



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28, 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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Organ Prelude: 'Tis the Gift To Be Simple (Purifoy)

Welcome to the Church

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

Christ has risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

God is alive ...

new birth is given.

Hope is alive ...

a new age is dawning.

Joy is alive ...

redemption is here.

Love is alive ...

death cannot harm us.

We are alive ...

new life is within us.

The church is alive ...

God's Spirit is within us.

Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!

Opening Prayer:

Jocelyn Moase

God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope.
We come to this place today,
ready to see your power working through us.
Help us to be open to your Word,
and to answer your call among us.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** We Praise You, O God VU #218

Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart Jeff Beairsto

(Sunday School – Grades 5 and younger for this Sunday. Youth will remain in for the service.)

***Family Hymn:** I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing: Ian Stewart

O God, our Guide and Companion,
You have brought us through this day
To a time of reflection and rest.
Calm our souls, and refresh us with your peace.
In Christ, draw us closer to one another
In the bonds of his love.
We pray in the power of the Spirit.
Amen.

Flute and Guitar Duet: Andante (Domeniconi)

Sally Wright and Steven Peacock

Assurance of God's Love:

Those who wait for God shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Anthem: God Is Love (Schram)

***Hymn:** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song VU #205

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation:

Amy Bourne

Ever faithful God,
train us by Christ's teaching,
school us in Christ's faithfulness,
that as we walk in Christ's way
we may come to share in your glory.
We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope.
Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1: 6 – 14

Psalm 47

John 17: 1-19

VU #771

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem:

How Can I Keep from Singing?

(Ellingboe)

Reflection:

A More Profound Hallelujah

Steven Peacock

Hymn:

Creator God You Gave Us Life

MV #27

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

Offertory Music:

Adagio

(Handel)

Sally Wright and Steven Peacock

***Offertory Verse:**

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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Jon Sweeney

You, O God, are the Easter One.
You are the holy source of resurrection.
You are the dancing spirit of life.
We offer these gifts in gratitude
for hope returned,
for the mystery of your grace,
and for the promise of resurrection.

Prayers of the People

Lucille Caseley

SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***Closing Hymn:** All Beautiful the March of Days VU #651

Commissioning : Neil Thorne

Risen with Christ,
may we know the reassurance of God’s presence.
Risen with Christ,
may we accept the challenge to work in God’s way.
Risen with Christ,
may we be living proof that God’s love will never die.

***Choral Benediction** VU #963

Postlude: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (Hustad)
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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 **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to members of the **Wilmot Quilters Group** for hosting this time of fellowship and refreshments.

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).

WELCOME to **Matthew Chase**, our Student Summer Employee who will take on various responsibilities including Tour Guide, Administrative help, and VBS assistant. This employment is possible due to a federal Canada Summer Student Jobs Grant for eight weeks employment.

FEEDBACK NEEDED: The Wilmot Property Development Committee (Sheila Washburn, Lynn Fullarton, Greg Black, John Leroux, Andy Secord, Jeff Beairsto and Craig Frame) is looking for feedback on a number of issues related to the possible redevelopment of Wilmot Church's property. This feedback will be used to assist in the planning of future engagement with the congregation. A short questionnaire will be used during the **June 11th worship service** to gather this feedback.

WILMOT SENIORS: June 6th 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).

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

CONCERT AT WILMOT - June 6 - Wilmot is pleased to be hosting **The Four Men**, a men's quartet including Brian McIntosh, a former minister at Wilmot United. They will present a concert of songs of Love, Hope, and Inspiration on **Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 at Wilmot United**. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for youth and available from the Church Office (458-1066), Westminster Books, and at the door. A reception will be held following the performance. Proceeds for the concert will go to the United Church Mission and Service Fund and to Famine Relief.

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!

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: LUNCH & LEARN: SAFETY FOR SENIORS - Wednesday, May 31 at noon at St. James Presbyterian Church, 1991 Hwy 640, Hanwell

Over lunch, learn tips on how to improve your personal safety and safety at home and online. Topics include:

- cyber safety
- protecting oneself against fraud, fraud and personal identity theft
- personal and property protection
- relationship safety

We are pleased to welcome Sgt. Andrea Gallant of the RCMP as our guest speaker. There is no cost, but to assist us with meal planning, please RSVP by Monday, May 29. Tel: 450-4031 or E-mail: sjchurch@nbnet.nb.ca

JUNE 3: Gibson Memorial United Church, will be hosting a “**Breakfast and Yard Sale**”, June 3rd, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Breakfast \$7/person.

JUNE 6: Piano Fundraising Soirée & Silent Auction featuring pianist Roger Lord. This event, sponsored by the Fredericton Music Teachers' Association, will take place on Tuesday June 6, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre. MC for the evening will be Harry Forestell. Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased at Westminster Books. Ticket includes wine and sweet and savoury gourmet treats. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a new concert grand piano. For more information on our fundraising campaign, please visit frederictonpianofund.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN -SUNDAY SUPPER

Wilmot UC is responsible to provide volunteers for the Fredericton Community Kitchen for every Sunday's supper. We have 6 teams of volunteers scheduled to do a Sunday every 6th week throughout the year. A lead person with each team sends out an email or phone reminder to their team members. **Wilmot needs more volunteers ... thus, we are reaching out to other churches to recruit help. *Would you or you and a friend like to join an existing team? Perhaps you know of someone to tell about this valuable service opportunity. Maybe your church would like to organize a team of 5-6 volunteers who could become part of the Sunday rotation making it part of your churches' Outreach ministry.*** Please consider either joining one of the regular Wilmot teams or creating your own church team– it's a short commitment from 4:00 to 6:15 every 6th week. Under the direction of a staff cook, you will help with preparations and clean up, making it possible for vulnerable people in our community to have a good meal. It's a great Outreach Ministry. We are also in need of people to fill in occasionally –to be on a spares list. If you are interested please contact Wilmot United Church wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca 458-1066 to leave your name & contact info or contact either Beth Paynter beth.paynter.nb@gmail.com or Judy Coates judycoates@rogers.com 454-5631 We would be happy to give more information.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

May 28 – June 4

TODAY:

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

Mon., May 29:

- 6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB – Board Room

Tue. May 30:

- 6:00 p.m. VETERANS MUSIC CLASS – Fireside Room
- 7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

Wed. May 31:

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

Thurs. June 1:

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

Sat. June 3:

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

Sun. June 4: BAPTISM / PENTECOST SUNDAY

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