

# CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Christian Family Sunday

Mother's Day

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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: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"**

**VU 556**

**Invitation:**

One: Family God, we are thankful for relationships, parent and child, partners and husbands and wives, teacher and student, friend and neighbour – they help us to grow.

**Right Side:** In the church we welcome special moments in our lives, promising you God, and each other, that we will love and support one another.

**Left Side:** We share each other's joy at births and graduations, when we find new jobs, make new homes, marry or celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.

*Choir: We journey with each other with prayer, words and actions through times of struggle – accidents, illness, loss of jobs, broken relationships and death.*

One: To experience the fullness of life, we make covenants – promises that are intended to draw us into closer relationships and remind us that we need to love and forgive one another.

*All: When we were little we were brought by our parents to be baptized – they knew that our lives would be richer if we knew about God. They brought us to Sunday School to learn about God. And when we were confirmed we made our own promises to love one another and to follow the teachings of Jesus.*

**Right Side:** When we find someone with whom we want to share our lives, and we marry, we make promises to share all our life with this special person and for them to be our life partner.

**Left Side:** We make promises to live our lives together and make a family together - with its responsibilities and freedoms, its tensions and trials, its joys and pleasures, and to cherish and care for each other.

One: All our relationships and families are deeper and richer when we make and keep our promises to each other.

*All: God, source of life and love, we are so thankful for all the people that we find in our lives. We offer our promises on this special morning, to walk in your spirit and with each other so that love will fill our lives and fill the whole Earth - Beginning with us in this moment of celebration and promise. Amen.*

(Based on a prayer by: Heather Leffler, Ailsfeldt UC & Knox UC, Clifford, Ont. "Gathering" Lent/Easter 2013 p. 72)

### **The Prayer of Jesus:**

O God, you love us like a good parent,  
 And are present in every aspect of our existence  
 May your nature become known and respected by all  
 May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice  
 Be the reality for everyone  
 As we live by the Jesus Way.  
 Give us all that we really need to live every day for you  
 And forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures.  
 Keep us from doing those things which are not of you,  
 And cause us always to be centred on your love  
 For you are the true reality in this our now,  
 And in all our future.  
 In the Jesus Way we pray.  
 Amen.

*(David Sorrell)*



**Welcome**

## Celebration of Baptism

Hymn: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" VU # 644

Lucille Jean Zwicker (daughter of Marcus and Kate Zwicker)

\*\*Please follow along with the baptism service on the yellow insert.



## Minute for Mission

## Offering our Gifts:

## Regular 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: I Corinthians 13 (Emerald Lake)**

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



**Gift of Music**

**Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn**

**Hymn:** *“Jesus Loves Me”*

**VU 365**

**Celebrating Our Sunday School**



**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** *“I Have Called You by Your Name”*

**MV 161**

**Benediction and Blessing**

Like a mother who comforts her children,  
Creative God sustains, nurtures and strengthens us.  
Like a father who cares for his children,  
Creative God looks upon us with compassion and goodness.

We give thanks for **Lucy**, and all our children  
and for the joy which they bring to our families.

*(To the children)*

As a sign of our blessing to you this day – we touch them as they have touched all of us.

May you grow in wisdom and understanding.  
*(touch head)*

May you work for justice in the world.  
*(touch hands)*

May you walk in the ways of peace.  
*(touch feet)*



**All: Out of the stars in their flight, out of the dust of eternity, we have come - stardust and sunlight, mingling through time and through space...**

Each time we gather in sacred or ordinary places  
we are reminded that we are children of sky and earth -  
You are a child of the Spirit and a child of the Earth.  
You have inherited the responsibility of caring for this Earth.  
Cherish it for all creation.

May the sun and the stars  
delight and touch your hearts with fire  
and so may you find passion to be creative and caring. Amen.

**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:  
Helen & Fred Bennett & family

“In loving memory of  
Bert, Juanita and David Bailly  
and  
Colin and Maggie Bennett”

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**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**

Claire Cook & Charlee Francis

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS to Lucille Jean Zwicker** and to her parents, Marcus & Katherine Zwicker and big brother Mason on her “Celebration of Baptism”.

**INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS – CENTRAL UNITED**

**TONIGHT, Sunday, May 14th – 6:30 pm** – Central United Church **Sanctuary**

Please use **Cumberland Street entrance** nearest to Boscawen Inn.

**Theme:** Taize-inspired

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** for more information or to sign up to participate!