

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Easter 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

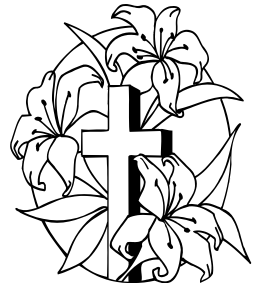
Gathering Music: “Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus”

(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.***



1st Scripture Reading – John 20: 1 – 2 & 11 – 16a (Meghan Ernst)

Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

VU 155

An Invitation to Celebrate on Easter Morning:

One: Listen. What do you hear?

All: **Sounds of celebration and life.**

One: Listen. What do you hear?

All: **The sounds of people talking and laughing. It is the sounds of Easter morning and resurrection.**

One: Listen. What do you hear?

All: **The spirit calling us to work and rest, prayer and play, new life in relationships with family, friends and church.**

One: Listen. What do you hear?

All: **The spirit calling us away from the mad dash to the future, away from fear and stress, away from the need to fill every moment of every hour,**

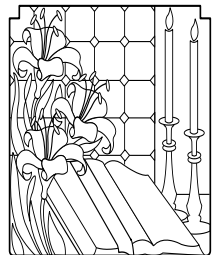
One: Listen. What do you hear?

All: **The spirit calling us to breathe, smile and enjoy. Calling us to be part of the rich rhythm of life – abundant and joy filled life, life that is full of wonder, life that is spacious and holy. The spirit is calling us to new life, Easter life, resurrection life.**

The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome

Minute for Mission (Graham Pearson)



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,
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2nd Scripture Reading : John 14: (selected verses) – (Grant Corkum)

*May we but wait upon Love's word.
Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)*



Gift of Music: *“Great Day! The Lord is Risen!”* (Arranged by Joseph M. Martin)
Senior Choir

Time of Quiet Reflection

Easter Morning Meditation

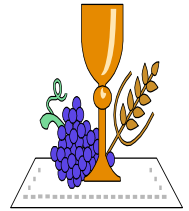
Celebration of Communion

Gift of Music: *“Come to the Welcome Table”*
(arranged by Joseph M. Martin)
Senior Choir

Easter Communion Prayer (yellow insert)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

“Please note that a gluten-free option is available.”



Hymn: *“Joy Comes With The Dawn”*

VU 166

Benediction

One: Resurrection Life, may we leave this sacred Easter morning filled with hope.

All: Go deep into the roots of our faith with the vibrancy of your love

One: Coax joy and hope to grow in our lives.

All: Warm the buds of our relationships so that they might bloom again and again.

One: Clear out our winter debris with the wild wind of your liberating presence.

All: Nudge us, woo us, entice us and draw us to you and to one another.

One: We ask you to thaw our winter hearts and souls.

All: God, source of life and love, fill us with Easter joy and let the story of resurrection begin in us.

One: And as we have been blessed

All: Let us be an Easter Blessing! Alleluia!

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

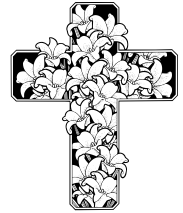
*Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God’s call.*

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*

(MV 145)



**Postlude: “Variations on ‘Easter Hymn’” (arranged by Dan Edwards)
Handbell Choir**



The bulletin this Sunday is a gift from
Colin & Shelley Mann

*“In memory of Shelley’s father, Wilbert Lynds
and
Colin’s parents – Ken & Isabel Mann”*

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

Helen Bennett & Carolyn McAllister

Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Alice Fraser who died on Sunday, April 9th.

Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Rev. David Ferguson (Dr. Craig Ferguson and Mary Knickle) who died on April 7th in Dartmouth, NS.

COMING WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 17TH – EASTER MONDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD – EARTH SUNDAY – EASTER II

10:30 am – Regular Service

Taping by CKBW

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH – HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY

10:30 am – Regular Service

Celebration Sunday

Benevolent Fund Offering

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Fellowship Room

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH – EASTER IV

10:30 am – Regular Service

MONDAY, MAY 8TH

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH – MEN'S SOCIAL SUPPER

6:00 pm – Men's Social Supper – Central United Church Hall


CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S SOCIAL SUPPER – SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

The Men's Social Supper is happening on the **2nd Saturday in May** instead of the 1st Saturday of the month. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church.



This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, April 19		“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
Friday, April 21 st	10:00 am	Adult Study Group
Sunday, April 23 rd	10:30 am	Regular Service – CKBW taping
		

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSHALLAH

**Inshallah is coming to the South Shore July 28 to Aug 1
Songs of Faith from around the World**

Inshallah is an interdenominational choir of more than **100 voices**, based at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Ontario

They are excited about meeting us, singing, leading workshops, conducting worship and helping explore together what it means to be people of faith in this time and place.

We need your help with billeting, food, planning and transportation.
Please call: **Deborah Pryce at 902-634-8395.**

SPRING SPLASH

Trinity United UCW, Rose Bay is hosting a Spring Luncheon. Sandwiches and treats. Gluten free available. **11 am – 1:00 pm, Wednesday, April 19th.**

Deliveries to Lunenburg and Riverport businesses. Phone: **902-766-4752** by 2:00 pm, Tuesday, April 18th to order. \$8.00 pp.