



WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

April 29, 2018

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

Organ Prelude: Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 (Oldroyd)

Handbell Prelude: Unending Praise/Daystar
The Frank T. Pridham Memorial

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

In wondering, in affirming, we come to this service,
and God welcomes us.

As individuals, as a faith community, we come to this service,
and God's Word speaks to us.

With rejoicing, with sorrow, we come to this service,
and the risen Christ is eternal hope for us,
as we worship and as we live.

David Sparks, Okanagan Falls U.C., Okanagan Falls, BC

We Light the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

Most Holy God,
we come to this holy place,
in celebration and in sorrow.

To this holy place,
We come with praise and prayers.

**We come in crisis and in calm,
knowing that we are the sheep of your pasture.
knowing that in you alone,
we live and move and have our being.
We thank you for this sacred place,
which is sustained by your holy presence.
We thank you for devoted members,
who choose to worship in this place,
in ups and downs, in change and unchange,
in flood, in famine, in feast.
We come to this holy place.
We come to worship you, most Holy God. Amen.**

Gail Corbett, Mark Street U.C., Peterborough, ON

- * Opening Hymn:** Praise with Joy the World's Creator VU #312
- Time for the Young and Young at Heart** Rev. E. Beairsto
- *Hymn:** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing

Assurance of God's Love:

Prayer of Preparation:

Shirley Cleave

Join with us, Living God,
As we meet around your Word
And reflect upon it.
Encourage us, inspire us! Amen.

David Sparks, Summerland, BC

Scripture Reading: Acts 4: 32-35; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Congregational Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: Celebration Praise (Martin)

Sermon: Listening to the Early Church Rev. R-H Gaskin

* **Hymn:** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575

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 of Dedication:**

**Holy God –
you are life, and light,
and grace.
We give you thanks,
and we offer you our lives
in return.
Accept these gifts;
they represent our commitment
to live as an Easter people.**

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

Prayers of the People

WIN A LOVELY UCW GIFT BASKET FOR MOTHER'S DAY! Maggie's Muffin Mania Cookbook has been a tremendous fundraiser for UCW. A special pop-up promotion will be taking place at Coffee and Conversation today and May 6 with a goal of selling 100 cookbooks. For each \$15 cookbook sold, the purchaser will be entered in a draw to win a beautiful gift basket overflowing with specialty ingredients, deluxe muffin pans and kitchen tools needed for many of the items in the cookbook. See it on display! The draw for the basket of goods worth over \$100 will take place at the end of the Quilters' Tea on May 12th. Congratulations to our own Maggie Clarke for producing such a popular book and generously donating all proceeds to UCW!

WILMOT SENIORS: If you think you would enjoy some fun playing games such as 45's and Scrabble and more, plan to come out to Seniors on Tuesday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. As usual, our afternoon will conclude with a refreshment time, this month provided by Group 1. All seniors and retirees are very welcome! **Looking Ahead** - June 5th is our annual Mystery Day. \$20 per person for a chauffeured day with two stops which will include, among other things, lunch and a whole lot of fun! If you would like to join us, please contact Susan (450-4072) or Brenda (363-3388).

UPCOMING GRADUATES: It is time for us to gather the names of our 2018 graduates. If you, your child or grandchild is graduating this year from High School, College or University please let Ellen know. Her list has already begun.

YOU ARE INVITED: There was good participation in the four Lenten discussion groups last month. Now we are thinking about following up on some of the ideas generated. On **Sunday May 6th**, after worship you are invited to come to the Parlour with your coffee for a discussion on "next steps" around these 4 topics: Building relationship with our Muslim neighbours, the United Church's protest against brutality towards Palestinian youth, good nutrition for everyone and elimination of poverty in our province. We recognize that we cannot act on all of these. What green shoot is already sprouting in the garden? What door is opening in our community? Is there an emerging project we can collaborate with and add our energy to?

TEA AND ARTIST SHOW & SALE: Calling all Wilmot artisans!

Celebrate mom and support charity at Wilmot United Church on May 12th from 11 am – 2 pm. For \$20, enjoy an elegant tea featuring fancy sandwiches and dainty sweets along with an exhibition and sale of our congregation's fine arts. Tickets are available at Coffee & Conversation today and at the Church Office. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Wilmot photographers, writers, potters, painters, quilters, knitters, rug hookers, sewing enthusiasts, wood and metal crafts and all other Wilmot artisans are warmly invited to display their handiwork at this special event in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall. To register as an exhibitor, please contact Shirley Cleave: 459-7743.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS EVENING (April 29): You are invited to an "Evening of Music with the Lintuhtine Choirs", under the direction of Helen Mórág McKinnon, and accompanied by Lynn Mills. Special guests: David Berry on Pipe Organ and Sidney Murgatroyd on various instruments. Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. 'Free-will' offering with proceeds to the "Roof Fund Campaign".

APRIL 30: The AGM for the Fredericton Council for Christian Ministry on Campus will take place on Monday, April 30 at 12 noon in the Family Room of Brunswick Street Baptist Church. As Wilmot United Church is a member of the council, all are welcome to attend.

MAY 1: WORLD LYME DAY: The New Brunswick Lyme Disease Association Inc. – LymeNB is holding a gathering on the steps of the New Brunswick Legislature between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. to mark World Lyme Day. Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne disease in the world. The population of blacklegged ticks, the primary vector for the transmission of this disease in New Brunswick and in other parts of Canada, continues to multiply and expand, posing an ever increasing risk to human and animal health. Please join us and support our efforts to raise awareness about this disease. Invited guests, including David Coon of the Green Party, Dr. Vett Lloyd of Mount Allison, Lyne Beaulieu, nurse/researcher, Université de Moncton, and Dr. Jennifer Russell, Chief Medical Officer for the Province will be on hand to say a few words. For more information, call Janet Higgins at 447-2298 or Carla Smith at 447-8720.

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

MAY 3: We are pleased to present “**Alternative Housing for Seniors**” with **Community Planner, Daniel Savard** of Decodesign on Thursday, May 3, beginning at 2 pm, at the Garrison Lounge, Regent Hall, Parkland Fredericton. Mr. Savard has thirty five years of experience in urban and community planning and design in the Atlantic Provinces focusing on sustainable community design. The presentation will highlight a community approach to independent living, a wealth-creation strategy to develop affordable housing with social capital, and outline the objectives with healthy aging and senior care and cohousing. There will be a question and answer session. This is a Third Age presentation with space and refreshments sponsored by Parkland Fredericton. Please feel free to pass this invitation along through your networks. For planning purposes, we ask that you take a few minutes to register by emailing 3rdage@stu.ca or 452-0526. Admission is \$5 for TAC members and \$10 for Non-members. STU students free. This event was originally scheduled for February and had to be rescheduled due to icy conditions. If you registered at that time, please re-register. Thank you.

MAY 5: The UCW of St. Paul’s United Church, will be hosting a **Bridge Luncheon** on Saturday, May 5th at 12 noon. Reserve your table for \$48.00 or \$12.00 per person, by telephoning Isabel Green at 459-7116. Enjoy a delicious lunch, door prizes, and your favorite pastime!

MAY 5: **GRACE SPRING FESTIVAL CONCERT** at 2:30 p.m. on Sat., May 5 will be held at Grace Memorial Church, featuring performances from the Fredericton Music Festival. Freewill offering in support of the organ restoration fund.

MAY 5: Oromocto United Church Spring Turkey Supper - May 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. Adults \$14.00 Children under 12 - \$ 6.00 Pre-schoolers – Free Everyone welcome.

DRAMA and DESSEERT: St. Andrews Players of St Andrews United Church in Harvey are presenting their 15th annual Drama and Dessert at the CE Center of the church on May 10, 11 , 12 at 7:30 p.m. plus a matinee on Saturday, May 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets – see Marlene in the Church Office a Wilmot.

MAY 11: TAKE-OUT HAM SUPPER – 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Nashwaaksis United Church. The take-out supper includes baked ham, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert for only \$10. Please reserve your take-out by Thursday, May 10th, with Mary Jane at 472-2533. Some may be available at the door.

HOSPICE FREDERICTON is a community-based program serving central New Brunswick which offers care, comfort and support to individuals and families coping with advanced illness, death, and bereavement. Hospice Fredericton also operates - Hospice House – a 10 bed residential hospice facility which provides 24-hour end of life care to patients who can no longer be cared for at home. On **Sunday May 6th**, Hospice Fredericton will be hosting its 10th Annual Hike for Hospice fund raising event. This is one of the largest fundraisers for the organization and is a national event. The event will take place at Killarney Lake Lodge from 12-3pm. We are very excited to have Bayshore Home Health partner with us this year as our Title Sponsor! Their staff will not only participate in the event, but the Bayshore Foundation for Empowered Living is going to match \$0.50 for every dollar raised!! For more information or to make a donation please contact Hospice Fredericton at 472-1608 or visit us at

www.hospicefredericton.ca

Mail address: 621 Churchill Row, Fredericton, E3B 1P5

MAY 12: Grandmothers helping Grandmothers Fredericton is having a Fish and Chips Kitchen Party at the Market on May 12 from 6-8 p.m. There will be a delicious fish and chips dinner by chef Rick Huskins, lively music by local entertainers Pat and Dan Steeves, a silent auction and gifts for sale just in time for Mothers Day. Cost is \$20 For adults and \$10 for children. Cash bar. For tickets call Linda Hubbard at 457-0362 lindahub@nb.sympatico.ca Westminster books or Jean Coutu Pharmacy in Devon.

MAY 27: HYMN-SING AND CONCERT, 7:00 p.m. Forest Hill United Church, 45 Kimble Court. All are welcome. To request a favourite hymn, contact the church office at 455-0988 or foresth.office@bellaliant.com by **May 8th**. Please provide your contact information (name, phone number and/or email) and any dedication information. Suggested donation per hymn choice is \$20 for which an income tax receipt will be provided if requested. For more information go to www.foresthillunited.com or facebook.com/foresthillunited

SENIORS' FITNESS at St. Paul's United Church , Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. If you are interested please contact Tyler Drost at 506-754-2205 or email him at tylerddrost@gmail.com. Cost is \$65/month or \$10/drop in



“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.

PLEASE NOTE: PANTRY DONATIONS! The first Sunday of each month the Outreach Committee collects donations for our Pantry (used at Wednesday at Wilmot). Non-perishable items can be place in and beside the trunk at the bottom of the sanctuary front entrance stairs. Thank you for your donations !

VISIT: If you would like a visit from one of our ministers please give them a call. Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin can be reached at 292-1680 and Rev. Ellen Beairsto can be reached by calling 206-1943.

WEEKLY E-LETTER: Don't forget to pick up a copy of Rose-Hannah's weekly e-letter. If you would like to receive this through email please be sure that Marlene has your email address.

MAYWORKS FREDERICTON

Artists and workers invite all to celebrate the fourth annual Mayworks Festival of Working People and the Arts in Fredericton on traditional Wolastoq territory.

Mon, April 30 - NB Film Co-op presents Death of Stalin at Tilley Hall, Room 102, University of New Brunswick, at 7:30pm.

Tues, May 1 - Mayday! Building union solidarity with progressive social movements: a panel discussion at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre at 6:30pm. With Jeff Brown, UNB History, on the history of of May Day, Ron Tremblay, Chief of the Wolastoq Grand Council, Michel Boudreau, past president New Brunswick Federation of Labour, Tracy Glynn, NB Media Co-op & No One Is Illegal Fredericton and Abram Lutes, Chair, Fight for \$15 Fredericton.

Fri, May 4 - El Jones on Poetry, Anti-Prison Activism and the Black Power Hour Radio Show. McCain Hall, St. Thomas University, Room 203. Friday, May 4 at 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Everyone Welcome. Organized by Women\'s Studies and Gender Studies at St. Thomas University.

Fri, May 4 - \"WE ARE HERE!\" Award-winning poet El Jones will perform on Friday, May 4 at 7:00pm at Wilmot United Church Sanctuary in Fredericton. Featuring the poetry of Melissa Beek and Chevelle Malcolm and voices from the NB Immigrant Women\'s Association and Filipino-Canadian CommUNITY of New Brunswick. 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 and Women\'s Studies and Gender Studies at St. Thomas University.

Sat, May 5 - Organizing for the World We Want: A day-long workshop on how to mobilize, strategize and organize at BMH 202, St. Thomas University. Lunch provided. RSVP to mayworksfredericton@gmail.com

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THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

April 29 – May 6

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. 30:

6:45 p.m. TOASTMASTERS – Board Room

Tues, May 1:

4:00 p.m. MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP – Fireside Room
7:30 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS – Gym

Wed. May 2:

9:00 a.m. QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT
7:00 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Parlour
7:00 p.m. A JESUS CONVERSATION AMONG MEN – Board Room
7:00 p.m. NA GROUP – Fireside Room

Thurs. May 3:

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

Fri., May 4:

7:00 p.m. "WE ARE HERE!" - Award-winning poet El Jones-sanctuary

Sat., May 5:

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

Sun. May 6:

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

