



Wilmot United Church
May 25, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*(**Bold**--Please join in as you are able.)*

We Gather

Prelude: *In the Sanctuary Aria from Israel in Egypt* (Handel)

Welcome to Church and Congregation

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship: The Maples by Marie Howe

I asked the stand of maples behind the house,
How should I live my life?
They said, shhh shhh shhh...
How should I live, I asked, and the leaves seemed to ripple and
gleam.
A bird called from a branch in its own tongue,
And from a branch, across the yard, another bird answered.
A squirrel scrambled up a trunk
then along the length of a branch.
Stand still, I thought,
See how long you can bear that.
Try to stand still, if only for a few moments,
drinking light breathing

Prayer of Approach

O Holy Spirit

You animating the life of the world, yet unseen

You speaking in the turmoil of the daily news, yet unheard

You moving among us now

Your presence the breath of life

We pray that today you will bring a gift

Open in us a heart to receive your gift. Amen

Hymn: **Teach Me, God, to Wonder**

VU 299

**Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

**Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. R**

**Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. R**

**Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.**

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 148 Inclusive Bible

(Worship Words Version)

Praise the Eternal One!
Praise God from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

**Praise God, sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Love,
for God commanded and they were created.

**Praise the Creator from the earth,
you sea dragons and all creatures of the deep,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

**Rulers of the earth and all peoples!
Young of all genders alike,
old and young together!**
Let them praise the name of the Eternal One,
for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.

Hymn: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

MV 30

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,**

Refrain:

**And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore, R**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song, R**

**It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings, R**

Meditation

Craig Schneider

Craig is a practicing Buddhist of 36 years, a meditation teacher and a member of the Shambala Buddhist Community here in Fredericton.

Ministry in Music: *My Anchor Holds*

Wilmot Men's Quartet

The Offering

Offertory Verse: **For the Fruit of All Creation** (verse 1)

VU 227

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,**

**silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

Prayers for These Times

Hymn: **Walk with Me**

VU 649

Refrain:

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

- 1. When Moses heard the call of God
he said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one
to set my people free." R**

- 2. Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock. R**

- 3. Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door. R**

- 4. And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,**

**the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. R**

Benediction

Postlude: *March, from the Occasional Oratorio* (Handel)

Please join us in the gymnasium after worship for refreshments and conversation. Thanks to our Finance and Property Committee for preparing this week's refreshments.

*Guest Minister: Rev Peter Short
Guest Speaker: Craig Schneider
Minister: Rev Russ Daye
Minister Emeritus: Rev Bob Jones
Pastoral Care: Rev Ellen Beirsto
Music Director: Mark Lloyd
Young at Heart Coordinator: Amy Foster
Scripture Reader: Tony Burnett
Sound: Craig Frame
Live-streaming: Yessica Enriquez*

Masks are welcome but not required.
Wilmot is a SCENT REDUCED space.
The Worship Service is live-streamed in the Nursery.