

ST. PAUL'S & WILMOT UNITED CHURCHES
JOINT SUMMER SERVICES
July 29, 2012

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.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude: Andante (Mendelssohn)

Choral Introit: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400

Welcome to the Church

Announcements

Call to Worship:

This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.
 This is the place where the prophets cry out
 for peace and justice and righteousness.
 It is the place where God reaches down
 into the corners of our lives,
 to offer us the mystery of holy love.
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We Light The Christ Candle

* **Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU #220

Opening Prayer:

We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship.
You welcome young and old, all seeking peace,
and all brimming over with energy.
You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,
and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.
You welcome us all, welcoming God.

* **Hymn:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV #150

Connecting to our Hearts' Longing:

Be still, and know that God is. Before creation began, God was.
 And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.
 From everlasting to everlasting, God is God,
 who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

Silence for Reflection

Assurance of God's Love:

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
 let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship
 with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Illumination: (Unison) Steven MacKenzie

O God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet,
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth
in faith and love. Amen.

Scripture: John 6: 1 - 21

Congregational Response:

One: This is the witness of God's people.
All: Thanks be to God!

Solo: The Lord's Prayer - Soloist: Kelly Ebbett (Malotte)

Sermon: More Thoughts on Jesus' Compassion Rev. R. Gaskin

Time For Silent Reflection

* **Hymn:** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind VU #608

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to The Offering

Violin Solo: Stefanie Boucher-Bouchard

* **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:**

Our heavenly Father
by your generosity we have received
all that we have and all that we are.
Grant that we may so use
the things which you have entrusted to our care,
that we may become more and more your children
in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

*Lord of all being and source of every blessing,
we thank you for all good things:
for life and love,
for health and food,
for work and home,
for nature's beauty and comfort,
for human skills and laughter,
for memory and hope,
for everything which gives us
pleasure, nourishment, and strength.*

Prayers of Intercession:

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

O divine Master,

*grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

attributed to St. Francis 12th Century

The Last Word: Ephesians 3: 14 - 21

*** Hymn:** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence VU #421

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

*** Choral Amen**

Postlude: Fugue (Kerckhoven)

You are invited to remain for the Postlude as it is part of our Worship Service.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Marlene, Office Administrator at Wilmot, as her way of saying "Thank you for the 20 years I have enjoyed working at Wilmot. I look forward to a few more years yet before retirement!"

WELCOME to this service of worship and thank you for being with us today. You are invited to join us for **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following the worship service.

SYMPATHY: Our love and condolences are extended to the family and friends of **Charles West** who passed away on July 21st. Our love and prayers are also extended to Ed & Wendy Topolski on the recent death of Ed's mother, Muriel Topolski who passed away recently in Florida.

PASTORAL CARE FOR AUGUST:
August 6 - 13 Rev. Bob Jones 476-8020
Remainder of August Rev. Ellen Beairsto 458-1391(W)
or 366-5393 (H)

NEXT SUNDAY Service of worship moves to St. Paul's United Church - 10:30 am. We return to Wilmot Sept. 9th.

HOUSECLEANING AT WILMOT will be held August 27, 28 and 29th. Reserve some time to come and help us. Thank You!

CHURCH PARKING STICKERS: Current Wilmot members and adherents who wish to use our parking lot on Carleton St. for church purposes may now obtain new numbered white stickers from Marlene in the church office, for \$10 each, to recover the cost of printing the stickers. The new stickers are valid until August 31, 2017 and replace the gold stickers which expired at the end of 2011.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Aug 27th - 31st, 9 - 11:30 am at St. Paul's United Church. Children ages 4 yrs - 10 yrs (helpers ages 11 yrs+) are welcome to explore this year's theme **Music Machine!** Offered jointly by Wilmot United and St. Paul's United, your support is appreciated through donations. Please speak to Kelly Ebbett regarding registrations, donations or volunteering. Contact kelly@wilmotuc.nb.ca or phone 472-7716.

SEEKERS GROUP: Greetings everybody! Book for reading and discussion Sept. through Dec. or longer if necessary: ***The Power of Parable : How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction about Jesus (2012).*** Dominic Crossan.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these important dates at Wilmot in the fall.

Friday, September 21 - Scott Woods Concert

Saturday, November 17 - Wilmot Auction

Saturday, November 24 - "Sounds of the Season"

Concert with Derrick Paul Miller and Carolyn Holyoke

DRAMA CAMP: The Callithumpians are hosting a Summer Drama Camp and scholarships are available for anyone wishing to attend. To apply for one of these scholarships or for more information, please contact Ryan at 457-1975.

AUGUST 18: "An Evening of Music" 7 pm at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harvey. Special guests will be ***Maple Syrup, The Doucet Sisters, Wanda Grieve*** and many other local musicians. Free will offering will be received for our Emergency Fund which is used to help people not only in our congregation but in the community with unexpected medical expenses, groceries, oil bills, etc. Everyone is welcome.

SEPTEMBER 15: Faith Baptist Church in New Maryland is presenting Beth Moore with worship by Travis Cottrell Live Simulcast, September 15, 10 am to

5:15 pm. Doors open at 9 am. Are you ready to see God's Word in a new way? There's nothing quite like worshipping the Lord with Bible teacher Beth Moore, worship leader Travis Cottrell, and a church full of women. If you've never experienced Living Proof Live, join us for a time of life-changing worship and one-of-a-kind teaching. Tickets (\$25 (individual) or \$20 for group of \$10) available at The Lighthouse or email register@faithbaptistchurch.ca

PASTORAL CARE WORKSHOP: When: Saturday, September 22nd, (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Where: Forest Hill United Church, Fredericton. Registration: \$25. Lunch: Available (free will offering). Pastoral Care has been defined plainly as "reaching out". With this understanding, it is clear that the need for pastoral care in society is limitless, and that the responsibility of pastoral care is not a solo function, but one that involves a larger community. Dr. Darlene Brewer will lead participants in the basics of effective and responsible pastoral care. Learn what pastoral care is and what it is not, and its connection to worship and outreach. Learn how to set boundaries and manage expectations, and discover true personal enrichment in helping others. To register: contact Marilyn Lohnes at (506) 455-9272, or by email: ffolk@rogers.com.

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