



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**June 25, 2017**  
**Enfolded in the Creator**

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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:** Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 (Oldroyd)

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle and Rainbow Candle**

As we light these candles, we mark and recognize God's presence in this place, present at all times and in all places, celebrated now through these lights. We honour the Creator's presence on Turtle Island long before European settlers arrived, long before this church or any church existed. We give thanks to the Creator for this time of worship and for the possibility of new relationships blowing amidst us as the Spirit's wind of change.

**Call to Worship:**

One: Spirit of God, like a soft blanket you sustain and comfort your people and all parts of creation.

**All: You enfold our lives in your gentle, loving care.**

One: These blankets represent the land of the northern part of Turtle Island, what we know as Canada.

**All: You sustain our lives through the land and all of creation.**

One: Long before the arrival of Europeans, this land, represented by the blankets, is home to millions of diverse peoples in hundreds of nations.

**All:** You sustained their lives through the land all of creation.  
**One:** Their identities were formed by their relationships to the land.  
**All:** All of their needs were met by the land.  
**One:** Food, clothing, shelter, culture, spirituality  
**All:** Were provided by the land.  
**One:** In response to this gracious gift from Creator  
**All:** They protected the land.  
**One:** As Creator protected them, enfolded in the safety of Creator's great blanket.

**\*Opening Hymn:** Let There Be Light VU #679

**Prayer of Approach:** Charlotte Campbell  
God of Life, open our minds and hearts to hear the experience and realities of Indigenous peoples.  
Give us imagination and compassion, and openness to challenge and new information.  
Like Moses at the burning bush, call us to take off our shoes, to connect our bodies to this history, to walk gently and compassionately, to acknowledge that this land is holy ground.  
Reconciliation is holy work.  
God of grace, help us to accept ourselves as we are, to acknowledge the past for what it was, and to create a future of respect and reconciliation. Amen.

**Story Time for the Young and Young at Heart** Rev. E. Beairsto

**\* Family Hymn:** Let Us Build a House MV #1

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

**Scripture Readings:** Jeremiah 31: 15-17, 31-33  
John 15:12  
Revelation 22: 1-2

Jeff Beairsto

### **Congregational Response:**

This is the witness of the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection:** Enfolded in the Creator

Rev. R-H Gaskin

\* **Hymn:** For the Healing of the Nations

VU #678

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Announcements**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Prayers of the People**

Norman Laverty

God of the land, Creator of Turtle Island, we give you thanks for the elements which sustain our lives and on which our life depends. The land water, diverse plants and animals, which together provide us with food, drink, shelter, warmth, and everything which we truly need. We give you deep thanks for the first inhabitants, the Indigenous peoples of this wondrous place.

**We offer our deepest apologies and express our deepest sadness for the ways that Indigenous peoples have suffered and continue to suffer. For the ways that our ancestors in faith and in the church, contributed to that suffering. For the ways that we today contribute to that suffering, knowingly or not.**

God of life, we offer gratitude to the survivors of Residential Schools and of the whole colonial project who, in their courage, peeled back a façade. We now know how churches and governments collaborated to extinguish language, culture, and identity of Indigenous children, breaking bonds of family and community, contributing to a separation of people from the land, while suppressing the spirituality that celebrated that connection. We now know that this has led to generational trauma that continues to this day.

**As people of faith, we believe that transformation is possible. There is hope all around us. In young Indigenous leaders who claim their voice and pull us, all of us, towards a more just future. As a sign of reconciliation, we refuse to tolerate inequity and are committed bring about tangible change.**

We commend Elders who against all odds are passing on language, culture, teachings and spirituality. We understand that the struggle for justice is global and that solidarity can flow in many directions.

In Hope, we seek to dispel myths and stereotypes, encouraging education and change. We celebrate communities that are united to protect their watersheds and build relationships of respect and sharing that reflect the original treaties that are the foundation of Canada.

**God of transformation, we commit ourselves to living in new ways, informed and led by this hope. We ask for the Spirit's strength and guidance as we embrace their challenges, discern our accountabilities, and persist towards action. Amen.**

**\* Closing Hymn:**      Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works      VU #308

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Blessing and Benediction:

For the truth that has been told this day, we give thanks.

We are called to go forth to act.

Indigenous peoples have asked for solidarity,

And we are compelled by faith and humanity to respond.

We turn to Christ to model reconciliation,

to our Creator God to ground and sustain us,

and to the Spirit, the great wind of change,

to empower and embolden us forward.

May our actions demonstrate reconciliation,

this day and forevermore.

Amen.

**Postlude:** Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major (Bach)

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This service was adapted from one prepared by KAIROS

**WELCOME** to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. We're glad you're here! You are invited to the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Thank you to *members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry* for hosting.

**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).

**SYMPATHY:** Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of the late *Madeline Holmes* who passed away last Sunday. Madeline had been connected with Wilmot for many years. Funeral service for Madeline will be held on Wed., June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at McAdam's Funeral Home. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

**JULY 8:    ST. PAUL'S ORGAN ACADEMY:** If you are a piano student . . . young or old . . . and would like to try your skills on a three-manual pipe organ, come along to St. Paul's United Church on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Sharon Pond, organist at St. Paul's and Dr. Willis Noble, formerly at Christ Church Cathedral, are offering a day-long workshop where you will get a turn at the organ and learn the basics of performing Baroque music. The session starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The fee for the day, including lunch, is \$25. You can register in advance with either instructor at [spond@bellaliant.net](mailto:spond@bellaliant.net) or [willis.noble@gmail.com](mailto:willis.noble@gmail.com) .



**JULY 22:    ANNUAL SUPPER AND AUCTION** at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey.    **YARD SALE** begins at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day. **Supper** is from 4 – 6 p.m. Menu: Barbequed Boneless Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and Jellied Salads, Homemade rolls and pies, tea & coffee. Adults \$12 and children under 12 - \$6 **Auction** begins at 7. A “funfilled evening” of good buys and entertainment!

**THIS WEEK AT WILMOT**  
**June 25 – July 2**

**TODAY:**

11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP**

12:00 p.m.

**REFRESHMENTS AND TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

**Tue. June 27:**

2:00 p.m.

**TRUSTEES** - Parlour

6:00 p.m.

**VETERANS MUSIC CLASS** – Fireside Room

7:00 p.m.

**MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

**Wed. June 28:**

9:00 a.m.

**QUILTERS** – Parlour

11:30 a.m.

**FUNERAL** (Madeline Holmes) at McAdam's Funeral Home

7:00 p.m.

**NA GROUP** – Fireside Room

**Thurs. June 29:**

9:30 a.m.

**QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP**– Parlour

7:00 p.m.

**MARTIAL ARTS** - Gym

**Sun. July 2:**

10:30 a.m.

**WORSHIP** at St. Paul's United

**DRIVERS AND/OR CARS NEEDED FOR DROP-IN EXCURSION:** Nearly every year the Wilmot's Drop-In project offers an excursion to an interesting place. This year the destination will be Kings Landing on **Saturday, July 8th**. We have reserved 3 vans, for which we need drivers. Also if you can take people in your own vehicle, this will allow more people to participate, or it may permit us to save money by reducing the number of rented vans. If you can help out in this regard, please contact Norman Laverty (455-3349) as soon as possible. (Last year, we came very close to having to cancel the trip for lack of volunteer drivers. So please consider this opportunity to help out.)

### ***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. August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 at 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!

#### **LOOKING HEAD**

**July 2 – 30 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be combined with St. Paul's and held **at St. Paul's at 10:30**. During the summer, the clergy from both of the churches will participate in the Sunday Services held at either St. Paul's or Wilmot.

**August 6 – September 3 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be **at Wilmot at 10:30**.

**MANOR SERVICES:**    **YORK MANOR:** July 20, August 17  
                                  **PINE GROVE** – July 18