

# CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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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: *"There's a Spirit in the Air"*

VU 582

**Invitation:**

One: Sometimes we are blinded

**All: because we do not want to see.**

One: Sometimes we are deaf

**All: because we do not want to hear.**

One: Sometimes we are silent

**All: because we do not want to speak.**

One: Sometimes we are unloving

**All: because we do not want to feel.**

One: When we are trapped in a world of silence, inaction, lies and callousness,

**All: may we be moved to a life that is made abundant through living in the spirit.**

One: In these special moments when we gather together on Sunday morning,

**All: may we find new ears to hear, new eyes to see, and open hearts to love extravagantly.**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

**Welcome**

**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: John 14: 15 - 24**

*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:** *"Spirit, Open My Heart"* (Insert)

**MV 79**

**Sermon:** *"The Promise of the Spirit"*

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** *"We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"*

**VU 586**

## 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

Thelma Blinn

David Corkum

### GREETERS

Sherrie & Ivan Carey

## SPRINGFEST CANCELLED IN JUNE

Due to ongoing road construction, the “**Springfest**”, planned for **June 10<sup>th</sup>** is **postponed** and will now be called “**Fallfest**” and held on **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## 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.

**INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS – CENTRAL UNITED****TONIGHT, Sunday, May 21st – 6:30 pm** – Central UnitedChurch **Sanctuary**Please use **Cumberland Street entrance** nearest to Boscawen Inn.**Theme:** Peace and JusticeContact **Christopher Yungblut** at [dancingtone@gmail.com](mailto:dancingtone@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up to participate!**COMING WEEK****MONDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – VICTORIA DAY****THURSDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Rev. Grace will be attending Maritime Conference Annual Meeting.

**SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

10:30 am – Regular Service

Benevolent Fund Offering

**LOOKING AHEAD****SATURDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**6:30 pm - **Men's Social Supper** – Central United Church Hall

Join us for a pizza and games night – sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Entrance to the hall will be through the **Cumberland Street entrance** nearest to Boscawen Inn.**SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> – PENTECOST**

10:30 am – Celebration of Communion

**MONDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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



## This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	“Living the Questions” study group meeting in the Fellowship Room
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choir practice – Fellowship Room
Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Handbell Choir practice - Sanctuary
Sunday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Regular Service



### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SHERBROOKE LAKE CAMP

Sherbrooke Lake Camp is fundraising in order to build and replace their nine cabins and give campers an even better experience in the future.

For those wishing to pledge money to this cause, go to:

[www.sherbrookelakecamp.org/operationrefresh](http://www.sherbrookelakecamp.org/operationrefresh) or call Mat at 902-483-2882.



#### 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.**



#### INTERACTIVE ALTERNATIVE VESPERS SERIES:

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

May 28<sup>th</sup> **theme:** Peace and Justice

This will be the last Vespers evening this season.

Contact **Christopher Yungblut** at [dancingtone@gmail.com](mailto:dancingtone@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up to participate!

