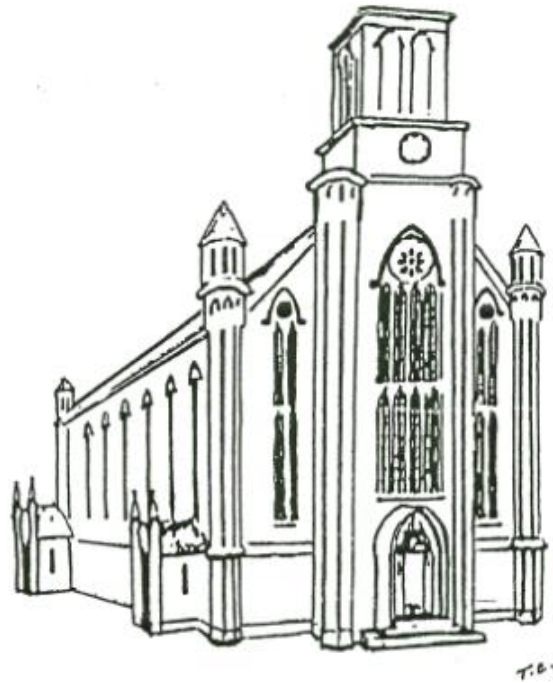


November 17, 2024

Anniversary Sunday

The 233rd Anniversary
of Wilmot United Church



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November 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

*(**Bold**--Please join in as you are able.)*

We Gather

Handbell Prelude: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (McChesney)
As the Deer (arr. Betcher)
For All the Saints (arr. Ingram)

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Christ Light and the Light of Affirmation

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty** **VU 315**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,

**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Centering Prayer

Gracious Creator, we gather here today as we have done for 233 years. We gather not for form or structure or habit, but because we crave your presence in all relationships. Holy One, we crave reflection and song, so that our routines will flourish with new life. Our gathering has always been a mixture of tradition and non-traditional ways, and we celebrate the evolution of our Spirit through Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray...

The Prayer That Jesus Taught (right column)

VU 914

**Our Father who art heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God to see;
let your world of beauty capture me. **R**

Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. **R**

Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. **R**

Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. **R**

Time with the Young at Heart

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 46-52

One: May our sacred stories grow in fruitful abundance in our
minds and hearts.

All: Amen!

Choral Anthem: *The Cross*

(Courtney)

We Respond to Sacred Words

Meditation: Anniversary Speaker Eric Claybourne (Ceeb Dread)

Music for Reflection: *Impromptu No. 3* (Peacock)

Offering/Dedication of Our Gifts

We were born to proclaim God's love and goodness. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer the Divine our time, talents and resources in gratitude. Amen.

Prayers from Our Hearts of Gratitude

Closing Hymn: **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

VU 806

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure,
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

**Time like an ever-rolling stream
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.**

Commissioning and Sung Benediction

VU 963

**May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us,
now and ever. Amen.**

Organ Postlude: *Jubilation*

(Payne)

Thanks to our Outreach Committee for preparing a special soup luncheon in celebration of Wilmot's 233rd anniversary. Please join us in the gymnasium after church. Proceeds will be used to support Outreach activities.

Minister: Rev. Mary Tingley
Minister: Rev. Russ Daye
Music Director: Steven Peacock
Organist/Pianist: Margaret MacDonald
Young at Heart Coordinator: Amy Foster
Guest Speaker: Eric Claybourne (Ceeb Dread)
Scripture Reader: Hilary Drain
Sound: Craig Frame
Live-streaming: Kristie Heard

COVID Protocols for In-person Worship Services:
Masks are no longer required, but you are welcome
to wear one. Hand sanitizer is found at the entrances.
Offering plates are located at each door.