



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 21, 2017**

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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:** Prelude, Adagio and Diapason Movement (Walond)

**Welcome to the Church**

**Call to Worship:**

Beloved, let us love one another,

**because love is from God.**

God's love was revealed among us in this way,

**Jesus Christ came into the world.**

Since God loved us so much,

**we are called to love one another.**

**Come, let us worship.**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

\* **Hymn:** Maker, in Whom We Live

VU #321

**Opening Prayer:**

Eternal God, radiant with grace,

vanquish our fears;

make us shine with your Word, our hope;

shine with your communion, our life;

shine with your peace, our joy;

through Christ, who is our Light.

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

Rev. E. Beairsto

\* **Hymn:** The Lord's Prayer (sung) VU #959

**Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:** Psalm 9:1

*As you breathe in: I will give thanks to God,*

*As you exhale: With my whole heart.*

### **Silent Prayer**

\* **Hymn:** Shadow and Substance MV #44

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

### **Prayer of Preparation:**

Neil Thorne

O You who are the Light of the minds that know you,  
the Life of the hearts that love you,  
the Strength of the spirits that seek you;  
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
in whose service is perfect freedom.

**Scripture Reading:** Acts 17: 16-31

### **Congregational Response:**

This is the witness of the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Sing a New Song to the Lord (Scialla)

**Reflection:** Have I Got A Story for you!" Rev. R-H Gaskin

### **Time for Silent Reflection**

\* **Hymn:** Come Down, O Love Divine VU #367

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

### **Announcements**

## 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

##### Prayers of the People:

God eternal, our times are held within your hands,  
our lives are shaped by your design from before our birth.

You take hold of what has happened  
and nurture within it what you wish to be.

Like a wise mother, you give us both freedom and guidance.

**How wise and caring you are, most blessed God;  
we praise you and thank you.**

God eternal, our times are open to your Spirit,  
our lives await your touch.

God of mercy, fountain of loving care,  
wellspring of blessing and source of our hope:  
help us to break through the dry surface of our parched lives  
to find the life that flows beneath, quietly, deeply,  
cool with refreshment—

that living water for our souls  
which is the Spirit of Christ your Son.

We ask for these your gifts:

for all in hospital or nursing home,  
healing and encouragement;

for all living with long-term threats

to their health or well-being, patience and endurance;

for all who are worried, ease of heart;  
for all who are lonely, some human contact;  
for all who are anxious about their job,  
or who are looking for work, fortitude;  
for all who are wondering what path in life to take,  
a sense of being able to trust that you, God, will guide them.  
Finally we think of our own individual lives.

We take some moments of silence  
to give you our thanks for the blessing you have given us,  
and to ask for the needs that weigh most upon us . . .

**God of mercy, eternal source of life renewed and abundant, rise up and  
flood with loving care every withered life  
and every heart that thirsts for you.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**                      Go to the World    VU #420

**Blessing and Sending Forth:**

**Light of God to give us hope  
Power of God to protect us  
Light of God to give us joy  
Peace of God to calm us  
Light of God to give us faith  
Grace of God to save us  
This day and forevermore.**

**Choral Amen**    VU #969

**Postlude:**                      Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux: Allegro    (Couperin)



The bulletins this morning are from Laurie, Susan and Hilary Drain and are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Gordon Stephen Drain**.

**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 Ministry & Personnel Committee** for hosting.

**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.

**ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:** A copy of the latest "The Archives and Artefact Beacon" is on our bulletin board. Interesting read about the early days of the United Church. Or you can simply call up "The Archives and Artefact Beacon" on your computer. It will take you to the Maritime Conference website with the link to the Newsletter at the top of the page. Julielynn Anderson, chair of the Maritime Conference Archives Committee, is a member of our Handbell Choir. THANK YOU, Julielynn, for all your hard work.

**2017 GRADUATES:** The list of graduates for 2017 is coming together. Remember to give Ellen a call (206-1943) if you are graduating or know of a graduate. THANK YOU

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

May 21 - 28

### TODAY:

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

### Tue. May 23:                      OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00 p.m.      **BOOK CLUB** – Parlour  
7:00 p.m.      **MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

### Wed. May 24 :

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

### Thurs. May 25:

- 9:30 a.m.      **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP**– Parlour  
1:00 p.m.      **WRITERS GROUP** - Parlour  
7:30 p.m.      **SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE**

### Sat. May 27:

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

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parlour. (Note that we meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month and there are 5 Tuesdays in May.) We will discuss Joan Clark's *Birthday Lunch*, a book with a Sussex, New Brunswick setting written by a Canadian author. The plot is a condensed week in the life of a Maritime family who experience sudden loss and the response of the community as well as each of the family members. This book will stimulate lots of discussion as we gather for a cup of tea, joining in the discussion or just listening as you choose. Everyone is welcome.

## 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. until noon. Whether you are a gardener or a bookworm – we have something YOU!

**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.

**MAY 27: SINGING FOR SOUTH SUDAN** – Join the choir of Brunswick Street Baptist Church on Saturday, May 27 at 6:30 pm for a great evening of hymn singing in the Gaither “Homecoming” style! Offering to support relief work in South Sudan – come sing a song and bless a life!

**May 28: DUO CANTILENA** at Saint Anne's Chapel of Ease. Please join Duo Cantilena--Symphony New Brunswick principal flute Sally Wright and Fredericton guitarist and recording artist Steven Peacock--in concert at **Saint Anne's Chapel of Ease** at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 28th**. Their fascinating and diverse program features 20th and 21st-century compositions across a wide expressive and technical range, as well as music with strong dance elements and innovative arrangements of folk melodies in a variety of Atlantic Canadian and South American traditions. Works by Handel, Fürstenau, Tisserand and Piazzolla will round out the program. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

**MAY 31: FREE LINE DANCE CLASS** from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. at The Grant Harvey Centre. Dance in a comfortable and safe class atmosphere and learn the basic steps in a step by step instructional progression designed for seniors. Line dancing will provide you with exercise, give you a chance to meet new friends, boost your self-esteem and even make you smarter. The instructor, Eric Hart, has been teaching line dancing for over twenty years.

