



**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
April 15, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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: I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Wood)

Welcome to the Church

Call to Worship:

This is the season of Easter:

the celebration of resurrection,

the festival of hope,

the promise of new beginnings,

the dance of faith,

the song of joy,

the music of gladness,

the hymn of love.

Let us worship our life-giving God!

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach:

Eternal God,

Light of the minds that know you,

the joy of the hearts that love you

and the strength of the wills that serve you:

grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,

so to love you that we may fully serve you,

whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.

Sharing the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***Opening Hymn:** The Day of Resurrection

VU #164

Time with the Young and the Young at Heart

Rev. E. Beirsto

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation:

Chair of Council, Shirley Cleave

On behalf of Wilmot United Church, I welcome the following people for Initiation into the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism:

***Lauren Elizabeth Genevieve Jones*, daughter of Kellie and Lisa Jones;**

***Owen Henry Noseworthy*, son of Alexandra and Philip Noseworthy;**

***Cameron Frederick Caverhill*, son of Katelyn Caverhill;**

***Garry Klooesterman*;**

***Eloise Poppy Klooesterman*, daughter of Shannon LaBreque and Garry Klooesterman**

The Questions and Promises of the Candidates

The Act of Baptism

Congregational Commitment:

As a baptized and baptizing church, with God's help, we commit ourselves to support and nurture these families within a community of faith which worships God and loves and serves others.

Affirmation of Faith – see back of bulletin

*** Baptismal Hymn:** Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters VU #242



LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Preparation: (unison)

David Coon

God of startling revelation,

Open us to your message this day.

Get our attention; show us the way to abundant life

For all of creation. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Luke 24: 13-35

Congregational Response:

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem: Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!

(Albrecht)

Sermon: " The Life of Faith is Filled with Surprises"

Rev. R-H Gaskin

*** Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

VU #315

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

With joy, let us present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

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**

Prayers of the People

*Closing Hymn: Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing VU #169

*Commissioning

*Benediction

*Choral Amen VU #967

Postlude: Allegro (W.F. Bach)



Today's bulletin is sponsored by **Bill and Susan MacLeod** in celebration of their **50th wedding anniversary**. They were married at Wilmot United Church on April 13, 1968. You are invited to share a piece of their anniversary cake at Coffee and Conversation after today's service.

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. We're glad you're here! A warm welcome goes out to **Lauren Jones, Owen Noseworthy, Cameron Caverhill, Garry & Eloise Kloesterman and their families**. This is such a special day for you and for all of us. Welcome! 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 **the Wilmot Quilters Group** 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).

SYMPATHY: Our love and condolences are extended to **Jack Oudemans** who had a brother pass away this past week. His brother lived in Holland. Our prayers will be with Jack and his family during this sad time.

THE OBSERVER: It's time to renew your subscription or sign up for the first time, to the National Church's magazine "The Observer". Cost is \$25. If you are paying by cheque, please make cheque payable to Wilmot United Church.

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.

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!



NEW CHANGE - the office will be closed Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to give Marlene uninterrupted work time. *Access to the building on Wednesday mornings should be arranged via group leaders using the building during these hours. Although our Sexton, Randy is working Wed mornings, he won't be responsible for monitoring the security system.

SPONSORING THE BULLETIN: One way to recognize a special event or special person is to sponsor the Church Bulletin for a particular Sunday. Why not consider this when you wish to acknowledge an accomplishment (e.g., graduation), remember a loved one (in memoriam), celebrate a milestone (e.g., birthday, anniversary) or mark a significant event (e.g., Earth Day). The cost is \$25.00 and arrangements can be made by contacting Marlene in the Church Office (458-1066 or wilmotuc@nb.sympatico.ca).

APRIL 21: Maritime Men's Spring Rally hosted by Maritime Conference United Church Men. Location: Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church, Amherst. Time: 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. See bulletin board downstairs for registration forms and more details.

APRIL 22: **ELVIS GOSPEL CONCERT** All are invited to the "Gospel Side of Elvis" concert at Wilmot United Church on Sunday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Mike Bravener will be "in the building" singing your favourite Gospel tunes such as Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art and There'll Be Peace in the Valley. Free Will offering to support the Youth Ministry. Light refreshments served. Come and sing along with Elvis!



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.

UPCOMING GRADUATES: It is time for me 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 me know. My list has already begun. Thanks - Ellen

APRIL 29: Greenwood Drive Baptist Church is pleased to announce that we will be holding a **SPECIAL MUSIC EVENING** on April 29th, at 7 p.m. at Greenwood Drive Baptist with special musical guests - *Infinitely More*. Come out and bring your friends to hear some of their original music, favorite hymns and uplifting stories.

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 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!

CALL-OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS: An opportunity to work alongside our neighbours to spring-clean our city - Mark your calendars for **Earth Day, Sunday, April 22nd**, and the annual Fredericton clean-up event #cleanupfred, followed by music, food, beer, and a Kid's Fair at Picaroons Roundhouse.

Here's how Wilmot folks can get involved:

- a) invite family and friends to come out to pick up garbage and celebrate Earth Day with you on April 22nd;
- b) reach out to newcomers you know in Fredericton to invite them to come along with you;
- c) use this opportunity to build new relationships with friends you haven't met yet; and
- d) help run an earth day activity at the Kids Fair.

Contact Kylie Bergfalk at kmbergfalk@gmail.com with questions or comments.

"WE ARE HERE!" Award-winning poet El Jones will perform on Friday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Wilmot United Church Sanctuary in Fredericton. Featuring the poetry of Melissa Beek and Chevelle Malcolm, violin by Harsvardhinee Chady, and voices from the NB Immigrant Women's Association and Filipino-Canadian CommUNITY of New Brunswick. With a fair trade boutique. 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, Women's Studies and Gender Studies at St. Thomas University and Wilmot's Outreach Committee. Contact: mayworksfredericton@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT WILMOT

April 15 - 22

TODAY:

9:30 a.m.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

12:00 p.m.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Mon, Apr. 16:

6:30 p.m.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC – various rooms

6:45 p.m.

TOASTMASTERS – Board Room

Tues, Apr. 17:

1:30 p.m.

WILMOT SENIORS – Parlour

4:00 p.m.

MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP – Fireside Room

7:00 p.m.

MARTIAL ARTS - Gym

Wed. Apr. 18:

9:00 a.m.

QUILTING and FELLOWSHIP - Parlour

10:00 a.m.

TOY LIBRARY

1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS @ WILMOT

7:00 p.m.

STEWARDS - Board Room

7:00 p.m.

NA GROUP – Fireside Room

Thurs. Apr. 19:

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 21:

10:00 a.m.

TOY LIBRARY

6:00 p.m.

DROP-IN CENTRE

Sun. Apr. 22:

9:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE CONVERSATION – Board Room

11:00 a.m.

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12:00 p.m.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

3:00 p.m.

ELVIS GOSPEL CONCERT – Sanctuary



Mission & Service 101

Have you ever wondered what Mission & Service really is? Where did it come from? Well, I am going to tell you!

Mission & Service is how we live out the call of the church to do God's mission.

Mission & Service wasn't always called Mission & Service. Before 1925, the three original denominations that joined to create The United Church of Canada – Presbyterians, Methodists, and Congregationalists – saw mission as an important part of church life and supported it in many ways.

Since church union, the name for the way we support the mission and service of the church has gone through many changes: first came the Woman's Missionary Society along with the Home and Global Mission Boards, then the Missionary and Maintenance Fund, and later the Mission and Service Fund. Now, it is simply the Mission & Service of the United Church of Canada.

Mission & Service is not a separate fund within the church. It is the foundation of how we offer healing and hope in a hurting world. Mission & Service supports education programs; women's empowerment; food, housing support, and advocacy to alleviate poverty; assistance for theological students, lay leaders, and camping; congregational support; healing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people; youth programming like Rendez-vous, and much more!

Mission & Service is the heart and soul of The United Church of Canada. If you already give, thank you so much. If you do not give, you are encouraged to make Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith! Loving our neighbor is at the heart of Mission & Service.

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**