

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The United Church of Canada
Sunday, April 15th, 2018

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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 into God’s Presence Singing Alleluia”*



Come in - to God's pre - sence sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu ia.

Hymn: *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

VU #186

Invitation:

One: The spirit comes to us as one unheard

**All: In silences profound,
or the marvels of a symphony,
or the chatter of friends.**

One: The spirit comes to us as one unseen

**All: in beauties of all things;
a seagull’s flight, a sunset sky,
the miracle of birth.**

One: The spirit comes to us as one unknown

**All: to share our joys, our pain;
that presence felt in small things
like a meal shared or a story told.**

One: The spirit comes to us at every hour

**All: when strength and faith are weak;
we welcome the smiles of friends and encircling arms,
of empathy and understanding.**

One: The spirit comes in unexpected ways,

**All: surprising us with joy,
reminding us that the light of love
cannot be destroyed.**

One: May we recognize the spirit everywhere.

**All: make us aware, responsive, and keen,
and to share that love that comes in ways that are unseen – yet still
are so real.**

Gathering Prayer:

Easter God, just like those disciples long ago, we often feel afraid of the future and we long for the days when faith was something familiar and something safe. The church of today is simply too much work and worry. The faith that calls us to intellect and reason, also calls us to reject so much that has given us comfort.

And yet in the midst of our fear we feel your spirit – often in the most simple and unassuming things. Step out and walk with us today. Give us a sign of your peace and your presence. Call our names and share our lives so that we can return to our ministry together with rejoicing hearts and Easter lives. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

Welcome



Minute for Mission

Offering our Gifts:

Regular Offering

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

Dedication of Our Offering

Song: "Halle, Halle, Halle"

VU # 958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gift of Music: *“Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary”*

(12th cent., translated Elizabeth Rundle d. 1896)

Solo by Brittany Francis

1. Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary,
Christ has risen from the tomb;
on the cross a suffering victim,
now as victor he is come.
Whom your tears in death were mourning,
welcome with your smiles returning.
Let your alleluias rise!

2. Raise your weary eyelids, Mary,
see him living evermore;
see his countenance, how gracious,
see the wounds for you he bore.
All the glory of the morning
pales before those wounds redeeming.
Let your alleluias rise!

3. Life is yours for ever, Mary,
for your light is come once more
and the strength of death is broken;
now your songs of joy outpour.
Ended now the night of sorrow,
love has brought the blessed morrow.
Let your alleluias rise.

Scripture: John 20: 19 - 29

May we but wait upon Love's word.

Knowing our prayer is heard. (Sing twice)



Hymn: “*Jesus, Stand Among Us*”

VU #396

Sermon: “**Words of Peace**”

Prayers of the People

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

VU #586

Benediction

Sending Us Out: “**Send Me, Lord**”

VU #572

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

I will go, Lord, I will go, Lord, in your name, Lord, I will go.

Postlude

The bulletin this Sunday is a gift from:
Shirley Zinck & family

In loving memory of my son, Stephen,
*“Think of you every day,
 Love you every day,
 Miss you every day!”*



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

Tom Ritcey
Elaine Ernst

GREETERS

Fred & Helen Bennett

COMING WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

1:30 pm – UCW Meeting – League Room



THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND

10:30 am – **CKBW** taping of Regular Service

LOOKING AHEAD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH

11:00 – 1:00 pm – Soup Luncheon in Central United Church Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

10:30 am – Regular Service

This Week at Central United:

Wednesday, April 18 th		No "LTQ" Study Group this Wednesday due to Music Festival
Wednesday, April 18 th		No Choir practice this Wednesday due to Music Festival
Wednesday, April 18 th		No Handbell Choir practice this Wednesday.
Friday, April 20 th	10:00 am	Adult Study Group meeting in the League Room due to Music Festival
		

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP LUNCHEONS –

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH HALL

Wednesday, April 25th (Sponsored by St. Norbert's)

Wednesday(s), May 2nd & May 9th

(Sponsored by Central United UCW)

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Cost: \$9.00



CONGREGATIONAL DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

Where: Central United Church Hall

Time: 6:30 pm

Cost: There will be a freewill offering to defray the costs of the meal.

(One dinner package costs us approximately \$10)

The Worship and Music Committee has engaged the culinary services of the Men's Social Supper group to provide a chicken dinner with dessert and coffee or tea. You don't even have to bring your own dishes and everyone is invited!



However, we do need to know how many will be attending this dinner **so please sign up yourself and your friends/family on the sheet at the back of the church.**