

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**  
**Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**

**The United Church of Canada**  
**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
*Good Shepherd 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: *“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

VU 747

**Invitation:**

One: Creative Spirit, of teeming galaxies and the great empty freeway of space  
- you are Shepherd of the meek,

**All: We gather together in love and awe.**

One: Mother of the Earth, of sunlit mountains and moonlit deserts – you are  
Shepherd of the poor,

**All: We gather with gratitude.**

One: Spirit of the Ages, touching countless millennia and the rise and fall of  
cultures and empires – you are Shepherd of the merciful,

**All: We gather to hear words of justice.**

One: New Life, seen in spring abundance and fresh starts – you are Shepherd  
of the lost,

**All: We gather to share the message of hope and new life.**

One: Great Shepherd of the flock we long to hear your voice –

**All: So we gather to listen, learn, grow and live in faith together.**

**Welcome**



## Gathering Prayer

Living Shepherd Spirit, day by day you lead us to the deep pools of peace and the green lush places of life.

Guiding One, you call us to pour out our hearts in service and to anoint the stranger with hope.

Caring One, you show us the community we could be and the family that we are called to be. May we know your voice and allow the spirit to guide us and to give us new life. Amen.

## The Prayer of Jesus

## 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*

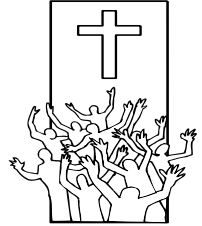
*Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.*

**(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.*

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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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## Scripture: John 10: (selected verses) & Acts 2: 42 - 47

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



**Gift of Music:** *"Put a Little Love in Your Heart"*  
**Sara Johnston**

## Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn

**Hymn:** *"Deep in Our Hearts"* (Insert)

**MV 154**

**Sermon:** *"Sharing and Caring"*

## Prayers of the People

Hymn: “Are You a Shepherd?” (Insert)

MV 126

## 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  
Sylvia Shaw & family

*In loving memory of  
Captain Charles Shaw*

## 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

Thelma Blinn  
David Corkum

### GREETERS

J. Leslie & Barbara Mason

**INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS – CENTRAL UNITED****TONIGHT, Sunday, May 7th – 6:30 pm** – Central United Church SanctuaryPlease use **Cumberland Street entrance** nearest to Boscawen Inn.**Theme:** Jazz Vespers

Each evening's vespers is a blank slate to be filled in interactively by all participants – each of us will get out of it what we bring to it.

Participation Actively and Warmly Encouraged, whether planned or spontaneous!

Contact **Christopher Yungblut** at [\*\*dancingtone@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:dancingtone@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up to participate!**UCW SOUP LUNCHEONS IN APRIL**Total monies received from the 2 soup luncheons: **\$2,713.00.**#1 soup luncheon monies received: **\$1,223.00**#2 soup luncheon monies received: **\$1,273.00** plus donations of **\$217.40.**

Thank you to everyone!

**OBSERVER MAGAZINE RENEWAL TIME**

The annual subscription for the United Church Observer magazine is now due.

Central United is eligible for the \$25.00 per subscriber, group rate. Please hand in a cheque made out to "**Central United**" or cash to the church office.

Copies of The Observer Magazine are also available in our library.

**COMING WEEK****MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**


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

**SATURDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – MEN'S SOCIAL SUPPER**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY –****MOTHERS' DAY**10:30 am – Celebrating our Sunday School  
Celebration of Baptism

## This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>“Living the Questions” is cancelled for this week</b>
Wednesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choir practice – Fellowship Room
<b>Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>No Handbell Choir practice this week.</b>
Friday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Adult Study Group meeting in the Fellowship Room
Sunday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Regular Service
		

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### MONDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

1:30 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room

#### SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

10:30 am – Regular Service

#### MONDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – VICTORIA DAY

### 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 Laureen in the church office.**



#### INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS SERIES:

**Sunday evening** Vespers, Central United Church Sanctuary,  
**6:30 pm**

May 14<sup>th</sup> theme: Taize-inspired

May 21<sup>st</sup> theme: Peace and Justice

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