

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, June 11th, 2017

92nd Anniversary of United Church Union

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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 Touch Our Hearts*

(MV 12)

*Come touch us now,
we people who are gathered,
And bless this day,
our sharing and our love.
That we may meet with hearts and souls united,
our fire for life ignited,
come touch and bless us now.*



(Words and music: Gordon Light, 2002. Words modified – Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum, 2012.)

Hymn: *“God Is Here”*

(Tune: “Abbot’s Leigh” – VU 104)

VU 389

Invitation:

One: One person is not enough.

All: Together we are powerful.

One: The world’s problems are many and great.

All: Together we can change the world.

One: So many people in our world are in need!

All: Together we can help them!

One: So come let us be together as God’s spirit-filled people,

All: and grow together as a church family in this United Church that is our home.

The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome



Minute for Mission

Offering our Gifts:**Regular Offering****Choral Dedication:*****Here We Bring, Small Or Great***

*Here we bring, small or great,
 gifts to offer on this plate,
 what we've earned, what we own,
 tithe or token, bread or stone,
 Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
 where your riches are, where your riches are".*

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

Dedication of Our Offering:

*Wild flowers grow, birds find seed,
 God attends to each one's need;
 as we share, all can live,
 as we love, we learn to give,
 Jesus said, "Have a care – your heart will always be
 where your riches are, where your riches are."*

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 1 - 16

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



Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

VU 378

Sermon: “We Are United”

Prayers of the People

One: Creator God, we give you thanks for the wonders of the earth: the blue sky, shining lakes, singing robins, and swaying trees.

All: All of creation sings a song of thanksgiving.

One: We give you thanks for your ample gifts: love of family, friendships, challenges that help us grow, our abundant land, our thirst for justice and peace.

All: We thank you, Present God.

One: We thank you for the richness of your presence within our denomination: You inspire our storytellers and justice seekers, teachers and learners, people who pray and others who preach, our caretakers and church board, our seekers and vision keepers, children and elders, and everyone in between.

All: We thank you, Loving God.

One: We thank you for your call to share with others. You give us ears to listen, hearts to be moved by compassion, and a hunger for better ways. We thank you because we are not alone.

All: We thank you, Inspiring God.

One: We pray for all who work generously to end suffering and for those who care for us when we are poor or sick.

All: May your love abound through us.

One: We pray for children and elderly people who face injustice or oppression. We pray for those facing war or crime, floods or droughts. We pray for the child or grandparent who is troubled and needs someone to listen.

All: May your love abound through us.

One: We pray for your wisdom as we dare to name and confront the deep reasons for poverty, unemployment, and abuse in our town, in our province and in our nation.

All: May your love abound through us.

One: We pray for ourselves, for our families and friends: touch our loneliness, embrace our suffering, ease our uncertainties.

All: Help us allow you to lead each one of us into ever greater Christian witness. Amen.

Hymn: *“Draw the Circle Wide”*

MV 145

Benediction

One: Loving One, we have gathered as individuals, each of us with unique gifts and abilities.

All: But by your grace, we are one people. And through your grace, we can do great things together.

One: Help us to move from this moment and this place so that we might bring hope to all the world.

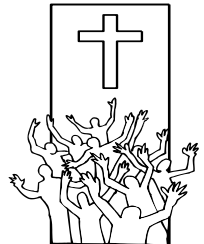
We are blessed,

All: Now let us be a blessing.

Sending Us Out: *“We Wish You The Blessing”*

(Words by John Oldham, music by Ron Klusmeier)

*We wish you the blessing of
faith to sustain you,
friends to support you,
challenge to stir you,
songs to empower you,
peace to refresh you,
tears to release you,
laughter to heal you,
love to nurture your soul.*



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

Peggy Greek
Charlotte Smith

GREETERS

Russell Smith & Doug Greek

A WARM WELCOME to our guest pianist, Jade Ley, who will be sharing her music with us for the months of June and July. Thank you Jade!

COMING WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH

6:00 pm – United Church Service at Harbour View Haven. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH – *Father's Day*

10:30 am – Regular Service



LOOKING AHEAD

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH

6:00 pm - UCW closing dinner – Dockside restaurant

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH

7:00 pm – Board Meeting – Fellowship Room

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

10:30 am – Regular Service
Celebration Sunday & Benevolent Fund Offering

SUNDAY, JULY 2nd – CANADA DAY SERVICE!

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 express our “Thanks” 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.**

