

Downtown United

10:30 a.m. August 30th, 2015

* Please stand as you are able or sit as you prefer *

Prelude *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* -McDonald

Introit: There is Room for All

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing, "my refuge and my rock in whom I trust".

There is room for all. There is room for all.

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

and also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

We Light the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

God the Creator is in this place.

The love of God is with us.

Jesus our Companion is in this place.

The grace of our Lord is with us.

The Holy Spirit is in this place.

The communion of the Spirit is with us.

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

God the Creator, Christ, and Spirit be with us now and forever.

Amen.

Story of Creation: *Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27*

Ron Naugler

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** *Come in, Come in and sit down*

VU 395

Reflection and Prayer: *In God's Image*

Rev. Richard

Hymn Requests:

I the Lord of Sea and Sky *VU 509 (v. 1 & 3)*

Who is my Mother *MV 178 (v 1 & 3)*

Connecting to Our Hearts' Longing

One: In the circle of life the drum does not beat alone, nor does the heart.

All: *How difficult it has been, O Creator, for us to be humble and caring. We so easily forget your teachings of the just and right relationships that we are to have with one another and with our land. We so easily forget that our responsibility carries from generation to generation for caring for our land and for all those who walk on it - those who are hurt and oppressed and denied their place in the circle of life -those who still need our support, who need justice and peace. How difficult it is for us to remain humble. May we truly find peace and compassion so that we might share that peace and compassion with others.*

Assurance of God's Love The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

The Word Manifest: *John 1:1-5*

Ron Naugler

Hymn: *Jesus, You have Come to the Lakeshore*

VU 563

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Hymn Requests:

Lord of the Dance VU 352 (v. 1 & 5)

Go Make a Diff'rence MV 209 (v 1 & 2)

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
Maple Syrup

-Dorsey

*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

Let Us Pray:

O God, you have blessed us richly. We thank you and ask that you continue to use each of us in your service. Bless all we offer to you as we see to follow Christ. AMEN

Promise of the Holy Spirit: *John 14: 15-17, 26* Ron Naugler

Special Music - *Roll Jordan Roll—Maple Syrup*

-arr. Cory

Reflection & Prayer: *We're Not Alone*

Hymn Requests

Great is thy Faithfulness VU 288 (v. 1 & 3)
Spirit God, be our Breath MV 150(v. 1 & 3)

Closing Hymn: *Make a Joyful Noise!*

VU 820

***Commissioning**

In relationship God lives and moves,

In Creator, Christ, and calming Spirit.

In relationship God lives and moves,

In us, through us, binding us to one another.

Unity in Trinity, Model in Mystery,

In relationship we live and move with God.

***Benediction**

Sung Closing: *Alleluia—Maple Syrup*

-Gatlin, arr. Wright & Henry

Postlude: *Allegro* Vivaldi, arr. Norris

Coffee and Conversation will be held in Fraser Memorial Hall following the service.

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Ellen Beairsto (Wilmot) Rev. Richard Bowley (St. Paul's)

206-1943

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Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin (Wilmot)

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Announcements

WELCOME to our service of worship and thank you for being with us this morning. A special welcome to our brothers and sisters of Wilmot United. We're glad you're here! Everyone is invited to join us for Coffee & CONVERSATION in the Fraser Memorial Hall immediately following this morning's service of worship.

PLAY GROUP: This Wednesday, 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.

Doors Open Fredericton - On Sunday, September 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm approximately nineteen Fredericton buildings will be open to the public for visits and tours. Wilmot Church has been invited to participate again this year. Two or three volunteers from the congregation would be appreciated to assist with the welcoming and hosting of visitors to the church sanctuary. You don't have to be a tour guide; just serve as a greeter. Please contact Peter Gough (459-3706)(pcg@nbnet.nb.ca) if you are available and willing to assist for a 90-minute shift that afternoon.

Update on VBS

What a wonderful week we have just had at VBS. The music, the games, the storytelling, the youth, the children, the helpers, the energy, the spirit were amazing. Forest Hill, St Paul's and Wilmot were all well represented and we had several visitors as well. **Another great year! Thank you!**

Wilmot United Church would like to extend their sincere condolences and love to Steven Peacock and family on the recent death of his mother, Doris Nicholson. Funeral service was held on Sunday, Aug 23rd for Doris at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Fredericton. Also our sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Vic Moriarty. Funeral service was held for Rev. Moriarty at Central United Church in Moncton on August 27th.

A very special welcome is extended to our musical guests **Maple Syrup**. John Piercy - tenor, Shawn Bower - lead, Chris Colwell - baritone and Neil Thorne - bass. Your talent and passion will surely enliven us this day as we embrace the Spirit among us!

Pantry Needs: Our first Sunday of September is **next week!** As we prepare for the fall, the Pantry continues to support those in need in our community. Help this program by donating regular household necessities that we often take for granted. Specifically the pantry is looking for the following items: Kleenex, molasses, jam, instant coffee, frosting, granola bars, ketchup, cookies, large juice, pancake mix, cereal

What is a Mystic? EARTH MYSTIC EMAIL RETREAT

"Everyone is a mystic," writes Matthew Fox in his principles of creation spirituality. We are born with a capacity for wonder. It is a fundamental spiritual gift. Sometimes it is dulled by age and weary eyes, yet we can recover wonder at any time.

The Earth Mystics Email Retreat introduces you to four people who maintain a sense of wonder in their theology, poetry, art, music and activism. Through them we are encouraged to deepen our capacity for wonder and connection with creation.

Beginning on Saturday, September 13, join Rose~Hannah Gaskin for Earth Mystics.

Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin 506-292-1680 or rosehannahwilmot@gmail.com

What a Great Summer!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to you, the congregations of St Paul's and Wilmot (Downtown United), for supporting our efforts to come together in worship in a whole new way. Most Sundays, there were at least 2 of us conducting the Service of Worship and sometimes 3. The combined Choir and Congregation was awesome and we look forward to other combined opportunities.

Thank-you, Richard, Rose-Hannah and Ellen