





# WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

June 10, 2018

93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada

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

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*Portions of this service are taken from the Inaugural Service, June 10, 1925.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Organ Prelude:** Sicilienne (von Paradise)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**\*Invocation:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty – verse 1 VU #315

**Call to Worship:**

The Magi came from many places, following a star.

We come to worship,

and the star sheds light on our lives.

The Magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.

Shepherds and Magi—the meek and the mighty—

all were welcome in Bethlehem.

We too come to Bethlehem

and then return to our homes rejoicing.





## **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.

On this day, we pray with others around the world,  
for those facing extreme hunger and starvation in South Sudan,  
Somalia, Nigeria, Kenya and Yemen.

Let us be part of a world response  
that cares for all people in need with love.

Help us, with others, answer the call to end famine  
and eradicate poverty.

Finally we think of our own individual lives.

We give you our thanks for the blessing you have given us,  
and 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 heart that thirsts for you.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**\*Benediction and Sending Forth**

**\*Sung Amen** VU #431

**Organ Postlude:** Toccata in A (Speth)

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**You are invited to remain for the Postlude. It is part of the worship service.**

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**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 ***Lois Campion, Linda Gough and their helpers*** for providing this time of refreshments and fellowship.

**THE BULLETINS** today are sponsored by the family of ***Jessica Robinson*** in honour of Jessica who would have celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SYMPATHY:** Our love and condolences to the family and friends of **Bob Flemming** who passed away on June 1st. Bob's funeral was held at Wilmot last Wednesday.

**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).



The Summer issue of **Words from Wilmot** is available from our welcomers at the door this morning and at Coffee and Conversation after worship. Please pick up your copy, and consider taking copies for neighbours, friends or relatives whom you know are unable to get out to church, or would enjoy having a copy. Large print copies are also available, and you will be able to access a copy in colour on the Wilmot website: [www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/wfw.html](http://www.wilmotuc.nb.ca/wfw.html). Please encourage your friends and relatives to check the Wilmot website for our newsletter and updates for all of our special activities for June, July, August and September.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday, June 15 – Marlene taking a vacation day.

**TWO SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY HERE AT WILMOT:**

**11:00 WORSHIP IN THE PARK / CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC (Odell).** This service includes games for the children as well as a barbeque. A great relaxing gathering of our Community of Faith. Don't forget your hat and a lawn chair. In case of rain, it will be held here at the church.

**7:00 - SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE HERE AT WILMOT**

For many years, morning and evening services were the norm in churches across the country. Next Sunday, we are also going to have an evening service as well. Ellen and a few of the youth are hoping that you can join us for this service.

## **THE 'GO' PROJECT ADVENTURE CAMP -- For Grades 2 – 7 - July 16-20**

The GO camp is a United Church Camp designed to happen right here in your own community. It is a joint effort by St. Paul's, Forest Hill, Nashwaaksis & Wilmot to be held at Nashwaaksis. There will be trained staff and volunteers that will lead exciting programming with an outreach and justice focus. Children will spend time learning, playing, volunteering and learning about their faith. It is a full day program filled with fun activities. LIMITED SPACE so give Ellen a call to reserve a space for you or register online at [WWW.THEGOPROJECT.CA](http://WWW.THEGOPROJECT.CA) Cost is \$125 (Sponsorship is available – touch base with Ellen)

### **LOVE IN ACTION**

**DATE: Friday, June 15: Hidden Faces of Poverty: Stories Untold.**

**TIME: 11:00am- 1:00pm**, followed by a free BBQ from 1 - 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wellness Centre, located at the Fredericton Multicultural Association on 28 Saunders Street

The issue of poverty is one that affects all New Brunswickers, either directly or indirectly. Individuals living in poverty, specifically recipients of social assistance program face numerous barriers to their quality of life. It is the impact of some of these barriers, such as the inadequate social assistance rates and the household income policy that we are aiming to highlight through this initiative.

Hidden Faces of Poverty: Stories Untold, hosted by MLA David Coon and the St. Thomas Social Work social action interns working in his Constituency Office will be taking place on Friday, June 15th.

There will be a public panel discussion from 11 a.m.- 1p.m., followed by a free BBQ from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

" The panelists represent several organizations in Fredericton who work directly with those experiencing poverty, and includes those who have the lived experience of poverty in Fredericton as well. The event will include a question and answer portion in which members of the public can ask questions to become further familiarized with the issues facing people living in poverty in Fredericton, and New Brunswick as a whole."

**TOY LIBRARY:** Toy Library members can now sign out toys for the summer. Please note that membership in the Fredericton Toy Library is separate from church membership. To become a member of the Toy Library, please come by during our operating hours (Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to noon). The last day that the Toy Library will be open before the summer break is Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **LOOKING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** *At some point in the next month or so, there will be an interruption in our power as NB Power installs new poles. We will inform you of the date as soon as we know and make any necessary changes in scheduling.*

**July 1 - 29 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be combined with St. Paul's and held **here at Wilmot at 10:30.**

**July 16 – July 20 – GO Children's Adventure Camp** (see notice)

**July 21 – July 27 - The 43<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL COUNCIL of the UCC** to be held in Oshawa, ON **Rose-Hannah** will serve as the commissioner clergy from the Woolastook Presbytery.

**August 5 – Sept. 2 (5 Sundays)** Our **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** will be at **St. Paul's at 10:30.**

**August 27-31 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - "ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE"** held at St. Paul's this year.

**THIS AFTERNOON: MEMORIAL HYMN SING** at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock. Enjoy a supper of sandwiches, desserts and beverages immediately following the hymn sing. All proceeds are for the "Roof Fund Campaign". Free will offering.

**THIS EVENING: STEPPING STONE SINGERS CONCERT:** "Welcome to Broadway" Journey Wesleyan Church - 7 p.m. Free will offering.

## **MOVING FORWARD IN OUR INTERCULTURAL WORK**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the intercultural journey of learning and practice. Carmen Ramirez shares her story today.

“It has been great to be a part of the United Church’s intercultural work. One highly effective branch of this work is the Deep Understanding for Intercultural Ministry (DUIM) program, which has helped church leaders and community members develop tools and foster attitudes to engage their own contexts. The program has been a life-changing experience for both the participants and the facilitators.

“As a facilitator for DUIM I have been able to learn more about dominant culture individuals and their experience. This has made me a more patient and understanding person. I have realized that we are all not in the same place in our intercultural or faith journey.”

Similarly, one participant had this to say about the program: “I am looking forward to using many of the tools in a variety of my ministry contexts. This includes home in Kahnawake as we engage in relationship building outside the reserve; Montreal City Mission, where we work ecumenically; interfaith encounters with a wide variety of marginalized communities; through my work on right relations with our presbytery; working with my home congregation on relationship building with a variety of cultural groups; and my ongoing work with the Muslim Association of Canada. My heart and head are full of ideas, possibilities, and opportunities to engage the various ministries where I work.”

The DUIM program allows people to move forward in their intercultural work. Our gifts for Mission & Service make this journey possible.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please consider making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

June 10 - 17

### **TODAY:** 93rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

- 9:15 a.m. BIBLE CONVERSATIONS – Board Room  
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP  
12:00 p.m. COFFEE & CONVERSATION

### **Monday, June 11:**

- 5:30 p.m. U.C.W. DINNER OUT  
6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS CLUB - Board Room

### **Tuesday, June 12:**

- 7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS

### **Wednesday, June 13:**

- 9:00 a.m. QUILTERS  
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY  
7:00 p.m. NA GROUP - Fireside Room

### **Thursday, June 14:**

- 9:30 a.m. QUILTERS  
1:00 p.m. WRITERS GROUP - Parlour  
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS

### **Saturday, June 16:**

- 10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY

### **Sunday, June 17:**

- 9:15 a.m. BIBLE CONVERSATIONS – Board Room  
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP IN ODELL PARK  
7:00 p.m. WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH