





## WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

March 11, 2018

Lent Four

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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 PEOPLE GATHER

- Organ Prelude:** Adagio and Fantasy in A Minor (Bach)
- Introit:** Take, O Take Me as I Am MV #85  
Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

### Welcome to the Church

#### Lenten Candle Liturgy:

One: Today we continue our journey towards Good Friday by examining the barrier our fear can place between God and us. Fear can paralyze our ability to respond and grow and can rob our lives and our relationship with God of all signs of vitality.

**All: Being afraid can stop us from doing new things, learning new things. And meeting new people. Being afraid can stop us from doing the things God wants us to do.**

One: As we put out the candle let us think of ways in which we can be more open - more trusting of God. (A candle is extinguished.)

**All: You, O God, are the ever faithful One. We confess our lack of trust in Your Word. We have not understood in our heart of hearts the uncompromising forgiveness of the cross. We have**

**not trusted in Your ability to use us as builders of Shalom. O God, break through the barriers of fear which separate us from our brothers and sisters and empower us to respond with courage and conviction. Amen.**

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:**

We are given life—

**by Love.**

We are called—

**by Love.**

We are gathered together—

**by Love.**

By God's love for us...

**and by our love for God.**

So, this day and all days...

**we abide in the love of God,  
living God's will,  
loving God's way.**

Come, people of God's covenant love,  
let us worship God.

Let us pray:

**You, God, are our all-in-all,  
the ground of our being,  
the rock of our faith,  
the place of shelter,  
in the never-ending dance  
of our lives.**

**For those moments in which  
we need calm,  
give us peace.**

**For those moments in which  
we need to go,  
give us energy.**

**For those moments in which  
we need to simply be,  
give us love.**

**And help us to be  
your conduits of love, energy, and peace  
that flow into the world.**

*(20 to 30 seconds of quiet time)*

In Christ's name, we ask it.

Amen.

*Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, BC*

**\* Hymn: Come Touch Our Hearts**

**MV #12**

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

Rev. E. Beirsto

**\* Hymn: This Little Light of Mine – see back of bulletin**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**In our hearts this day, O God,  
we bring to you the ways in which we miss the mark.  
We remember the times when we did not try at all.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**We remember the times when we tried to get it right  
but our hearts were not in it.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**We remember the times when we really did try to get it right  
but later discovered we had it all wrong.**

*(a time of silent prayer)*

**We remember the times when we did the exact opposite  
of what you were calling us to do. (a time of silent prayer)**

**Forgive us, heal us, and reorient us once again to the Way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

*Beth W Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, NS*

### **Silent Prayer**

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

Through the words of John,  
we receive the good news.

For God so loved the world  
that God sent Jesus

not to condemn, but to save the world.

Despite our failures

God loves us

and Christ died for us.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Frances Flook, Emo/Devlin P.C., Emo, ON*

## **LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

#### **Prayer of Preparation:**

Dorothy Frazier

Our prayer, O God, is to notice your whispers.

Our expectation is to feel your embrace.

Our yearning is to understand your Word.

Our song is to praise you for merciful grace.

Our hope is to become ever more your people. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 2: 1-10 and John 3: 14-21

**Response:** This is the witness of Scripture

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** A Prayer

(Althouse)

**Reflection**

Rev. R-H Gaskin

**\* Hymn:** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU #121

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Announcements**

**Invitation to The Offering**

**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 over the Offering:**

**We ask your blessing, God,  
on all who are gathered here and upon these gifts:  
for ourselves, for our brothers, sisters, and siblings,  
and for the world  
so that all may be transformed  
and the world may be made new again, through us.  
In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.**

*Kate Crawford, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Bend, ON*

**Prayers of the People**

### **Sending Forth**

**\*Closing Hymn:** Jesus Christ Is Waiting

VU #117

**\*Commissioning**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Choral Amen**

VU #967

**Postlude:**

Allegro

(Guilmant)

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If you wish, you are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

**WELCOME** to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. We're glad you're here! If you are new to our church, we have a 'Welcome to Wilmot' kit for you. Please ask one of the ushers at the back of the sanctuary, for the blue folder. We're glad you're here! 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 the **CHOIR** for providing this time of refreshments and fellowship.



Today's bulletin is sponsored by Shirley Bird in loving memory of sister-in-law, **Joan Marie MacFarlane**, who passed away on March 12, 2016.

**CONDOLENCES:** Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bruce and Crista McCormack as well as Sheree Fitch and their families on the passing of their son, **Dustin McCormack**, on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dustin's service was held in Halifax this past Thursday. Our thoughts and prayers go to them.

**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).

**LENTEN DISCUSSION:** During Lent, we will be offering a series of after-worship sessions for our shared learning and group discussion.

March 11- "Ending Poverty R US" - How might Christians be called to this work in 2018? Gail Wylie

March 18- Plight of Palestinian Children - "That's No Way to Treat a Child" - Ruth Breen

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please come out for our next gathering on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. Our special guest will be our very own Peter Curtis who be joining us to tell us all about his adventure Trekking in Nepal! As usual we will enjoy a lovely lunch, this month provided by Group 2. See you there.

**FOR YOUR ATTENTION:** One thing I would invite you to help me with throughout Lent is “Praying The News”. This will be included in our corporate worship. When you hear of a situation in the news that needs our prayers, please help me bring it to light by printing it on a four inch square piece of paper. Bring this to me on Sundays or leave it for me in the office any time. We will have these ‘prayer cards’ available every Sunday during Lent so that individuals can pick out a paper and take it home to pray for that situation throughout the week. Every week, you can take home a prayer card. All through Lent, as you listen to and read the news, keep making me these “prayer cards”. I believe our prayers can make a difference and I need your participation to launch this Wilmot Lenten initiative. Rose-Hannah

**SAVE THE DATE – March 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Telephone and email scams, identity theft... “From January 2014 to December 2016, Canadians lost an estimated \$290-million to fraudsters, who increasingly have access to new technology and global resources.” (Globe and Mail 2018)

How do we protect ourselves? The Third Age Centre cordially invites you to:

**Security and Fraud for Seniors**

**March 14th, 2-4 p.m. at the Willie O’Ree Place**

**with RCMP Sgt. Andrea Gallant**

March is fraud prevention month. Please join the Third Age Centre for an afternoon discussion with Sgt. Gallant who will be inviting questions from the audience. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Admission: \$5 for Members, \$10 for Non-Members, STU students free

To register please contact the Third Age Centre at 452-0526 or 3rdage@stu.ca

Please feel to invite friends.



## **LENTEN CARBON FEST - WEEK OF MARCH 5**

Consider a Carbon Fast again this year during the season of Lent. We will provide you with daily suggestions for reducing energy consumption and overall carbon footprints. Some will be the same as last year while others are new.

### **WEEK OF MARCH 12**

**Monday** Reduce your use of paper plates, cups, napkins.

**Tuesday** Pray for farmers who get caught in cycles of floods and droughts throughout the world because of changes in eco-systems.

**Wednesday** Your hot water heater represents about 20-30% of the carbon emissions of your home, the biggest user of energy in your house. Consider setting your hot water thermostat to 120 degrees F (50 degrees C). Insulate your hot water tank with an insulation jacket if available for your system.

**Thursday** Avoid buying products that have lots of packaging. About a third of the waste we generate is from packaging to get items to our homes. Choose loose products and buy refillable containers when possible (food co-ops and health food stores usually offer these options.)

**Friday** When driving on the highway, maintain steady speed. For most vehicles, 90 kph (55 mph) is the most fuel efficient highway speed and will save you 20–30% in fuel costs compared to driving at 120 kph (75 mph). It's also safer.

**Saturday** Anticipate stops and slowdowns; decelerate steadily to save gas.

### **Fifth Sunday, March 18**

Pray for our neighbors around the world who are vulnerable to extreme drought, crop failure, rising sea levels, floods, raging wildfires and violent storms.

**YOU CAN HELP!** Several people from the Wilmot Community will be traveling to Cuba for a special event in early April. This event is a recognition event by the Cuban Government for Churches and groups who have participated in Community support roles over the past several years. The Wilmot family has generously donated to the needs in Cuba and we are asking for your continued support with this trip. The following is a list of items that we would like to take with us and make available to the people in Cuba. The needs include, sewing notions, pain medicines, first aid supplies, personal cares and hygiene products, small music instruments, music instruments spare parts, sheet music, and monetary donations. Thank you for your continued support. Your donations should be left with Norm Laverty or Greg Black. If you have any questions please contact Greg or Norm.

**STUFFED PORK LOIN DINNER:** Gibson Memorial United Church will be hosting a “Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner” on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. Adults \$14. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

**A JIGGS DINNER** will be held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Nashwaaksis United Church hall, featuring corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, pease pudding and dessert. Adults - \$14, children 10 and under - \$5. Numbers are limited, please reserve by Thursday, March 15 by phoning Rindy and Tom Austin at 450-7151.

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**Ministers:**

**Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin**

**292-1680**

**Rev. Ellen Beirsto**

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**Ministers Emeriti:**

**Rev. Cliff Moase, Rev. Bob Jones**

**Organist: Virginia Leiter**

**Music Director: Steven Peacock**

**Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips**

**Sexton: Randy Randall**

**Church Office: 458-1066**

**Hours: Tues - Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

March 11 - 18

### TODAY:

### LENT FOUR

- 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. LENTEN DISCUSSION – Parlour. “Ending Poverty R US” - How might Christians be called to this work in 2018? Gail Wylie

### Mon, Mar. 12:

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

### Tues, Mar. 13:

- 12:00 p.m. WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Parlour  
6:30 p.m. SPANISH CLASS – Board Room  
7:00 p.m. FAITH FORMATION - Parlour

### Wed. Mar. 14:

- 9:00 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour  
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY  
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT  
6:30 p.m. OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Board Room  
7:00 p.m. STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE - Parlour  
7:00 p.m. NA GROUP – Fireside Room

### Thurs. Mar. 15:

- 9:30 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour  
6:30 p.m. HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE  
7:30 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE

### Sat. Mar. 10:

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

### Sun. Mar. 18:

### LENT FIVE

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

