

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, May 28th, 2017

Guest Minister: Rev. Ron Frampton
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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: “*We Are One*”
(Verses 1, 2 and 4)

VU 402

Invitation (*Adapted from the United Church of Christ*):

One: From many streets, we gather as a faith community, from diverse homes, backgrounds, and experiences shaping who we are today:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: Of different ages and abilities, we gather as a faith community, wearing different clothing, filling different roles, singing different songs:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: With diverse hopes and dreams, we gather as a faith community, of different personality types and interests, with multiple ministries and callings:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: Each carrying within us many voices, we gather as a faith community, holding happiness alongside hurt, often in the same moment. Inside every one of us, a crowd of ideas, feelings, and questions:

All: Out of many, we are one.

One: In Christ, we come together and find a deeper unity. People of faith, come and meditate upon the holy, that out of many, all may be one!

Gathering Prayer and The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome



Hymn: "It Only Takes a Spark"

VU 289

Minute for Mission (Graham Pearson)

Offering our Gifts:

Regular Offering

Benevolent Fund 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: 1 Peter 4: 12 – 14 & John 17: 1 - 11

May we but wait upon Love's word.

Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)



Gift of Music: Solo

Brittany Francis

Time of Quiet Reflection and Introduction to Hymn:

Hymn: “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (Insert)

Sermon: “Being One”

Prayers of the People

Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

VU 602

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 cover for this morning’s service is a gift from:

Shirley Zinck

*“In loving memory of Sherman Zinck
and our Anniversary”*

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

Oliver & Carolyn Levy, Jr.

A Warm Welcome to Rev. Ron Frampton who is our guest minister today.
Rev. Grace is away attending the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference.

Sympathy and prayers to the family of Peter & Lauren Stratford on the death of Peter's Mom, Nancy Spielberger, on Tuesday, May 23rd, in Victoria, BC

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

Celebration names are printed on an insert in the bulletin.



COMING WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD

6:00 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 4TH – PENTECOST

9:30 am – Handbell Choir Practice – Sanctuary (before Church Service)

10:30 am – Celebration of Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH

10:30 am – Regular Service


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 **one** member of Music & Worship and **one** member of our choir to serve on the Search Committee. If interested in assisting with this important work, **please leave your name with Lauren in the church office.**



This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, May 31 st	10:00 am	"Living the Questions" study group meeting in the Fellowship Room (Last meeting before summer)
Wednesday, May 31 st	6:30 pm	Choir practice – Fellowship Room Guest singers are welcome to join us for the last anthem of the season practice – tonight at 6:30 pm.
Wednesday, May 31st		No Handbell practice this Wednesday.
Sunday, May 28 th	10:30 am	Regular Service
		

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. Thank you!

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 or call Mat at 902-483-2882.



GOSPEL CONCERT – FAITH BAPTIST CHAPEL, LUNENBURG

A Gospel Concert featuring Gospel Artists "**Saved by Grace**" from Fredericton, NB – Sunday, **June 11th** at **7:00 pm** at **Faith Baptist Chapel**, Lunenburg. Free will offering.

