

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

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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

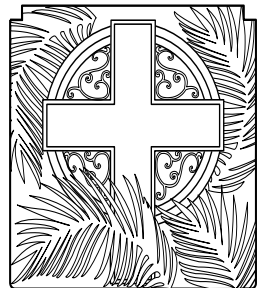
Gathering Music: “Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus”

(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: *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

VU 123

Invitation to walk the road on Palm Sunday:

One: We say that everyone loves a parade! What does the parade celebrate? Victory? Homecoming? Thanksgiving? Achievement?

All: Or is the parade of Palm Sunday a cry from the very stones, that we welcome the one who comes in the name of love and service.

One: We say that we should welcome stars and athletes with ticker tape and cheering crowds and home town pride.

All: Or do we see to follow not in the “cult of celebrity” but rather the humble steps of Jesus – our care for the world and for one another will be the palms and clothes we spread beneath his feet.

One: We say that success is the only yardstick and power is the only thing that matters.

All: And yet we are called to follow the one who comes as a Servant and to set the prisoner free.

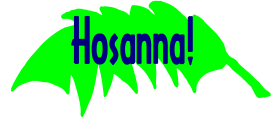
One: What kind of parade will we follow?

The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome



Time with the Children

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
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Scripture: Matthew 21: 1 - 11

May we but wait upon Love's word.

Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)



Gift of Music: *“Ride On, King Jesus”* (Traditional spiritual arr. by Joseph M. Martin)
Senior Choir

Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:

Hymn: *“When We Seek Language”*

MV 49

Sermon: **“Faithful Following”**

Prayers of the People

Hymn: *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

VU 147

Sending us out into Holy Week:

One: Into the sunshine and shadow of this coming week – and the sunshine and shadow of all our days.

May we step gratefully into this Holy Week;

All: We will tread softly for many things are already bruised;

We will go reverently for holiness is found in unlikely places;

We will walk lovingly for the sake of the Crucified One

One: We are blessed,

All: Now let us be a blessing.

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

Peggy & Doug Greek

THANK YOU to Christopher who has agreed to stay on with us at Central, in a term position from 1 May to 31 July, as Minister of Music. This will give us time to restart the search process to fill the position of Minister of Music commencing 1 September 2017.

COMING WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH

1:30 pm – “Knit Together in Love” – Meeting at the home of Barbara Gerhardt

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH – 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 9th** or **April 16th**.

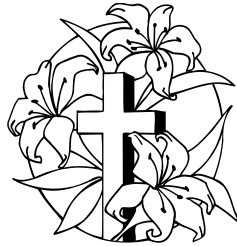


SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTER OF MUSIC POSITION

Are you interested in being involved on the Search Committee for the Minister of Music position? We are looking for two members of the congregation to serve, along with a member of the Ministry & Personnel, a member of Music & Worship, and a member of our choir, on the Search Committee. If interested in assisting with this important work, please leave your name with Lauren in the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Holy Week & Easter Events



Thursday, April 13th – Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm – Family Potluck

(Please bring your own dishes & utensils.)

Friday, April 14th – 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 16th – Easter Sunday

Celebration of Communion

Sunday, April 23rd – Holy Humour Sunday

Earth Sunday

This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, April 12 th	10:00 am	“Living the Questions” Study Group – Fellowship Room
Wednesday, April 12 th	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Fellowship Room
Wednesday, April 12 th	7:45 pm	Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Friday, April 14 th		No Adult Study Group this week
Sunday, April 16 th	10:30 am	Regular Service
		

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John’s Anglican Church in Lunenburg announces
Lenten Music and Meditation Series for 2017

Music and Meditation for **Lent, 2017**, begins on Wednesday, **March 1st** at noon at **St. John’s Anglican Church**, 81 Cumberland St. in Lunenburg.

Date	Time	Performer
Wednesday, April 12 th	Noon	A Cappella

