





**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH  
WELCOME SUNDAY  
September 16, 2018**

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Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory: For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked in this land, their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the unceded traditional territory of the Wolastowqiyik (Maliseet) and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

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

**THE GATHERING**

**Prelude:** Pisgah (Wood)

**Welcome to the Church**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

Come people of God,  
Let us worship together on this Sabbath day.

**We come with joy and excitement,**

**We long to be the community of faith God calls us to be.**

**May it be so!**

**Opening Prayer:**

Creating One,  
here we are, a gathering of your people;  
evidence of Creation's unfolding,  
we come,  
all shapes and all sizes  
all ages and life stages.



## **Congregational Response:**

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem:** Hear My Prayer (Hogan)

**Sermon:** Who Do You Say That I Am? Rev. R-H Gaskin

## **Time for Silent Reflection**

\* **Hymn:** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd VU #210

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

### **Invitation to Offering Our Gifts**

**Presentation of Our Offering and Prayer** 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.**

### **Prayers of the People - Prayer of the Directions:**

**Spirit of the East**, (Choir) direction of the rising sun, delight us with a spirit that is open to the new and those who are new among us today, friends and guests. Spirit of the East in the wind and the rising sun, be present now within each of us and among us - calling us to work with others, to seek Truth, and to struggle for justice, moving us to create beauty and stirring us to compassion.

**Spirit of the South**, (Right side of the sanctuary) spirit of learning and lament, growth, and reflection, open our hearts and minds to the voices of the south, voices from places of climate injustice and rising tides: from the surface of the ocean and the depths of the sea: plants, fish, seabirds, shellfish, and humans cry out, "Save!" All around the world, from Congo to

Guatemala, from Gaza to Canada, lament arises from every heart joining the heart of all that is, crying out, "Save!" Hear us as we pray for all the migrant people in Europe and Syria fleeing for safety. Save us from despair, and give us hope, O Spirit of the South!

**Spirit of the West**, (Left side of the sanctuary) direction of the setting sun, harvest, and seasons of maturity and accomplishment, open our hearts and minds to a sense of awe and gratitude for the capacity we have to learn, to grow, to plan, and to change with the seasons of our lives. We give thanks for students of every age returning to schools of all kinds. Bless teachers and learners all together,

**Spirit of the North**, (Balcony) direction of wisdom and ancestors, teach us that all seasons of our lives come to an end even as new ones begin. As our community takes up the weekly tasks of fall and winter, we know that care reaches out from this circle. In the silence of this moment we name those among and around us for whom we have a particular concern at this time. (pause in silence) Holy Wisdom, hold us in community and care that we may hold the Earth in community and care. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

VU #959

\* **Closing Hymn:** All Praise to Thee

VU #327

## \* **Commissioning:**

Go from this place,

let your anxious worries cease.

May the lilies of the field and birds of the air

inspire you to see God in all you do.

**\* Benediction:**

May the blessing of Jesus, who announced God’s righteousness, of the Creator, who fills Earth with beauty, and of the Spirit, who nurtures awe, bless, inspire, and empower you. Amen.

**\* Choral Amen**

VU #967

**Postlude:**

Jig

(Young)

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

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**WELCOME** to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. 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 folder. We're glad you're here! Today is **WELCOME SUNDAY** and you are invited to visit our “Ministry Fair” in the gym. **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** will take place in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship – hotdogs and cake as well! Thank you to members of the ***Hospitality Committee and friends*** for hosting this time of fellowship and refreshments.

**SYMPATHY:** Our love and condolences are extended to the family of ***Lesly Thompson*** who recently passed away at the Moncton City Hospital. Both Lesley and her husband, W.B. Thompson were long-time workers at Wilmot United Church. Memorial service was held for Lesley on Friday at McAdam’s Funeral Home.

**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).

**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please join us on Tuesday, September 18th at 12 noon as we kick off our fall season with a pot luck lunch. After lunch we are going to have some musical fun with our guest, Lynda-Jean Coffin. It's going to be a great time with delicious food, fun and fellowship. All seniors are very welcome!!

**CANOEING / KAYAKING ADVENTURE:** Do you enjoy paddling your canoe or kayak? On Sunday morning, Sept. 23 a group of folks are going to once again head over to an island up river in our canoes or kayaks. What better place to sit and feel the sacredness all around us? If you are interested let me know and we will add your name to our list. It is not necessary for you to own a canoe or a kayak, as we can help you out. Ellen (206-1943)

**FAITH IN ACTION: STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE:** Over the fall we are going to have a number of opportunities to explore what it means to be good stewards of our resources as individuals and as a congregation. Our first opportunity will be a workshop on Planned Gifts led by Roger Janes, the United Church Stewardship and Gift Officer for Atlantic Canada. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 2 – 4 p.m. Roger will help us consider the role that bequests and other planned gifts have in the funding of our mission and ministry at Wilmot and how do we invite such gifts and manage them faithfully. Everyone is invited to attend this workshop to learn about Planned Gifts at Wilmot. If you have questions or suggestions, please speak to Marg Routledge, Shirley Cleave, or Rose~Hannah Gaskin

**FALL AUCTION:** Seeking Treasures and Talents!

The popular Wilmot United Church Biennial Auction will be held on Saturday, November 24th. Do you have some treasures or talents to consider donating to this event? If so, please drop off your items (or state the talent you will be offering) at the church soon for our photo shoot of items. Your items will be stored in a secure location leading up to auction day. To ensure we can supply you in 2019 with an accurate official tax receipt for your donations, please fill out one of our auction donor sheets at Randy's desk when leaving your items at the church. Many thanks to all who have already donated items. If you have any questions or need an item picked up, please contact Judy Luton (459-1099) or Andy MacDonald (459-7569).





**UCW RUMMAGE SALE:** Mark your calendars for Friday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> (3-6 pm) and Saturday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> (9-12 noon) for Wilmot's fall rummage sale. This initiative is always warmly received by the

Fredericton community and is also a wonderful time for fellowship and fundraising for us at Wilmot. If you have items to donate, please leave them on the gym stage anytime up to Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to help with setup and/or work at the sale, please contact Linda Gough at 459-3706.

**WENDY TOPOLSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** The Wendy Topolski Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one recipient per year. Applicants must at present, or in the last two years, be involved in a United Church committee, group or activity and be currently attending an accredited university or community college in Canada. Deadline for applications is Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

**HELEN A. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** The Helen A. Young Memorial Scholarship is awarded to at least one recipient per year. Applicants must be from a family connected with Wilmot United Church and be currently attending a post-secondary institution. Deadline for applications is Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

**"NO SCENTS MAKES 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. This 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.

**NO PARKING:** Please remember that the King Street Parking Lot is reserved for Staff Parking. Thank you.

**FALL EMAIL RETREAT - EARTH GRATITUDE:** This email retreat series celebrates creation and deepens our thankfulness for the gift of life. You receive a retreat on Saturday for four weeks. It's delivered to your inbox. This Retreat series will invite you on a journey into the heart of gratitude. There are wisdom readings to sit with, reflections to ponder, questions for journaling and taking you deeper, and there are gratitude practices to explore. You spend time with your retreat when you are able. Some participants like to set aside one block of time a week; others work on it a bit each day or integrate it with established practices. There is no right way. Choose activities that feel right to you to explore. I offer a variety of choices for different prayer personalities and time commitments. Based on the work of Diana Butler Bass, Robin Wall Kimmerer and various praise poets and my own experience and learning. Learn more here: [Earth Gratitude Retreat](#)

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE ELECTION QUESTIONS & PARTY RESPONSES:** The Access to Justice Coalition of NB raised two issues for all five NB Political Parties, including research and proposed changes, regarding: 1. Greater legal rigour required of the Social Assistance Appeal Board's make-up and process and 2. Broader definition/greater transparency in awarding Disability – Extended Benefits status. The issues and Party responses are now posted to the Maritime Conference website: <https://marconf.ca/resources/access-to-justice-working-group/>

**QUILT SHOW** next Friday, Sept. 21, 2 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church. Light refreshments. Admission by donation, proceeds for church activities. The show will feature new and old quilts plus more.

**SEPT. 21:** The Jim Axelrod Big Little Band, an uptempo jazz & blues trio featuring our own Steven Peacock on guitar, plays Frank's Finer Diner on Friday, Sept. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Come enjoy classics made famous by Billie Holiday, Ray Charles, Nat King Cole, Dutch Mason, the Powder Blues Band, and more. Cover: \$10 cash only, please.

**BRIDGE LUNCHEON:** The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 at the New Maryland Rec Centre. To book a table of 4 for \$48 call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.

**A RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Paul's United Church. Winter clothing and footwear, small household items, toys, books, etc. Come early to shop and BRING YOUR BAGS !

**FREDERICTON CHORAL SOCIETY FALL TERM:** We are all gearing up for an exciting Fall term for the Fredericton Choral Society. Registration will continue until Tuesday, Sept. 25. This term, we are delighted to be partnering with the Fredericton Symphony Orchestra to present a St. Cecilia's Day concert on Nov. 22. Details are available at <https://frederictonchoralsociety.blogspot.com>

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### **Caring for Children in Gaza**

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the Near East Council of Churches in caring for children in the midst of the shattered infrastructure of the Gaza Strip.

Of particular concern are children suffering from malnutrition and anemia, both treatable illnesses. The clinics in Shijaia, Darraj, and Rafah estimate anemia and malnutrition affect about 10,000 children in these areas from newborn infants to age six. If treated in time, 60 percent of the children will fully recover.

Parents and children are welcome to come to clinics, and the Near East Council of Churches also runs outreach programs for families who need services and can't get to clinics. In addition to the 10,000 children treated for illness, clinic staff will be able to carry out about 22,000 well baby checks per year. Children with more complicated diagnoses are referred to advanced diagnostic and therapeutic services.

The reality of living in the Gaza Strip is harsh. There are shortages of drugs. The Near East Council of Churches reports a shortfall of about 40 percent in essential drugs needed for mother and child health services. The exposure to health risks has increased, including the spread of communicable diseases, food insecurity, and psychosocial issues. The economic impact of the ongoing blockade and other factors means families have much more limited capacity to contribute to medical costs.

Mission & Service makes it possible for the Near East Council of Churches to address the challenges of providing medical care to children in the Gaza Strip.

If M&S giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you are not giving to M&S, please consider making it a regular part of your life of faith.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT10

Sept. 16 – 23

### Today:

### WELCOME SUNDAY

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

### Monday, Sept. 17:

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

### Tuesday, Sept. 18:

- 12:00 p.m.      **SENIORS POT LUCK LUNCHEON** – Parlour  
7:00 p.m.      **TRUSTEES** – Parlour  
7:00 p.m.      **STEWARDS** – Board Room  
8:00 p.m.      **STEWARDS and TRUSTEES** – Board Room

### Wednesday, Sept. 19:

- 9:30 a.m.      **QUILTERS** – Parlour  
10:00 a.m.      **TOY LIBRARY**  
1:00 p.m.      **WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT** – Gym  
7:00 p.m.      **NA GROUP** – Fireside Room

### Thursday, Sept. 20:

- 9:00 a.m.      **QUILTERS** – Parlour  
4:00 p.m.      **SEEKERS GROUP** – Parlour  
6:30 p.m.      **HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE**  
7:30 p.m.      **CHOIR PRACTICE**

### Saturday, Sept. 22:

- 10:00 a.m.      **TOY LIBRARY**

### Sunday, Sept. 23:

- 9:15 a.m.      **ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION** – Board Room  
11:00 a.m.      **WORSHIP**  
12:00 p.m.      **SOUP LUNCHEON**  
1:00 p.m.      **“DOORS OPEN”** - Sanctuary