



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
October 15, 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

Organ Prelude: Magnificat (Cavazzoni)

Welcome to the Church

Christ Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

Listen! Listen to the waters of creation.

Listen to the plants and trees.

Listen to the creatures who creep and walk and fly.

Listen to the ancient hills and colourful reefs.

Listen to their joy, their wisdom, and their grief.

Bring to this place all the other places you have been.

Bring to this time all the other times of awe and beauty you have had.

Let us worship God.

* **Opening Hymn:** Rejoice, The Lord Is King VU #213

Opening Prayer:

Gracious and Loving God,

in this season of creation, we gather in worship,

aware of the beauty of the world still unfolding.

As we worship today, we would hear again your call

to live with respect in creation and to love and serve others.

Breathe your Holy Spirit into us as we encounter you in music,
Bible reading, prayer and preaching.

May we experience anew your life-giving presence, that we might be renewed, restored, and equipped to be your people, following Jesus in the Way. Amen.

Phil Hobbs, Frankford-Batawa P.C., Frankford, Ont.

Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beairsto

*** Singing Together As This Church Family:**

God of the Bible

MV #28

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:

Creator God,

we stand in awe at this creation of yours.

We kneel before you with thanks and praise.

Our sin surrounds us, in the air we breathe, the water we use,
the devastation we bring to this earth.

How can we ever repair the damage we are doing?

How can we be forgiven?

(a time of silence)

O God, hear our prayer. Amen.

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love:

You were made by Love, for love.

The One who made you knows your sin and your goodness.

The Spirit gives you power to begin again.

Accept this forgiveness, and be at peace.

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.

***Hymn:** Spirit, Open My Heart

MV #79

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Prayer of Preparation: (Unison)

Hilary Drain

**O God, your Word is a lamp
to our feet, and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.**

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14 and Philippians 4: 1-9

Congregational Response:

This is the witness of the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: It Is Well with My Soul

(Beck)

Reflection: Losing Our Way

Rev. R-H Gaskin

Time and Space for Silent Reflection

Hymn: O God, How We Have Wandered

VU #112

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Invitation to The Offering:

To be a steward is to be responsible,

responsible for what is owned by another.

To be a steward is to be privileged,

privileged to care for, even as we are cared for.

To be a steward is to be part of,

never separate from, that for which we are responsible.

Who owns the earth, the air, the water?

Who owns the atoms, the quarks, and the waves?

God.

And we are...

Stewards.

Part of God's creation, called to a responsibility of care. Alleluia!

As stewards, let us present our offering.

Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, B.C. (richardbott.com)

Offertory Music

Offertory Verse: Grant Us, God, the Grace

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.**

Offertory Prayer:

Loving God, who gave us all of creation,
help us to remember that we are
only the stewards of your generosity.
We dedicate these gifts, and the givers,
to your coming kingdom. Amen.

We Give Thanks and Pray for Others

The Lord's Prayer

* **Closing Hymn:** I Feel the Winds of God

VU #625

* **Commissioning:**

As the leaves reveal vibrant colours
formerly hidden by the greens of life,
**so we fall into the world like leaves in October,
enriching the soil of faith for new life.**

As leaves disengage from myriad branches,

leaving a bare skeleton pointing to the heavens,
**so we disengage from this time of worship,
entering the world as witnesses to Love.**

As roots reach deeply into the heart of the earth,
**so we go to live rooted deeply in the heart of God,
sharing a radical love.**

Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson U.C., Burlington, Ont.

***Choral Blessing**

VU #963

Postlude: Restoration

(Held)

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You are invited to remain for the Postlude, it is part of worship
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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 a **SOUP LUNCHEON** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to *members of the Outreach Committee* for hosting this 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).

*Thank You
So Much*

Thanks very much to Judy Coates and all the wonderful people at Wilmot United Church who gave me a lunch and helped me in time of need. Also Irene Forbes for who drove me home.

God Bless - Wilma

A big thank you to all those that helped with the recent book sale including the promotion of the event, the set-up on Wednesday and working during the sale. To date we have raised \$ 1971.55 . There is still time to purchase more books for your fall and winter reading along with Christmas presents.

An additional thank you to Peter Curtis and all his volunteers who worked so diligently to make this Book Sale such a success.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY DROP-IN: The Saturday night Drop-in at Wilmot needs a few more volunteers to help welcome Fredericton's downtown community and serve refreshments and snacks. Volunteers are asked to meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. Saturday to help set up. Doors open at 6:00 and close at 8:30. The Abbey generously provides a light meal. As a regular team member you would work one Saturday every 4 weeks. We would also welcome spares who are willing to help out once in a while - usually with at least 4 or 5 days notice. Please call or email Jon Sweeney (452-3499 day; 450-1277 evening; email: sweeneyjonathan0@gmail.com) if you are willing to help. Thanks!

HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Deadline for applications is Oct. 30th. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a post-secondary learning institution, i.e. university, community college, trade school, etc. Applications are in the church office.

WILMOT SENIORS FALL LUNCH OUT: Please join us for a delicious lunch on Oct. 17th as we head to Gibson Memorial United Church (183 Gibson Street). \$15 for a yummy turkey dinner, tea, coffee and a choice of home made pies for dessert. Please contact Brenda at 363-3388 or Susan at 450-4072, if you would like to share this meal with us. Drives are available for all who need one. All seniors and retirees are very welcome!

COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP: On Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7:15 p.m. there will be a workshop to help committees develop their budgets for the coming year. Jeff Beairsto, our Treasurer, will explain the revised budget forms and discuss the information we need to collect to meet our obligations under Canada Revenue Agency regulations. It is important that all committees are represented at the workshop.



UCW RUMMAGE SALE: Mark your calendars for Friday Oct. 20th (3 - 6 p.m.) and Oct 21st (9 - 12 noon) for Wilmot's fall rummage sale. This initiative is always warmly received by the Fredericton community and is also a wonderful time for fellowship and fundraising for us at Wilmot. If you have items to donate, please leave them on the gym stage anytime up to Oct 20th. If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Linda Gough at 459-3706.

CAN YOU HELP? A family in our congregation is in need of a car. If you are planning on selling a car, or know of a vehicle for sale please contact Yessica Enrique at 460-4749 or yazuen@gmail.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: New Maryland United Church is hosting a BBQ Salmon Supper at the New Maryland Centre this afternoon. Sittings are 4 p.m. and 5:30p.m. Take-outs also available. Tickets are \$17.00. To purchase tickets, call 459-3313 (leave a message) or 447-0784. Tickets also available at door.

OCT. 16: On Sunday October 15 @ 2pm at St Paul's United Church there is a meet and greet for the new families that the Interchurch Refugee Committee is supporting. Everyone is invited to come and welcome these families.

OCT. 18: Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a “Turkey Dinner” on Wednesday, Oct. 18th, 4 – 6 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$14; Child \$3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

OCT. 19: Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers invites you to join us on Oct. 19th at 7 p.m. at Westminster Books, for the official launch of the book, *Powered By Love: A Grandmother’s Movement to End AIDS in Africa*, by Joanna Henry and Ilana Landsberg-Lewis.

OCT. 20: **Steven Peacock and Gerry Van Wart Launch *Pavane* CD** -- The STU Department of Fine Arts and the STU Office of Research Services are pleased to host the CD launch of *Pavane*, recently released by classical guitarists Steven Peacock (who teaches in STU Fine Arts) and Gerry Van Wart and featuring music for two guitars in a variety of styles by mostly French composers. The launch will take place on Friday, October 20th, from 5 until 7 p.m. in the foyer just outside the Kinsella Auditorium in McCain Hall at STU. There will be a live performance by the guitarists and a few brief speeches at 5:30 p.m. in MMH 101, and otherwise this will be a wine and cheese event in the lobby. All are welcome.

OCT. 23: The Women's Inter-Church Council of Fredericton is having their Annual General Meeting on Monday, Oct. 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of St. John and Paul, New Maryland. Directions: Following the New Maryland road, the Church is on the left hand side going towards Nasonworth. Their hall is in the basement of the church. The entrance is to the right of the church when you're in the parking lot. Lots of room for parking & is wheelchair accessible. Reminder: Women's Inter-Church member's representative membership fee of \$10.00 is due from each Church. The Fellowship of the Least Coin donation can be received at this time. Everyone is welcome of all Christian denominations.

OCT. 26: An open invitation is extended to all who are looking to learn more about Iridesce: The Living Apology Project on Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlour of Wilmot United Church. Aaron Miechkota, Project Coordinator from Montreal will facilitate the event as part of the Maritime Conference tour. Refreshments will be served. This will be an evening of learning and sharing of stories around the church's 1988 decision where "the United Church of Canada affirmed that sexual orientation was not a barrier to full participation in the life and ministry of the church". How were you affected by that decision - then and now? More detailed information is available on the bulletin insert or the project website at <http://www.iridesce.ca/> Please help spread the word of this event far and wide. If you have questions, please contact Tony Burnett at 897-1935 (c) or 455-9440 (h)

OCT. 28: **Casserole/Bean Supper** at Wesley United Church on Sat., Oct. 28th from 4 – 6 p.m. Adults - \$10 and children - \$5.

OCT. 28: **Roast Beef Supper** at Keswick Ridge United Church on Sat., Oct. 28th. Two sittings at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Adults - \$15 and Children - \$7. Advance Tickets only. Please call: C. Sheppard at 363-2284 or B. Kelly at 363-2739. Again this year, there will be Home Baking and Handicraft Sale sponsored by the U.C.W.

Food Insecurity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer self-sufficiency and hope. Let us hear a story from the West Bank.

Life is a constant struggle for Palestinian Muslims and Christians living in the West Bank. Separated from family living in Israel, Gaza, or further abroad, many also face land confiscation or are unable to reach their land to work it because of Israeli restrictions on travel. Those who want to build new agriculture-related structures rarely receive permits from the Israeli authority; if they build anyway, they are subject to demotions.

In the West Bank, the near East Council of Churches has developed a food security program focused on families who have lost land and property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements. Through this intervention, a family receives three main components. First is material for a shed for livestock. As part of the project, the family must contribute by building the shed, often with the help of the community. Second, they receive five fruit trees that are about four years old, and third, they receive 12 chickens, two pregnant sheep, and enough feed for 100 days. Training and support are also provided.

These supplies give those struggling to feed their families the ability to become self-sufficient, providing milk, eggs, fruit, dairy products, and meat for their own needs while also having enough left over to trade or sell at markets.

We sing thanksgiving for global partners who are bringing hope and vitality to Palestinian families in the region.

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

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Oct. 15 - 22

Today:

11:00 a.m. **WORSHIP & S.S.**
12:00 p.m. **SOUP LUNCHEON**
12:00 p.m. **NEWCOMERS WELCOME LUNCH - Parlour**

Mon, Oct. 16:

1:00 p.m. **U.C.W. - Parlour**
6:30 p.m. **LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC – various rooms**
6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS – Board Room**

Tues. Oct. 17:

12:00 p.m. **SENIORS FALL OUTING – Gibson Memorial Church**
7:15 p.m. **COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP - Parlour**

Wed. Oct.18

9:00 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour**
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT - Lunch and Vouchers**
7:00 p.m. **TRUSTEES AND STEWARDS – Board Room**

Thurs. Oct. 19:

Set up for Rummage Sale

9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP – Parlour**
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Fri., Oct. 20:

3:00 p.m. **RUMMAGE SALE – 3 – 6 p.m.**

Sat. Oct. 21

9:00 a.m. **RUMMAGE SALE – 9 - noon**
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**
6:00 p.m. **DROP-IN CENTRE - Gym**

Sun. Oct.22:

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

