

# CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*Father'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 Touch Our Hearts***

*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.*

**MV 12**



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

Hymn: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

VU 226

**Invitation:**

One: Gentle Spirit – blessed Parent, Father and Mother,  
We set this Sunday aside to remember our fathers.

Fathers present at our birth

**All: Who formed and nurtured us –  
played with us, took us to church  
attended our school and sport events,  
cooked our meals and heard our prayers.**

One: Fathers present in our youth

**All: Providing words of wisdom,  
being a much needed friend,  
sharing a joke and laugh,  
understanding that becoming an adult can be challenging.**

One: Fathers partially present

**All: Who guided and taught us when they could.**

One: Fathers absent for reasons we understand,

**All: Who struggled to stay connected to us and show their love even  
when they were far away.**

One: Fathers absent for reasons we cannot understand,  
And for reasons we will never know.

**All: Who left an empty place that is hard to fill.**

One: We give thanks for mothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, friends  
and neighbours,

**All: Who parented us when our own fathers were unable.**

One: Most remarkably, we give thanks to you, Parent God  
whose presence is both father and mother,  
nurturing, encouraging, and with us,  
in both childhood and adulthood.

**All: We ask for your comfort on this day,  
as we celebrate our fathers, both present and absent,  
and give thanks for the blessings that fathers can bring.**

## **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: Genesis 18: 1 - 15**

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



**Gift of Music:** Solo  
**Hannah Ernst**

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

**Hymn:** *"To Abraham and Sarah"*  
 (Tune: "Lancashire" – VU 421)

**VU 634**

**Sermon: "The Father for Generations – A Generation for Fathers"****Prayers of the People**

**Hymn:** *"Bring Many Names"*

**VU 268**

**Benediction**

**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**

**The bulletin this Sunday is a gift from:  
Barry, Rev. Grace & Grant**

*“In Loving Memory of our fathers  
& grandfathers,  
Matthew Caines & Emery Corkum”*

**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**

Donna Hartlen & Corella Courtney

**THANK YOU** to Jane Walls and Graham Pearson for being our Tour Guides and greeting visitors from home and abroad, to our Central United Church, on **Open House day, Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Katherine Eisner**! Many of you may have seen the article in the Lighthouse Now Progress Bulletin newspaper about Katherine Eisner and her friends' heroic efforts to save a man's life. A copy of the newspaper is available in the office and her picture is on our Narthex bulletin board.

### **COMING WEEK**

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

6:00 pm - UCW closing dinner – Dockside restaurant

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 pm – Board Meeting – Fellowship Room **\*\*Note: time change to 8 pm**

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

10:30 am – Regular Service

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> – CANADA DAY!**

10:30 am – Regular Service



### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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

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 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Any questions? Contact Rev. Grace.



#### **BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP -**

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If you would like to sponsor one of these bulletins for a Sunday Service in 2018, please call the church office (902-634-4035) or **drop in to see the catalogue!**



## **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).**

## **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.**



## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MARITIME CONCERT OPERA** presents: **Rigoletto** (Giuseppe Verdi)

Saturday, **June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Central United Church – Lunenburg -  
**7:30 pm**

Andrew Tees, Jason Davis, Suzanne Rigden,  
Jon-Paul Décosse, Nina Scott-Stoddart,  
Patrick Simms, Colin Oulton, Rob O'Quinn.  
Music Director: Tara Scott



**Gritty and exciting, *Rigoletto* is packed full of action, emotion and some of the most beautiful and famous operatic numbers ever written, including *La donna e mobile*, *Caro nome* and the great Act IV quartet, *Bella figlia dell'amore*.**

Lunenburg Tickets are available from TicketHalifax.com or from **Shop on the Corner, Lunenburg**; Strings'n'Things, Bridgewater' Kinburn Pharmasave, Mahone Bay.  
\$25 Adults, Students \$15; 16 and under \$5 at the door only

## **BOXWOOD CANADA**

July 23 – 29, 2017; Lunenburg, Nova Scotia –

Celebrating Maritime Canada's Music & Dance Traditions

**Boxwood Finale Concert – July 29<sup>th</sup> – Central United Church – 7:00 pm**

Michael Rooney, June McCormack, Lisa Ornstein, Nic Gareiss, Mary Jane Lamond, and more