

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada
Sunday, April 23, 2017 – Easter II
Earth 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

Welcome

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: *“Morning Has Broken”*

VU 409

Invitation:

One: God, source of all life, you are alive

**All: in the beauty of the earth
in the rhythm of the seasons
in the mystery of time and space.**

One: God, source of all life, you are alive

**All: in the tenderness of touch
in the heartbeat of intimacy
in the insights of solitude.**

One: God, source of all life, you are alive

**All: in the creative possibility
of the dullest conversation
the dreariest task
the most threatening event.**

One: God, source of all life, you are alive

**All: to offer re-creation
to every unhealed hurt
to every deadened place
to every damaged heart.**

One: Set before us is a great choice.

Therefore we choose life.

The dance of resurrection soars and surges
through the whole creation.

All: This is Easter hope, that in dying we live.

The Prayer of Jesus

CKBW 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:

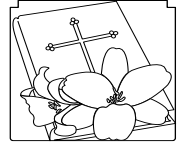
*May our lives proclaim your justice,
may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service
to the glory of your name.*

*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.*



Scripture: John 20: 19 - 31

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



Gift of Music: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*
(Conrad Kocher, arr. by David Christensen)
Handbell Choir



Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:

Hymn: *"Called by Earth and Sky"* (Insert)

MV 135

Sermon: *"Resurrection For the Earth – Seeing It For Yourself"*

Prayers of the People

Hymn: *"Christ Has No Body Now but Ours"* (Insert)

MV 171

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

The bulletin this Sunday is a gift from:
Shirley Zinck & family

In loving memory of my son, Stephen,

*“Think of you every day,
Love you every day,
Miss you every day!”*



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

Carolyn Levy & Peggy Greek

Sympathy and Prayers to the family and friends of Roseville Tanner - whose funeral will be at Central United on Monday, April 24th - 2:00 pm.

CKBW TAPING

The service this morning is being taped for broadcast over CKBW on **Sunday, April 30th, 2017.**



HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY will be celebrated next Sunday, April 30th.

COMING WEEK**SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH – HOLY HUMOUR SUNDAY – EASTER III**

10:30 am – Regular Service

Celebration Sunday

Benevolent Fund Offering

Broadcast on CKBW of taped Easter II Service

LOOKING AHEAD**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**INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS SERIES:**

Sunday Evening Vespers will begin again on **Sunday April 30th.**

Place: Central United Church Sanctuary, please enter by Boscawen door.

Time: 6:30 pm.

Contact **Christopher Yungblut** at dancingtone@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to participate.

Theme to be announced

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 26 th	10:00 am	"Living the Questions" Study Group meeting at the home of Thelma Blinn
Wednesday, April 26 th	6:00 pm	No Choir practice – Music Festival
Wednesday, April 26 th	7:45 pm	No Handbell practice – Music Festival participants in the Sanctuary
Friday, April 28 th	10:00 am	Adult Study Group
Sunday, April 30 th	10:30 am	Regular Service



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCW SPRINGTIME LUNCHEON AND SALE – BRIDGEWATER UNITED

Saturday, April 29th – 87 Hillcrest Street – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Trinkets & Treasures Table, Arts and Crafts Table, Bake Table and Wee Wisdom Nursery School Cookie Sale. Adults: \$10.00. Students: \$5.00.
 Tickets available from Church Office

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.**

