



## DOWNTOWN UNITED SUMMER SERVICE

JULY 19, 2015

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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.

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude:** Song for Soprano (Smart)

**Introit:** Dance with the Spirit (sing twice) MV #156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

### Welcome and Life in Our Christian Communities

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Call to Worship:

One: We gather today, rising from summer relaxation to joyful singing

**All: From weeding gardens and mowing lawns to worshipping God**

One: From camping out to sharing this sacred time together

**All: From recreation to re-creation**

One: We rise in the light of long summer days and gather in the light of God's Holy presence.

## **Prayer of Approach:**

Wondrous God

You touch our lives with healing and with justice

New life is Your gift

We praise You for the Good News

Which is ours through Jesus Christ.

May this time of worship nourish us

With Your promise of meaning and of purpose

May we be empowered to carry Your goodness

Into the coming week

We pray in Jesus' name, Who taught us to pray singing

## **The Lord's Prayer**

VU #959

## **\* Opening Hymn:**

## **Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart**

Rev. Richard Bowley

## **\* Hymn:**

## **Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing:**

Calming Spirit, as we seek to fill every moment of our summer lives, slow us down. Remind us of the beauty of this world as creation flourishes around us. Help us to breathe.

*(Breathe in and out.)*

Present God, as we plan ever farther in advance, slow us down. Help us to be present in this moment, right now, to embrace each moment, even as we embrace those who we share them with. Help us to breathe.

*(Breathe in and out.)*

Healing Christ, as we rush from family event to family event, from one friends house to another, slow us down. Remind us of the strangers we meet on the road. The ones we are called to lift up, the ones who offer us a hand when we've fallen. Help us to breathe.

*(Breathe in and out.)*

## Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love:

The gifts of our lives, our moments, and our companions on the road are full of the grace and love of God. Let us bask in the light of that Love, even as we offer it to the world. AMEN

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination

Neil Thorne

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

**Scripture Readings:** 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a  
Psalm 89: 20-37

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

**Reflection:** "The Sacredness of a Space" Rev. Ellen Beirsto

\* Hymn:

# OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## Prayers of the People

### Presentation of our Offering

#### \* 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.

#### \* Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, the seeds of generosity and goodness are revealed in these our gifts. Receive our offering and our commitment and transform them into care for the hurting, support for the grieving and celebration for the rejoicing. Bless all these gifts that we offer this day. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

#### \* Closing Hymn:

#### \* Commissioning and Benediction

#### \* Choral Amen

VU #967

#### Postlude:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(Walther)

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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 our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. A special welcome to our friends from St. Paul's. We're glad you're here! Everyone is invited to join us for **ICED TEA & CONVERSATION** in the Dr. G. M. Young Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship.

**SYMPATHY:** Our love and condolences are extended to the family of ***Dr. Marven Palmer*** who passed away July 9<sup>th</sup>. Funeral service was held at St. Paul's United Church on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER HOURS - OFFICE AT WILMOT**

Just a reminder that the office will NOT be open on Mondays and Fridays DURING July and August. Office will be open 9 - 4:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**MANOR SERVICES:**

**PINE GROVE - Sunday, July 19 at 3:00 p.m.** Please feel free to join us.

**THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE HEALING MINISTRY,** Fredericton Chapter will hold a Prayer, Praise and Healing Service at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 780 McEvoy Street on Sunday afternoon, July 19 at 2 o'clock. Anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing will be carried out by members of the Order of St. Luke.

**THE PANTRY** at St. Paul's will be closed for the month of July. Donations of food, funds or fundamental items are always appreciated and can be dropped off at the St. Paul's office.

**PLAY GROUP:** This Wednesday and through the summer, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a Wednesday morning play group will be held at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know has young children and an open Wednesday morning, come play at St. Paul's.

**DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:**

June 28 – July 26 Combined Worship with St. Paul's held here at Wilmot - 10:30 am

Aug 2 – Aug 30 Combined Worship with St. Paul's held at St. Paul's - 10:30 am

Aug 14 & 15 - "Paint the Town for Hospice" held here at Wilmot

Aug 24-28 - Vacation Bible School with St. Paul's and Forest Hill - at Wilmot

**"PAINT THE TOWN FOR HOSPICE"**

Supporting Hospice, Fredericton, August 14 & 15, 2015

Wilmot United Church Hall

August 14 - 12:00 Noon to 6 p.m.

August 15 - 10:00 am - 4 p.m.

Come watch artists "paint the town" and show your support by buying one of a kind artwork. For further information phone 472-8186

**SPECIAL WORSHIP EVENT!**

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 4th, because you will definitely want to be at Wilmot for worship. It is World wide Communion Sunday AND we have the great blessing of welcoming former Senator of Canada and past Moderator The Very Rev. Lois M. Wilson to our pulpit. Dr. Lois Wilson has just published a book "I Want to Be in That Number-Cool Saints I Have Known"—a book of reflections on 40 remarkable "saints" she has encountered over her years as minister, church Moderator, Senator, and international ecumenical leader. Every story is anchored in the scriptural text chosen for their funeral, and includes Margaret Laurence and Anglican Primate Ted Scott as well as lesser known but faithful Christians. In a highly individualistic culture, this book it invites the reader to consider all that is implied about community in the phrase "communion of saints." It offers hope and direction to a death-denying culture. It will be available for sale @ \$20 at coffee hour after church.

**Presiding Ministers:**

**Rev. Richard Bowley (St. Paul's)**

**458-1183**

**Rev. Ellen Beairsto (Wilmot)**

**206-1943**

**Organist: Virginia Leiter**

**Music Director: Steven Peacock**

**Office Administrator: Marlene Phillips**

**Sexton: Randy Randall**

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