

# **CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**

**Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**

**The United Church of Canada**

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

**Lent V**

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## **Scent-free Policy at Central United**

We encourage everyone to recognize that some members of our Church family are very sensitive to strong odours. There is a designated seating area for this purpose.

The music for the weekly sung responses (e.g. Gathering, Offering) is available on laminated sheets which are located in the Narthex.

## **Prelude**

## **Greetings**

**Gathering Music: “Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus”**

**(VU 661)**

**\*\*\*Please remain seated. (Sing once)**

***Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
teach me to walk in your way.  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come to my heart today.***

***Give me the peace and joy that only you can bring  
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;  
give me a song to sing.***



**Hymn:** *“As the Sun with Longer Journey”*

**VU 111**

**Invitation:**

One: We see God all around us, dreamer and sustainer of life.

**All: When there was nothing but an ocean of tears,  
The spirit sighed over the waters and dreamed a small dream:  
light in the darkness,  
a small planet in space.**

One: We see God beside us, the dream made flesh and faithful witness

**All: When hate and fear were raging,  
when love was beaten down,  
when hope was nailed and left to die,  
Jesus entered into our deep secret places  
and went down into our death to find us.**

One: We see God within us, the spirit who empowers the dream.

**All: Who weeps with us in our despair,  
who breathes on prison doors,  
never admitting it's hopeless,  
always expecting the bars to bend and sway  
and break forth into freedom.**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**Welcome**



**Minute for Mission**

**Offering our Gifts:**

**Regular Offering**

**Choral Dedication: “Grateful”**



**(MV 182)**

*You are more than we imagine,  
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.  
Even when we doubt your presence  
you are faithful to your Word*

*Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.*

**(Please stand, as you are able, when the Greeters/Elders bring forward the Offering)**

**Dedication of Our Offering:**

*May our lives proclaim your justice,  
may our voices sing your praise.  
May our hands work in your service  
to the glory of your name.*

*Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.*

**Gift of Music: “The Holy City”  
Brittany Francis**

(F. E. Weatherly & Steven Adams)

## Preparing to hear the Scripture Story:

### “The Symbols of Lent”

Voice One: Were you there, when all that was death-dealing seemed to have more power than that which was life-giving? Were you there, when the icy fingers of fear choked the spirit of creativity?

Voice Two: *Were you there, when it seemed like all hope was gone and then suddenly life was renewed? Were you there when what appeared to be dead became alive again?*

**All: We were there ... I was there, you were there. We each know the call to experience new life – even when it seems impossible.**

**Scripture: John 11: (selected verses)**

*May we but wait upon Love's word.*

*Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)*



**Gift of Music: “What Calls Me From the Death” (MV 93)  
Senior Choir**

**Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:**

**Hymn: “Come and Find the Quiet Centre”**

**VU 374**

**Sermon: “Life and Death”**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**VU 120**

## Benediction

**Sending Us Out: “Draw the Circle Wide” (Sing once)**

**(MV 145)**

*Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God’s call.*

*Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by  
side,  
draw the circle wide*



## Postlude

## WELCOME

Welcome to our Sunday Service. If you are a guest with us, please sign the “Guest Book” at the back of the sanctuary and introduce yourself to our Minister.

### ELDERS

Tom Ritcey  
Elaine Ernst

### GREETERS

Corella Courtney & Donna Hartlen

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS** to the family & friends of Margaret Lamb, who died March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS – CENTRAL UNITED**

**TONIGHT, Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 pm** – Central United Church **Sanctuary**  
“Don’t Just Do Something, Sit There!”

A weaving of inspirations from a famous Mt. A chaplain, as well as the various forms of subtle (or quiet, or ‘passive’) activism and resistance in the context of communal and interactive meditations on the meaning of life.

## CKBW SPONSOR

We are looking for a **sponsor** for the **CKBW** taping for the month of **April 2017**. Taping will be on April **23<sup>rd</sup>** with the broadcast on April **30<sup>th</sup>** on CKBW.

## Storm Cancellation Notification



### **Notification about cancelled church services due to inclement weather can be found:**

1. By listening to the CKBW radio station (on your dial at **98.1**) although announcements will only be read **once an hour**. Cancellations are also posted on the CKBW website: [www.ckbw.ca](http://www.ckbw.ca)
2. Cancellation of our church service can also be found on our church website: [www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca](http://www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca)
3. You can also phone the church office on the Sunday when it storms: (**902-634-4035**) for information on our Voicemail which will announce our cancelled service for that week, due to stormy weather.

**Please note:** Whether Church Service is cancelled or not, members and friends are encouraged to use their own discretion as to whether they can or should be attending Sunday Service.

## COMING WEEK

### MONDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

7:00 pm – Steward's Meeting – Fellowship Room

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> – SOUP LUNCHEON

**(Sponsored by Central UCW)**

**Where:** Central United Church Hall

**Time:** 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Cost:** \$9.00



### THURSDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 pm – Board Meeting – Fellowship Room

## LOOKING AHEAD

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> – HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE

**9:30 am** – Central United Church Sanctuary

### MONDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

1:30 pm – Central United UCW meeting – League Room

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> – SOUP LUNCHEON

**(Sponsored by Central UCW)**

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Cost:** \$9.00

**Where:** Central Church Hall



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS – CENTRAL UNITED

There will be **NO** Vespers services on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** or **April 16<sup>th</sup>**.



## This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	"Living the Questions" Study Group – Fellowship Room
Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Fellowship Room
Wednesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO Handbell Choir practice tonight</b>
Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Adult Study Group
Sunday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Regular Service



### Holy Week & Easter Events

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday**

**6:00 pm** – Family Potluck

(Please bring your own dishes & utensils.)

**Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday**

**11:30 am** – Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

(Gathering at St. John's Anglican Church)

**7:00 pm** – Good Friday Service – Central United

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

Celebration of Communion

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Holy Humour Sunday**

**Earth Sunday**

### 2017 LENTEN CAFÉ FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

**Where:** Zion Church Hall

**When:** Wednesdays in Lent

**Time:** 11:00 to 11:45 am

<u>Hosting Clergy/Church</u>	
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Zion Lutheran
Offering to Lunenburg Food Bank	

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LENTEN MUSIC AND MEDITATION SERIES FOR 2017

St. John's Church, Each Wednesday of **Lent** (March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Time: 12 noon – ½ hour or so