who trespass against us.**

**Keep us on the path of wisdom  
when we are tempted to take the selfish path.**

**May it be your rule we follow,  
your power we exercise,  
and your radiance that allures.**

**May this be the truth that guides our lives,  
the ground from which our future will grow,  
until we meet again.**

**\* Closing Hymn:**

**Three Things I Promise**

**MV #176**

**\* Sending Forth:**

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**Choral**

**Blessing**

VU #963

**Postlude:**

**Te Deum**

(Charpentier)



You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our worship  
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Today's bulletins are sponsored by Eugene and Jean MacLean in loving memory of their Mothers, **Nellie MacLean** and **Christina MacNabb**.

Today's bulletins are also sponsored by Maggie Clarke "At this special time of year – spring and a time to honour Mothers – I want to recognize two very special ladies in my life, my foster Mom, **Dorothy Hatt**, and my mother-in-law, **Mora Clarke**. They taught me, by example, the true meaning of unconditional love and faith."



**IN MEMORY OF WENDY J. ROBBINS**

Today's final performance of the season by the Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir is in loving memory of Wendy, who rang the high Bb, B and C bells with us until her sudden death following two brain aneurysms last month. Wendy was many things to many people: mother, grandmother, daughter, teacher, literary scholar, celebrated advocate for women's rights, Governor-General's Award recipient, guitarist, cherished friend...and we miss her greatly. The handbell choir will perform at the celebration of Wendy's life on May 20<sup>th</sup> at UNB.

**WELCOME** to this morning's service of worship and thank you for joining us today. We're glad that you are here! 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 Stewardship & Finance* Committee for hosting this time of refreshments and fellowship.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Please note these hours for next week: Office will be OPEN on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> but CLOSED on May 18, 19, 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is to allow Marlene to attend the Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Toronto.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION – THANK YOU!**

*Thank You  
So Much*

A sincere **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who has lent a hand over the past months providing us with the coffee, tea and treats. Such hospitality is an important part of our ministry and we so appreciate it. Having the various groups step forward has made it so much more manageable. Thank you! The schedule presently covers each Sunday until the end of June. Services for July will be at St. Paul's while we will host Downtown United in August. If you are able to help with one of the 5 Sundays beginning August 6, please let me know. In the summer, we have ice tea, lemonade, etc so much easier. Again thanks, Ellen

	<b><u>Givings end of April, 2017 (17 Sundays)</u></b>			
	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>-Short/+Over</u></b>	<b><u>April</u></b>
<b><u>2016</u></b>				
Local	\$76,715.00	\$73,876.73	+\$2,838.27	
	+\$3,688.95			
M&S	\$19,467.13	\$19,615.45	+\$ 148.32	-
	\$2,223.37			

Capital Projects	\$ 9,295.69	\$ 9,807.81	-\$ 512.12	-
	\$2,292.31			
Benevolent	\$5,964.00			
	\$5,011.50			
Easter	\$4,590.00			
	\$5,562.50			



**SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.** – Mark your calendars and join Brian McIntosh, our former clergy, and his friends *“The Four Men”* for concert of songs of Love, Hope and Inspiration. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Youth. Tickets available from the Church Office, at Coffee Hour, and at the door. Proceeds from the concert will go to Mission and Service and the Famine Relief project. If you are able to help with promotion or a 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).

**REMIT INFORMATION SESSIONS:** In August 2015, Commissioners to the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council agreed to consult the whole church on eight proposals that would substantially change the United Church of Canada. In the United Church, this consultation is done through remits, a form of voting by pastoral charges and presbyteries across the church. At its May meeting, our Church Council will vote on the fourth Remit. Remit 4: Funding a New Model would approve giving the General Council the power to assess pastoral charges to cover the costs of governance and support services. Information on Remit 4 can be found on the UCC website at <http://gc42.ca/remits>. An informational session on Remit 4 will be held twice: on **Sunday, May 14** after church and on **Thursday, May 18** at 7:00 pm in the parlour. Each session will last about an hour. Everyone is invited to come to learn about and discuss what the proposed changes will mean for our church. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Cleave, [scleave@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:scleave@nb.sympatico.ca) 459-7743 or Rose~Hannah Gaskin [rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com](mailto:rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com) 506-292-1680

**GREETING AND USHERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Wilmot is proud of its Sunday morning hospitality at worship but, in order to keep our

reputation as a welcoming and hospitable congregation alive, we are in need of more volunteers to assist with greeting and ushering on Sundays. If you enjoy welcoming others to our church and helping them find a seat, perhaps you are interested in helping, whether it be occasionally or for a month at a time, please contact the Coordinator of Greeters and Ushers, Derek Ness, by phone (999-6554) or e-mail ([Derek.Ness@unb.ca](mailto:Derek.Ness@unb.ca)).

**WILMOT SENIORS:** June 6<sup>th</sup> is our annual Mystery Day. \$20 per person for a chauffeured day with two stops which will include, among other things, lunch and a whole lot of fun! If you would like to join us, please contact Susan (450-4072) or Brenda (363-3388).



The deadline for submissions for the Summer 2017 issue of *Words from Wilmot* is **Friday, May 26**, with distribution on Sunday, June 4. Please send your notices and articles to Lucille Caseley at [lcaseley@caseley.net](mailto:lcaseley@caseley.net). The next publication will be our Fall issue in September so include all of your announcements for the next three months in this publication, including your intended September meeting and activity dates.

**WILMOT STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYEE POSITION –**  
**“Tour Guide , VBS Program, and Administration Assistant”**

320 hours (8 weeks) of employment, beginning around Monday, June 26 and terminating Friday, Aug 25

**Applicant Qualifications** - Age 15 – 30 full time student; independent worker, takes initiative, can prioritize and be self-disciplined with carrying out variety of responsibilities, dependable, responsible, punctual; experience working with children; enthusiastic, welcoming, hospitable and friendly personality.

**Main responsibilities** will include church tour guide - French language skills capable of conducting church tour in French an asset; Vacation Bible School Program Assistant and leadership; some janitorial and church door supervisor tasks, data entry/computer work.

**Job requirements** - Available for flexible working hours – some hours over weekends and/or evenings; Emergency First Aid training an asset; CRC required

**Apply by** forwarding your resume and covering letter to Judy Coates chair or M&P by email [judycoates@rogers.com](mailto:judycoates@rogers.com) **and cc** [wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca) .

**Review of Applications to begin May 15 2017 and continue until position is filled.**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**MAY 24:** Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets. Adults \$13 and children \$3.

**MAY 27:** **BOOK and PLANT SALE** at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey from 9 a.m. – noon. Whether you are a gardener or a bookworm – we have something for everyone!

**MAY 27:** **LOBSTER SUPPER** at Keswick Ridge United Church. Two seatings: 4:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Advance tickets only. Call 363-2284 or 363-2739.

**STU SOCIAL WORK AND WILLOW TREE COMMUNITY** are collaborating on a study on the Housing Needs and Preferences of adults with intellectual disabilities in the Fredericton area. They are trying to find out about the current and future housing needs/preferences, and community inclusion, of adults with intellectual disabilities: what people are looking for, and what barriers they face in getting there. This information is of critical importance to help ensure that housing and services best reflect the actual needs of families in our area. For this information to be accurate, it is important to hear from as many individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families as possible. If you are an adult with an intellectual disability or have an adult family member with an intellectual disability who is living at home or in a residential facility we would like to hear from you! To learn more and to participate, contact Michelle Greason at STU, 440-8685.

## Reaching Out To Migrants

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs for migrant workers. Let us hear a story from Korea.

Canadians think of our country as a multicultural society. Migrant populations arriving in Korea are a relatively new phenomenon. In 1997 there were only about 380,000 foreigners living in Korea. By 2011 that number had increased to 1.4 million.

Some migrants are coming to Korea to work, especially in small or medium-scale factories. Others are arriving as marriage migrants. Whatever their reason for coming to Korea, Mission & Service partner the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) is welcoming newcomers and helping them to adjust to the realities of life in a new land. The PROK is responding to the many social service needs facing new immigrants by

- Providing cultural orientation and language training

- Helping immigrant workers understand their rights and advocating for workers when those rights are not upheld

- Helping workers who become ill or unemployed

- Staffing hotlines for marriage migrants who find themselves in situations of domestic violence and abuse

The PROK's Migrant Workers Centre addresses needs that are as many and varied as the people they serve.

We sing thanksgiving for the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, our Mission & Service partner that reaches out to people in need!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given to Mission & Service, please consider making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God.



## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

May 14 - 21

### TODAY:

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

### Mon. May 15: CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN

6:30 p.m. FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC – various rooms  
6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

### Tue. May 16:

7:00 p.m. FAITH FORMATION – Parlour  
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

### Wed. May 17 :

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

### Thurs. May 18: OFFICE CLOSED

9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP– Parlour  
4:00 p.m. WILMOT SEEKERS - Parlour  
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym  
7:30 p.m. SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

### Fri., May 19: OFFICE CLOSED

### Sat. May 20:

6:00 p.m. DROP-IN CENTRE

### Sun. May 21:

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

The Worship Committee is seeking your input about possibly revising Sunday Worship time to 10:30 AM all year round.

Why did this come up?

This would align with our Downtown United partner St. Paul's

Folks whose main meal is at midday at Assisted Living Facilities, would be able to join in at coffee and conversation

It might be beneficial for families who have weekend activities to attend

After service presentation/meetings could begin earlier

Comments:

Please return by Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> to the box in the sanctuary or to the church office.

Thank you.