





**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**April 1, 2018**  
**EASTER SUNDAY/COMMUNION**

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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 GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude:** Voluntary (Stanley)

**Silence for Preparation**

**Welcome to the Church:**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**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:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today VU #155  
Matt Daley, trumpet

## **Opening Prayer:**

**God of renewed presence, on this Easter day  
We know that with you all things are possible.  
May the Good News of Easter joy  
Fill our lives and make our hearts glad.  
Hallelujah. Amen.**

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

Rev. E. Beairsto

(Children leave for Sunday School and return for Communion)

**\* Hymn:**           Halle, Halle, Halle

VU #958

## **Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:   John 1: 1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

## **Silent Reflection**

**Assurance of God's Love:**       Isaiah 25: 6-9

**Vocal Solo:**                   The Lord's Prayer

(Strals, arr. Sands)

Kelly Ebbett, soprano

Lynda-Jean Coffin, piano

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

**Prayer of Preparation:** (unison) Steven MacKenzie  
**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:** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Steven MacKenzie

**Anthem:** Christ Is Risen, Alleluia! (Althouse)

**Second Reading:** John 20: 1-18 Darrell Mesheau

**One:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** "Jesus Calls Us by Our Name" Rev. R-H Gaskin

**\* Hymn:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU #179

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Music**

**Offertory Anthem:** Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (Shepperd)

## **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 two communion stations at the front of the church. You will be served 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** (yellow insert)

**\*Closing Hymn:** Thine Is the Glory VU #173

### **\*Commissioning:**

From this Easter festival, we go forth to live resurrection:  
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!

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen** VU #967

**Postlude:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Campbell)

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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 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 AND CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall following the Worship service. Thank you to members of **U.C.W.** for providing this time of refreshments and fellowship.

**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).

**BENEVOLENT OFFERING:** On the first Sunday of every month we collect a special Benevolent Offering. This is used to provide food vouchers for those in need on Wednesday afternoons.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning

**In Memory of**

*Betty Shore*

*Susan Shore*

*Lloyd, Peggy and Ronnie Jamieson*

*Maggie MacLeod*

*Dave Moore*

*Charles Redfearn*

*Carl, Bertha and David Rawn*

*Jonathan Young*

**Placed by**

*Maynard and*

*Bill and Susan MacLeod*

*Bill and Susan MacLeod*

*The Family*

*Burdetta, Dwight and Cecilia Redfearn*

*The Family*

*Gordon and Carol Young, and*

*Florence Potts*



**WILMOT SENIORS:** Please come out for our next gathering on Tuesday, April 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. Our special guest will be RCMP Sgt. Andrea Gallant, speaking about issues of Security and Fraud for Seniors. We hear so much about telephone and email scams, identity theft and much more these days, and Sgt Gallant will address these topics and will be able to answer all of our questions. As usual we will enjoy a lovely lunch, this month provided by Group 3. All seniors and retirees are very welcome. See you there!

**YOUTH FUND & REDEEMABLES:** Just a reminder that we are continuing to collect redeemables in support of our youth activities. They have been such a great help. You can drop them off anytime (just leave them in Ellen's office) or we would even pick them up just give Ellen a call (206-1943). THANK YOU for all of your support.

**APRIL 22:** Elvis Gospel Concert. All are invited to hear "The Gospel Side of Elvis" Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Wilmot United Church Sanctuary. Join Mike Bravener as he sings your favourite gospel tunes. Proceeds to support youth ministry. Light refreshments served by UCW. Free will offering

**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.



**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:** Wilmot UCW is now collecting items for its Spring Rummage Sale, April 27-28. Please keep the sale in mind as you begin your spring cleaning. Your surplus clothing and household items can be dropped off with Randy or left on the gym stage. Many thanks.

## THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

April 1 - 8

### TODAY:

### EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

12:00 p.m.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

### Mon, Apr. 2:

6:30 p.m.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Board Room**

### Tues, Apr. 3:

6:30 p.m.

**SPANISH CLASS – Board Room**

7:00 p.m.

**MARTIAL ARTS - Gym**

### Wed. Apr. 4:

9:00 a.m.

**QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour**

10:00 a.m.

**TOY LIBRARY**

1:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT**

5:00 p.m.

**M&P COMMITTEE – Parlour**

7:00 p.m.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Parlour**

7:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL – Board Room**

7:00 p.m.

**NA GROUP – Fireside Room**

### Thurs. Apr. 5:

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**

### Sat., April 7:

10:00 a.m.

**TOY LIBRARY**

6:00 p.m.

**DROP-IN CENTRE**

### Sun. Apr. 8:

9:30 a.m.

**ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room**

11:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

12:00 p.m.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION**