

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, April 30th, 2017

Holy Humour 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

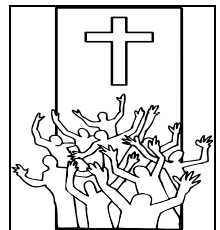
Gathering Music: “Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus”

(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: *"Give To Us Laughter"*

VU 624

Invitation:

One: Spirit of this Easter season we are reminded that we are fully alive – alive in our spirits and alive in our bodies.

All: Thank you God, for the gift of life.

One: Remind us again that you gave us voices to sing, muscles to smile and laugh, and feet with which to dance.

All: We are reminded that Jesus was fully human – surely he must have laughed and sang and danced.

One: I wonder ... when he saw the children running and playing did he join in and laugh and play with them?

All: He must have laughed! Who wouldn't?

One: I wonder ... when he saw the flowers in the field bobbing their heads and the sparrows chirping in the trees – Did he smile?

All: Surely, he smiled, just as we smile.

One: When he visited with a friend or attended a wedding – would he have danced with the other guests when the music began?

All: Of course! He must have danced.

One: In this Easter season may we be more like Jesus –

All: compassionate and joyful in every way.

(Based on a prayer by – Barbara Zimmerman, Knox United Church – Castor, Alta.
"Gathering" Lent/Easter 2017, p. 45)

The Prayer of Jesus (Solo by Hannah Ernst)

Welcome



Minute for Mission

Offering our Gifts:

Regular Offering

Benevolent Fund Offering

Choral Dedication: **“Grateful”** (MV 182) (Insert)



*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: Luke 24: 13 - 35

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



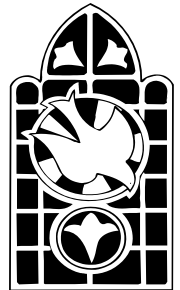
Gift of Music: "A funny thing happened on the way ..."
Christopher Yungblut

Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:

Hymn: "Jesus Laughed Out Loud" (Insert)

MV 133

Sermon: "Was Jesus Funny?"



Prayers of the People

Hymn: "God of Love and Joy and Laughter" (Insert)

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

Brian Jobb & Brenda Bachman

CELEBRATION SUNDAY – Best wishes to everyone who celebrated a birthday in the month of **April**.

Celebration names are printed on an insert in the bulletin.



COMING WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

7:00 pm – Session Meeting – Fellowship Room

Copies of the Agenda for this meeting are available in the Narthex (green paper). If you have any additions to the Agenda please contact Rev. Grace before Wednesday morning (May 3rd).

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH – EASTER IV

10:30 am – Regular Service

LOOKING AHEAD

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH – CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY – MOTHERS' DAY

10:30 am – Celebrating our Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 15TH

UCW MEETING

1:30 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room

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 will be: ***“Be the Change You Want to Feel in the World”***



This Week at Central United:

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| Wednesday, May 3 rd | 10:00 am | “Living the Questions” study group meeting in the Fellowship Room |
| Wednesday, May 3 rd | 6:00 pm | Choir practice – Fellowship Room |
| Wednesday, May 3 rd | 7:45 pm | Handbell Choir practice - Sanctuary |
| Friday, May 5 th | 10:00 am | Adult Study Group meeting in the Fellowship Room |
| Sunday, May 7 th | 10:30 am | Regular Service |
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**



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.

