



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

October 29, 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

Gathering in God's Name

Organ Prelude: Voluntary in C (Keeble)

Handbell Prelude: Shine, Jesus Shine/Fairest Lord Jesus/Largo
The Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir

Welcome to the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: God calls us again and again.

All: In worship we hear this call.

One: God invites us over and over.

All: In awe and wonder we respond.

One: God's Spirit surrounds us.

All: In anticipation we offer our praise.

One: Let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU #220

Prayer of Approach:

Creator God

We long for you

like a deer longs for flowing streams.

We long for you

like an anxious sheep longs for familiar pastures.

We long for you

like a hungry child longs for a piece of bread.

Settle here among us, with open arms and ready smile, with comfort before you send us out on our adventures once again. Amen.

Maggie Watts-Hammond, Gilmore Park U.C., Richmond, B.C.

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. Ellen Beairsto

Children's Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

VU #357

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:

We have not kept covenant with all our hearts and strength.

We have treated air and water and soil with disdain.

We have taken our communion with all life lightly.

We have kept the things that are yours,

and treated the things that are Caesar's as if they were holy.

This we acknowledge before you, Creator God.

(a time of silence)

Words of Assurance:

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.

Cello/Guitar Solo: The Salley Gardens

(arr. Peacock)

Emily Kennedy and Steven Peacock

Listening for Truth

Prayer of Preparation:

Neil Thorne

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed we may hear with joy what You say to us this day.

Amen.

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Matthew 22:34-46

Congregational Response:

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: A Thanksgiving Prayer (Purifoy)

Reflection: The Story Continues Rev. R-H Gaskin

Hymn: We Are Pilgrims VU #595

Responding to God's Word

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music: Allegro (Vivaldi)

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**

Self-giving God, we give You thanks for all the blessings we know in this life and for the opportunity to give back. Use our offerings and our service to touch human lives and communities with the gentleness of Your grace and the vitality of Your goodness. This we offer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sending Forth in God’s Name

***Closing Hymn:** Bless Now, O God, the Journey VU #633

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

May God be gracious to us.

May God’s face shine upon us.

May God bless us all.

May God be revered to the ends of the earth.

May God be praised by all of God’s creatures, great and small.

Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.

*** Choral Blessing** VU #963

*** Postlude:** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Pachelbel)

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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 **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service. Thank you to **members of our Senior Choir** for hosting this time of fellowship. There will also be a Listening Session held in the parlour hosted by members of Council and the Property Development Working Group.

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 love and condolences are extended to Flemming and Lorie Nielsen on the recent death of Flemming's brother, Aage.

APPLE PIES: UCW will be taking orders after church **TODAY, Oct 29** for apple pies. Two sizes 10" for \$8.00 and 6" for \$5.00



CITRUS FOR SALE: It is that time of the year that fresh Florida citrus is available. This year we are ordering the citrus in advance. Order forms are available from Greg Black. Please see Greg after church. Deadline for orders is **Nov 13th**. Proceeds go to the Youth group activities; your support is appreciated.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Our last Church Photo Directory was prepared in 2013 so the suggestion was made at the last Council meeting that it is time to produce a new one. Volunteers are needed if we are to undertake this project. If you are interested, please contact Rose~Hannah Gaskin, Ellen Beairsto or Shirley Cleave.

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.

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED: Winter weather will eventually arrive and our friends and neighbours are in need of warm outer clothing and footwear. If you have coats, jackets, practical boots, mitts, scarves and hats in clean and good condition for children, women or men, please bring them into Wilmot by Tuesday, Nov. 13th and we will find folks who can make great use of them. Containers will be near Randy's desk. Thank you very much!

IMPORTANT MEETING ON WORLD MISSION AT WILMOT: Please join in the discussions about Wilmot's world mission. The Cuba Twinning Committee is sponsoring a discussion of our role in the world, and how we may act practically. Wilmot has had a history with partners in Cuba through exchanges involving people of all ages. The United Church has also had involvement in Guatemala, Palestine, Africa and Asia. These involvements have touched on a number of issues: international economic structures, national social policies, fair trade, human rights, the effects of the AIDS epidemic and several other issues. However, in all of the above, sharing each other's stories has been the basis of arriving at understanding. This discussion will be the basis of what activities the congregation wishes to continue or initiate. Please make time to attend after church on **Sunday, Nov. 5th** in the parlour. This Sunday is not only a soup lunch day, but also the date we start getting up an hour later as the sun goes south . If you cannot attend, please communicate your ideas to Greg Black (209-5546, blackbegr@outlook.com) or pass on your ideas to someone who will be attending.

Community Notices

OCT. 30: at 7 p.m. there will be a very different 'night out' for concert goers at St. Paul's United Church! A unique cinema experience with a twist is offered when we show one of the greatest silent films ever made, the classic 1925 film version of **The Phantom of the Opera**, starring Lon Chaney, together with live, improvised organ accompaniment from international recitalist David Drinkell. This is cinema as it used to be with a musician trying to capture the mood as the silent movie's images flash across the silver screen. Free will offering. Produced by Dr. Sharon Pond, "A Silent Haunting" is a unique event as St. Paul's United Church transforms itself into the world of silent film and, accompanied by David on their 70-year-old Casavant organ, provides a heady and exhilarating evening's entertainment.

NOV. 17 & 18: **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SALE** at Wilmot! Fair-Trade Gift Sale "Gifts with a Story". Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

Oct. 29 – Nov. 5

Today:

9:30 a.m. ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP & S.S.
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION
12:00 p.m. LISTENING SESSION - Parlour

Mon, Oct. 30:

6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS – Board Room

Wed. Nov.1

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. NA GROUP – Fireside Room

Thurs. Nov. 2:

9:00 a.m. APPLE PIE DAY– Parlour, kitchen and gym
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS
7:30 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE

Sat. Nov. 4

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

Sun. Nov. 5:

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