

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Friday, April 14, 2017

Good Friday

7:00 pm

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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.

Prelude

Welcome

Invitation to Reflect on Good Friday:

One: Jesus walked to Calvary, resolute, raw with pain,
walked that road in his staggering suffering,
lashed by the crowd's hatred and fear.

**All: Many the crosses, which still kill the voice of peace
those who bleed for the sake of God's righteousness,
victims of power and greed.**

One: There is still today, the innocent ones, prisoners of Pilate's rule,
their lives filled with terror, torture, and injustice's instruments,
still darkening our world today.



**All: And there is still today, faithful ones, who follow in the steps of Jesus
those who die in the name of God's promises,
souls who make weakness strong.**

One: God, forgive us our faithlessness, all we do and say,

All: God, all our silence and apathy, we lay it at the cross this day.



Hymn: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

VU 149

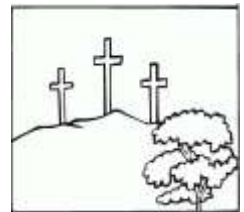
Gathering Prayer:

Jesus,
Prince of Peace,
humble and riding on a donkey.

Jesus,
Disturber of the peace,
you upset bad religion
when it gets in the way of God.

Jesus,
Upsetter of the self-righteous,
you turn questions on their head,
offering no instant answers,
but showing us the way.

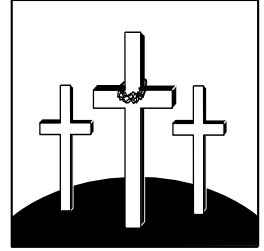
Jesus,
Lover of the lost,
you say "forgive"
when we want to shout "condemn!"



Jesus,
 the One who welcomed the lost, forgotten and rejected,
 you share your best
 even in the face of our worst.

Jesus,
 the One who loves the world
 ... yes, even the world
 which wants you – until it meets you.

Amen.



First Reading: Luke 23: 33 – 34 & 38

Gift of Music: *“They Crucified My Lord”*
Senior Choir

(Traditional spiritual arranged by
 Joseph M. Martin)

Second Reading: Matthew 27: 45 – 49

Hymn: *“O God, Why Are You Silent?”*

MV 73

Meditation – “The Symbols of Good Friday”



Third Reading: Luke 23: 39 – 43Hymn: *“Love Is the Touch”*

MV 89

Shared Prayers**Fourth Reading: Luke 23: 44 – 47**Hymn: *“God Remembers Pain”*

VU 610

Fifth Reading: Luke 23: 50 - 56**Sending Us Away From the Cross:**

One: It is time now to walk away from the cross. The sun is setting and it is time for rest.

All: We have offered our prayers and our tears for an aching world – a world that still kills the prophet and crucifies the innocent. We wait now with the crowd in the echoes of the day.

One: The Spirit hovers in the messy, untidy details of our living and our dying, and proclaims,

All: Love is still here and love insists that this death draws us deeper into life.

One: For nothing can separate us from the love of God. Go in peace.

All: We will go in peace.

WELCOME

Welcome to our Good Friday 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

THANK YOU to our Readers and to everyone who participated in the Service this evening!

There is no gathered **offering** during the Service this evening. For your gifts, there is an offering plate by the Sanctuary door.

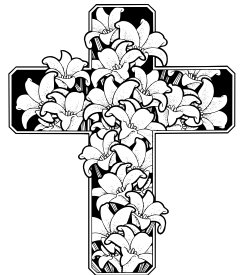
COMING WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH – EASTER SUNDAY

10:30 am – Easter Sunday Service

Celebration of Communion

MONDAY, APRIL 17TH – EASTER MONDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD – HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

10:30 am – Regular Service

Taping by CKBW

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

Celebration Sunday

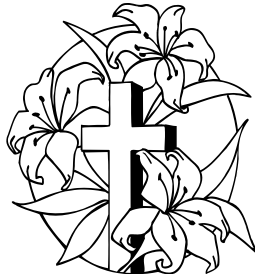
Benevolent Fund Offering

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Fellowship Room

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Season of Easter Events



Sunday, April 16th – Easter Sunday

Celebration of Communion

Sunday, April 23rd – Holy Humour Sunday

Earth Sunday

This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, April 19 th		“Living the Questions” Study Group cancelled this week.
Wednesday, April 19 th		No Choir practice – Music Festival
Wednesday, April 19 th		No Handbell practice – Music Festival participants in the Sanctuary
Friday, April 21 st	10:00 am	Adult Study Group
Sunday, April 23 rd	10:30 am	Regular Service – CKBW taping
