





**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**April 8, 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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: The Reverend Rose-Hannah Gaskin

**THE GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude:** O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing (Dandrieu)

**Call to Worship:**

This is the season of Easter:

**the celebration of resurrection,**

the festival of hope,

**the promise of new beginnings,**

the dance of faith,

**the song of joy,**

the music of gladness,

**the hymn of love.**

Let us worship our life-giving God!

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**Prayer of Approach:**

**Eternal God,**

**Light of the minds that know you,**

**the joy of the hearts that love you**

**and the strength of the wills that serve you:**

**grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,**

**so to love you that we may fully serve you,**

**whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.**

## **Sharing the Peace:**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

## **And also with you.**

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

**\*Opening Hymn:** Welcome, Happy Morning

VU #161

**Time with the Young and the Young at Heart**

Rev. E. Beairsto

**\* Hymn:** Alleluia, Praise to God

MV #59

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**God of mercy and grace, you know the secrets of our hearts:  
how blind we are to our own faults, yet harsh in judging others;  
how swift we are to take for gain, yet slow to give for others;  
how proud we are of our successes,  
yet grudging in our praise of others.  
Forgive us we pray.**

### **Assurance of God's Love:**

As the sun melts the ice in spring,  
as blossoms burst forth on dry branches—  
so God's warmth heals and transforms  
the deadness and brokenness within us.  
In Christ we are a forgiven people!  
Thanks be to God!

**Anthem:** He Is the Risen Lord

(Martin)

**Prayer of Preparation:** (unison)

Dana Hanson

**God of startling revelation,  
open us to your message this day.**

**Get our attention; show us the way to abundant life  
for all of creation. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings:** John 20: 19-31,

1 John 1: 1-5 (Responsive Reading)

We declare to you what was from the beginning,

**what we have heard,**

what we have seen with our eyes,

**what we have looked at**

and touched with our hands,

**concerning the word of life—**

this life was revealed,

**and we have seen it and testify to it,**

and declare to you the eternal life

**that was with the Creator**

and was revealed to us—

**we declare to you**

what we have seen and heard

**so that you also may have fellowship with us;**

and truly our fellowship is with God

**and with his God's beloved child, Jesus Christ.**

We are writing these things

**so that our joy may be complete.**

**Congregational Response:**

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Faith, Doubt and the Door" Rev. R-H Gaskin  
**\* Hymn:** O Sons and Daughters, Le Us Sing VU #170

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Announcements of our Life Together

#### Invitation to the Offering:

With joy, let us present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

#### 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

**\*Closing Hymn:** Christ Is Alive VU #158

#### \*Commissioning & Benediction

#### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Amen** VU #967

**Postlude:** Trumpet Tune (Purcell)

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**BULLETINS:** "A friend remembered" Today's bulletins are sponsored by Bob and Sue Breen in memory of ***Jim Moase***.

**WELCOME** to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. We're glad you're here! You are invited to join us for **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the Worship service. Thank you to members of *the Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir* for providing this time of refreshments and 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).

**CONDOLENCES** are extended to Arlene Pineo on the passing of her father, *Nick Pineo*, on Thursday, March 29. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Arlene and her family.



On the monthly calendar (pink) that was in the bulletin last Sunday the Rummage Sale is scheduled for April 20 and 21, however, please note that the date is NOT correct. **Correct date is April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**THE OBSERVER:** It's time to renew your subscription or sign up for the first time, to the National Church's magazine "The Observer". Cost is \$25. If you are paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to Wilmot United Church.

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please come out for our next gathering on Tuesday, April 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. Our special guest will be RCMP Sgt. Andrea Gallant, speaking about issues of Security and Fraud for Seniors. We hear so much about telephone and email scams, identity theft and much more these days, and Sgt Gallant will address these topics and will be able to answer all of our questions. As usual we will enjoy a lovely lunch, this month provided by Group 3. All seniors and retirees are very welcome. See you there!

**YOUTH FUND & REDEEMABLES:** Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect redeemables in support of our youth activities. They have been such a great help. You can drop them off anytime (just leave them in Ellen's office) or we would even pick them up just give Ellen a call (206-1943). THANK YOU for all of your support.

**APRIL 22: ELVIS GOSPEL CONCERT** All are invited to the "Gospel Side of Elvis" concert at Wilmot United Church on Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Mike Bravener will be "in the building" singing your favourite Gospel tunes such as Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art and There'll Be Peace in the Valley. Free Will offering to support the Youth Ministry. Light refreshments served. Come and sing along with Elvis!



**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** Wilmot UCW is now collecting items for its Spring Rummage Sale, April 27-28. Please keep the sale in mind as you begin your spring cleaning. Your surplus clothing and household items can be dropped off with Randy or left on the gym stage. Many thanks.

**MAY 3: UCW Bridge Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12 noon at Nashwaaksis United Church. Please contact Connie – 472-4744 to reserve your table at a cost of \$40.

**“NO SCENTS MAKE GOOD SENSE.”**

It has been our policy to ask that our “Wilmoteers” be aware that scented products can cause allergic reactions in some of our members. These can be triggered by perfume and aftershave, but also by certain “fresh-smelling” laundry products, soaps, and hair products. Please pay attention to how you use them.



**CALL-OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS:** An opportunity to work alongside our neighbours to spring-clean our city - Mark your calendars for **Earth Day, Sunday, April 22nd**, and the annual Fredericton clean-up event #cleanupfred, followed by music, food, beer, and a Kid's Fair at Picaroons Roundhouse.

Here's how Wilmot folks can get involved:

- a) invite family and friends to come out to pick up garbage and celebrate Earth Day with you on April 22nd;
- b) reach out to newcomers you know in Fredericton to invite them to come along with you;
- c) use this opportunity to build new relationships with friends you haven't met yet; and
- d) help run an earth day activity at the Kids Fair.

Contact Kylie Bergfalk at [kmbergfalk@gmail.com](mailto:kmbergfalk@gmail.com) with questions or comments.

**"WE ARE HERE!"** Award-winning poet El Jones will perform on Friday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilmot United Church Sanctuary in Fredericton. Featuring the poetry of Melissa Beek and Chevelle Malcolm, violin by Harsvardhinee Chady, and voices from the NB Immigrant Women's Association and Filipino-Canadian CommUNITY of New Brunswick. With a fair trade boutique. This Mayworks Fredericton 2018 event is presented by No One Is Illegal Fredericton, the Women's March Committee, the NB Immigrant Women's Association, Filipino-Canadian CommUNITY of New Brunswick, Women's Studies and Gender Studies at St. Thomas University and Wilmot's Outreach Committee. Contact: [mayworksfredericton@gmail.com](mailto:mayworksfredericton@gmail.com).



**THIS WEEK AT WILMOT**

**April 8 - 15**

**TODAY:**

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

**Mon, Apr. 9:**

1:00 p.m. **U.C.W. – Parlour**  
6:45 p.m. **TOASTMASTERS – Board Room**

**Tues, Apr. 10:**

12:00 p.m. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Parlour**  
4:00 p.m. **MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP – Fireside Room**  
7:00 p.m. **FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE - Parlour**  
7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**

**Wed. Apr. 11:**

9:00 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour**  
10:00 a.m. **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m. **WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT**  
7:00 p.m. **NA GROUP – Fireside Room**

**Thurs. Apr. 12:**

9:30 a.m. **QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour**  
1:00 p.m. **WRITERS' GROUP - Parlour**  
6:30 p.m. **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:00 p.m. **MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**  
7:30 p.m. **CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Sat., April 14:**

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

**Sun. Apr. 15:**

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