

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, June 4th, 2017

The Day of Pentecost

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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

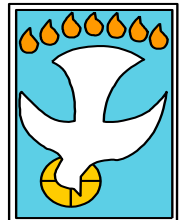
Gathering Music: “Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus”

(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: *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

VU 375

Invitation:

One: Today is the Celebration of Pentecost –
a celebration and a great call to discipleship.
Having inherited the church from Peter and the others who gathered so
long ago on Pentecost in Jerusalem,

**All: we now recognize that God’s Spirit fills us so that we may dream
dreams and see visions.**

One: The call to celebration today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

All: Even now the flames may dance above our heads.

One: Holy Fire, igniting our concerns for justice and peacemaking so that they
blaze into commitment.

All: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,

One: Sacred Fire, animating us, leaving us no peace as individuals until
God’s justice and peace fill the earth – as the waters fill the seas.

All: Making all of us prophets, visionaries, dreamers!

One: Let us all celebrate God’s spirit with courage and with hope.
In all our living, may we be freed to see things afresh, to be more fully
alive, and have the courage to keep faith in the future of humanity.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come,
Breathe into our hearts this day.
Bless our celebration and inspire us, that we may live Spirit-filled
lives of love and compassion for all.**

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.*

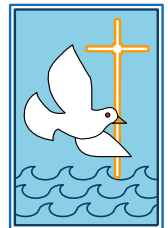
(Please stand, as you are able, when the Greeters/Elders bring forward the Offering)

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.*



Sacred Readings:**Traditional:** Acts 2: (selected verses)**Contemporary:** “*Wind, Wind. A Reflection on the Spirit*”

(William Loader)

*May we but wait upon Love’s word.**Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)***Gift of Music:** “*Rejoice Greatly*” (Susan E. Geschke)
Handbell Choir**Time of Quiet Reflection****Sermon:** “Blowing in the Wind”**Celebration of Communion****Communion Hymn:** “*When At This Table*” (Insert) **MV 199****Communion Prayer** (Insert)**Sharing the Bread and Cup***“Please note that a gluten-free option is available.”***Hymn:** “*Spirit God, Be Our Breath*” (Insert)**MV 150**

Benediction:

One: On this day of Pentecost,
Our stories tell us how God sends the Holy Spirit to come among us:

**All: as a dove – to move us,
as wind – to cleanse us,
as fire – to consecrate us.**

One: Spirit of the living God, come upon us.
Fill us with your empowering strength,
empower us with your full love;
send us into the world
proclaiming your mighty works in every tongue.

**All: Help us be the church that goes forward
to where there is need.
Build us into a place that makes a haven
for those who are hurting and struggling.**

One: Make us a church of disciples

**All: filled with the wonder and creative imagination
of your love for ever more!**

One: We are blessed,

All: Now let us go and be a blessing!

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: *“Like a Healing Stream”*
Choir

(MV 144)

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

Peggy Greek
 Charlotte Smith

GREETERS

Corella Courtney & Donna Hartlen

THANK YOU to Christopher Yungblut for all his musical contributions at Central United. As this is his last Sunday with us, a small reception is planned after the church service in the Sanctuary. Please join us to wish him all the best in his future endeavours!

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Lindsay Corkum on the birth of their baby boy - **Ben Eric Ivan Corkum**. And also best wishes to proud great grand-parents, Ivan and Armenia Corkum and great grand-aunt Barbara Gerhardt.

SUMMER CALENDAR & SCHEDULE

Today, in your bulletins, is an insert with the “Summer Calendar”. Please take this home and make note of the important dates through the summer months and the “start-up” dates for our church events in the fall. These schedules will also be available at the back of the church in the coming weeks.

CKBW SPONSOR

We are looking for a sponsor for the CKBW taping for the month of July 2017. Please contact the church office for further information: **(902-634-4035)**.

COMING WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH

7:00 pm – Stewards’ Meeting – Fellowship Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

LOOKING AHEAD

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH

6:00 pm – United Church Service at Harbour View Haven

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH – *Father's Day*

10:30 am – Regular Service



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150TH – SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

Rev. Grace is requesting contributions for our "Prayers of the People" for Sunday, July 2nd.

She would like prayers from every member of the congregation; these prayers would be prayers of thanksgiving for living in Canada.

Please email to Rev. Grace or place them in the box on the counter outside the office door which is labelled for that purpose.

Please provide your prayer contributions **on or before Sunday, June 25th**.

Any questions? Contact Rev. Grace.



REQUEST FROM UNITED CHURCH FOR 2019 BULLETIN PHOTOS

Want to see your photos on United Church bulletin covers?

Please consider submitting them!

We especially need symbols of special Sundays and church seasons. Please continue to send us your best photos of Canadian scenery and nature. Special plea to the Prairies and the Maritimes: we'd love to see more from you!

A photo credit will be printed on the bulletin cover, and \$100 will be paid for each photo used.

For entry forms, please contact the church office (902-634-4035).

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SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTER OF MUSIC POSITION

Are you interested in being involved on the **Search Committee for the Minister of Music position?** If interested in assisting with this important work, **please leave your name with Laureen in the church office.**

