



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
April 16, 2017**

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: Christ Is Risen (Tambling)

Silence for Preparation

Welcome to the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: Today we celebrate the light which has conquered the darkness. We light the Christ Candle aware that the power of Resurrection has forever changed who we are - we are those given the power to become children of the light. (Light the Christ candle).

All: **Today we celebrate new life, new joy, new possibilities, and new light. Alleluia, Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***Opening Hymn:** Thine Is The Glory VU #173
Trumpet, Matt Daley

Opening Prayer:

Do you yearn for a closer communion with each other?

Do you want to celebrate the Spirit's nurture with abandon?

Yes, we do, but...

No buts about it! Jesus invites us one and all.

All right! Let's worship, then.

Let's listen and pray and sing and speak with God.

Now you've got the Spirit!

Let's join together in prayer:

Loving God, enfold us in your heart as our hearts yearn for you.

Teach us to accept your constant invitation for relationship.

Grow us in the rich upbringing of your gift of faith.

Laugh with us in our mistakes

and cry with us in our celebrations,

but always guide us in your ways. Amen.

Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson U.C., Burlington, Ont.

Story time for the Young and Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beirsto

***Hymn:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah Give Thanks

VU# 179

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing

Silence to Connect

Assurance of God's Love

Anthem: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia

(Sheppard)

Prayer of Illumination:

Craig Frame

O God for whom there are no barriers,

no stones too big to remove,

roll away our resistance to you.

Let your words fill us with new life

and bring us out from the tomb of indifference,

alive again in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-8

Sermon: Called By Our Name

Rev. R-H Gaskin

***Hymn:** I Have Called You by Your Name

MV #161

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to The Offering

Easter is a celebration of new life. Our offering each week helps to plant seeds of new life in our own church and community and around the world. On this Easter Sunday, let us celebrate the new life given to us through Jesus' rising from the dead, by passing on opportunities for new life to others. *Allan Warren, St. George U.C., St. George, Ont.*

Offertory Anthem: Christ Is Risen, Alleluia

(Althouse)

Presentation of Gifts

The bread and wine are brought forward with the offering

The Sacrament of Communion

If you are sitting on the main floor of the sanctuary, when the usher comes to your row and opens the door, move to the center aisle and come forward to one of the 2 communion stations at the front of the church. You will be served some bread and then please dip the bread into the juice and eat it. Then, return prayerfully to your seat via a side aisle. Those sitting in the balcony will receive communion at a station there. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you wish to be served in the pew, please tell the usher.

Please turn to the Communion insert

Anthem during Communion: He Is the Risen Lord

(Martin)

Prayer after Communion

**May we who have tasted new life
and drunk the new covenant
and stood by an open tomb in awe;
may we, who are blessed,
become a blessing for each other,
for ourselves, and for the world. Amen.**

Kate Crawford, First-St. Andrew's U.C., London, Ont.

***Closing Hymn:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

VU #155
Trumpet, Matt Daley

Commissioning:

Go out with joy this Easter morning! May the hope and power of this holy day strengthen you. Let your alleluias ring! Alleluia!

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, First Presbyterian Church, Moorhead, Minn.

***Benediction**

In the name of the God who makes us,
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed.

***Choral Amen**

VU #969

Choral Postlude: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

(Willan)



Today's bulletins are sponsored by Bill and Susan MacLeod in loving memory of parents, **Lloyd & Pauline Jamieson** and brother, **Ronnie Jamieson**.

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 & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the worship service.

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).

SYMPATHY: Our condolences go out to Cathy and Andy Atkinson and their family in the recent passing of Cathy's father, **Bob Flemming**. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 11 a.m. at the Christ Church (Parish) Church on Westmorland Street.

FLOWERS have been placed in the sanctuary this morning in memory of loved ones!

In Loving Memory of

Parents, ***Carl & Bertha Rawn***

Parents, ***Margaret & Reg Gilbert)***

Friend, ***Dave Moore)***

Friend, ***Fran Morrison)***

Granddaughter, ***Maggie***

Mother, ***Rowena Sherren***

Wife & Mother, ***Betty & Iva Shore***

Placed by

The Family

Nancy Gilbert

Bill & Susan MacLeod

The Family

Susan & Maynard Shore

WILMOT SENIORS: Please come out for our next gathering on Tuesday, April 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. Our special guest will be our very own Krista Wong who be joining us to share her fascinating hobby of collecting, displaying and creating miniatures. She is going to bring along a sample of her 25 years of collecting from around the world. Prepare to be captivated! As usual we will enjoy a lovely lunch, this month provided by Group 1. See you there.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE is just around the corner April 21st (3 - 6 p.m.) and April 22nd (9 a.m. - noon)! As you start your spring cleaning, please keep the sale in mind. Donations may be left on the stage in the gym. Last April's sale brought in over \$2200 for the UCW. Thanks to the many donors and shoppers!

YOU ARE INVITED: Would you like a quiet safe place to talk about things that really matter? Do you yearn for a deeper spiritual connection to others in your congregation? Please consider joining the Spiritual Circle which will meet on Saturday, April 29th in the parlour at Wilmot. This small group of 4 - 6 people meet at noon for a pot luck lunch with simple food, and then spend about an hour or so pondering and sharing a theme of the spiritual life. This month, we'll focus on gratitude. If you'd like more information, please contact Rose~Hannah at 292-1680.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH: On **Sunday, April 23rd** at 10 a.m., the Forest Hill United Church will hold their Service of Celebration as they too become an official Affirming Congregation. We extend our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at Forest Hill United.

SPONSORING THE BULLETIN: Looking for a way to honour a special person or mark a significant occasion? Consider sponsoring our Sunday Bulletin. The fee is \$25.00 which helps to defray the cost of the bulletin. Arrangements can be made by contacting Marlene in the church office 458-1066 or wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Wilmot Sunday supper teams for the Fredericton Community Kitchen! Please consider joining one of the regular Wilmot teams – it’s a short commitment from 4:00 to 6:15 every 6th week. Under the direction of a staff cook, you will help prepare and serve a good meal for vulnerable people in our community. It’s a great way to lend a helping hand. We are also in need of people to fill in occasionally and we are looking for an overall coordinator. Please contact Beth Paynter for more information: 454-5581 or bpaynter@nb.sympatico.ca

WILMOT STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYEE POSITION –
“Tour Guide , VBS Program, and Administration Assistant”

320 hours (8 weeks) of employment– beginning around Mon. June 26 and terminating Fri. Aug 25

Applicant Qualifications - Age 15 – 30 full time student; independent worker, takes initiative, can prioritize and be self–disciplined with carrying out variety of responsibilities, dependable, responsible, punctual; experience working with children; enthusiastic, welcoming, hospitable and friendly personality.

Main responsibilities will include church tour guide - French language skills capable of conducting church tour in French an asset; Vacation Bible School Program Assistant and leadership; some janitorial and church door supervisor tasks, data entry/computer work.

Job requirements - Available for flexible working hours – some hours over weekends and/or evenings; Emergency First Aid training an asset; CRC required

Apply by forwarding your resume and covering letter to Judy Coates chair or M&P by email judycoates@rogers.com **and cc** wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca .

Review of Applications to begin May 15 2017 and continue until position is filled.

APRIL 21st and 22nd: Stepping Stone Theatre will be presenting an adaptation of Much Ado About Nothing, set in a contemporary seniors centre. Sylvia Hale has updated Shakespeare's script and is directing the cast, some of whom are Wilmoteers. Performances are Friday, April 21st at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 22nd at 2 p.m. at the Stepping Stone Seniors Centre, 15 Saunders Street, for the princely sum of \$5, and refreshments are included.

APRIL 29th: Over the coming weeks the Cuba Committee will be developing programs and activities for the coming year. We are planning a meeting for April 29th 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. At the meeting we will be discussing planning for future Cuba Committee activities. If you are interested in participating in the planning activities, examples include a future trip to Cuba, a symposium, and other cultural relationship building activities, please attend the meeting. If you are not available for the meeting but you are interested in participating in the Committee advise Greg Black of your interest. In anticipation of the possible Cuba trip in 2018 we would appreciate an indication of your interest. These trips are planned around your specific interests and we would like to explore your interests further for planning purposes. An indication of your potential interest in a Cuba Cultural trip will allow the planning process to develop. This response does not indicate a commitment at this time. We will be in contact to explore your interests and schedule issues. Please contact Greg Black or Norm Laverty to indicate your interest.

YOU ARE INVITED: The Congregational family of Forest Hill United Church invites you to our service of Celebration on becoming an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada! Please join us on Sunday, April 23rd, at 10 a.m. for an hour of joyful stories, songs, liturgy, prayers, and balloon and streamer waving, as we celebrate our important steps towards openness and inclusivity. All are welcome at Forest Hill!



SOUP LUNCHEON: The Outreach Committee will be hosting its final soup luncheon before summer on April 23rd. Proceeds from this lunch will be directed towards famine relief in Africa. We always appreciate your generous support and hope that you will mark this soup luncheon in your calendar. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD - Wilmot Seniors - Please put May 9th and June 6th on your calendars for the next two Seniors gatherings. On May 9th our guest will be Rhonda Rogers from Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the organization that shares our church space. June 6th is our annual Mystery Day. More details coming soon!

BAPTISM / TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: On May 7th and June 4th, we will be having a baptism as part of our Sunday Service of Worship. Such a sacred and wonderful moment. If you have any questions about baptism for yourself or your child or wish to have your membership transferred, please speak to either Rose-Hannah or Ellen.

Givings end of March, 2017 (13 Sundays)

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>-Short/+Over</u>	<u>March, 2016</u>
Local:	\$54,691.70	\$56,493.97	-\$1,802.27	+\$1,953.90
M&S:	\$14,308.41	\$15,000.05	-\$ 691.64	-\$2,026.59
Capt.Proj	\$ 6,495.83	\$ 7,500.09	-\$1,004.26	-\$1,926.67
Benevol:	\$ 4,762.00			\$3,727.00

APRIL 22: Nashwaaksis United Church, is presenting an evening of entertainment, talent auction, and desserts at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 22nd. Free admission. Come prepared to acquire some bargains and enjoy yourself. For information please contact Janice or Reg 444-8002 or Larry or Helen 457-1338.

APRIL 25: *When Love Hurts: Understanding & Healing Domestic Abuse*

Grace Memorial Baptist Church will offer a 4 week support group to help those who are caught in the painful cycle of abuse. The video and discussion series will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, April 25 - May 16. For more info call the office 458-8527.

MAY 7: As part of MayWorks Festival 2107, Reproductive Justice New Brunswick (RJNB) presents a protest song workshop with Moon Joyce. Bring your water-bottle and join us at Wilmot United Church from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th for a rousing evening of singing for social change! Donations are appreciated, but the event is free to the public and accessible. For more info, check out RJNB.org, @RJNB.JRNB on FaceBook, @ReproJusticeNB on Twitter, Nbprochoice on Tumblr and register for "Songs of Protest" through Eventbrite.

MAY 21: “The Amusing Comedy & Music Tour” will be held at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. This is a program for the whole family to enjoy. Tickets \$10 in advance from the church office; \$15 at the door, or online at <https://tickets.buzztix.com/event/amusingfrederickton>.

God’s World Needs Leaders

Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological education. Let us hear a reflection from the Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, Ministry and Recruitment Program Coordinator, on what it means to answer the call to ministry.

Why do bad things happen to good people?

What is the right way to grieve?

How do we retell gospel stories in a responsible and inspiring way?

What does it mean to offer a ministry of presence?

Can you explain how Paul’s theology evolves throughout his letters?

Can you explain how your own theology has evolved over the years?

These are just some of the questions theological education wrestles with. I know my biggest take-away from my theological education was a deeper understanding of how little I knew and the incredible importance of lifelong learning. Challenging assumptions and questioning convictions helps to break open scripture and faith and bring the gospel to life. At other times, the incredible wisdom of those who have come before shines through and lights up the importance of understanding and respecting our history and tradition.

To deepen our awareness of what God is calling us to, we need to engage in theological education to discern and deepen our understanding of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ today.

We sing thanksgiving that our gifts support theological schools and education centres that provide training and continuing education for all who are answering God’s call.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

April 16 – 23rd

TODAY:

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Tues. April 18:

1:30 p.m. SENIORS – Parlour
7:00 p.m. MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

Wed. April 19:

9:00 a.m. QUILTERS – Parlour
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
1:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY @ WILMOT

Thurs. April 20:

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

Fri., April 21:

3 – 6 p.m. RUMMAGE SALE – Gym

Sat. April 22:

9 – 12 noon RUMMAGE SALE - Gym
10:00 a.m. TOY LIBRARY
6:00 p.m. DROP-IN CENTRE

Sun. Apr. 23:

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