



CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
June 14th, 2026 – Camping Sunday

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VU: Voices United (red book)

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MV: More Voices (spiral-bound book)

We welcome and celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation. Here, people of any faith or none can question and discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter, prayer and music.

Prelude

Gathering Music: “*This Is the Day*” **VU #412**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

I know you are out there, God!

And we do too!

I can feel you splashing in the waves!

We can feel you rustling through the trees!

I can see you shining in the firelight and twinkling in the stars!

You’re in our song, in our friendships, ever near, never far!

Come, let us search together and discover the Divine,
alive in our hearts, alive in our world, alive in all creation!

We come. Let us worship together!

Hymn: “*It Only Takes a Spark*” **VU #289**

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgement of Land

A Prayer for Renewal:

**God of Love, we bring to you the times in our lives
when we speak without love or act without care.**

**We bring to you the times when we forget that our actions
impact others and impact creation.**

**Create in us a Spirit of love and care, hope and community.
Create in us the strength to live into our authentic selves
and live out your love and care in our world.
We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

**A Time for Silent Reflection and Prayer
Words of Assurance**

Hymn: *“Shine, Jesus, Shine!”* (see back page)

Scripture Reading:
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

A Mission & Service Story

A Video Reflection: *“The Value of Church Camps”*

Hymn: *“Like a Rock”* **MV #92**

A Gift from Central United to Sherbrooke Lake Camp

A Gift of Music: Hannah Ernst
 Shall We Gather at the River (Arr. A. Copland)

We Celebrate the Life and Work of our Community

We Share Our Offerings
Offertory Hymn: *“What Can I Do?”* **MV #191**

Dedication of Our Gifts:
**God of wilderness wonder and the loving warmth of campfires,
God of childhood wonder and outdoor adventure,
God of creation’s wonder and the gift of summer sabbath
we offer back to you these gifts of our hands and hearts.
Bless them, please, that they may sustain our many ministries,
especially camping ministries, across Canada. This we ask as
we pray especially for the camping ministries here in our province:
Sherbrooke Lake, Berwick and Camp Kidston.
May it be so. Amen.**

Sung Invitation to Prayer:

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

VU #400

Prayers of the People

*You are invited to write a prayer on your paper heart
and bring it forward when prompted...*

Closing Hymn:

“My Lighthouse”

TLUS #100

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Verse 1&2

1. In my wrest-ling and in my doubts In my fail-ures You won't walk out
2. In the si-lence, You won't let go In the ques-tions, Your truth will hold

Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my trou-bled sea whoa-oh
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Chorus

You are the peace in my trou-bled sea
You are the peace in my trou-bled sea
My light-house

my light-house Shin-ing in the dark-ness, I will fol-low You o-o-oh My light-house,
my light-house I will trust the pro-mise You will car-ry me safe to shore oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-
-oh Safe to shore oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh Safe to shore oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh Safe to

1. Verse 3

shore I won't fear what to-mor-row brings With each mor-ning I'll rise and sing

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My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa-oh

You are the peace in my trou - bled sea shore

Bridge

Fire be-fore us, You're the bright-est You will lead us through the storms

Fire be-fore us, You're the bright-est You will lead us through the storms

Fire be-fore us, You're the bright-est You will lead us through the storms

Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est

You will lead us through the storms shore

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a guitar accompaniment line with chords. The chords are: C, F, C, F, C, G, C, F, C, G, C, F, C, Am, G, F, C, Am, G, F, C, Am, G, F, C, Am, G, C/E, Am, G, F, C, Am, G, C. The lyrics are: 'My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa-oh', 'You are the peace in my trou - bled sea shore', 'Bridge', 'Fire be-fore us, You're the bright-est You will lead us through the storms', 'Fire be-fore us, You're the bright-est You will lead us through the storms', 'Fire be-fore us, You're the bright-est You will lead us through the storms', 'Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est', and 'You will lead us through the storms shore'. There are repeat signs and first/second/third endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Responsive Commissioning and Benediction:

We have gathered around the warming fire of our community.

We carry that warmth out into the world.

We have sung songs and praised God,

We carry that joy out into the world.

We have learned together and held one another in love and prayer.

We carry that love out into the world.

(Cont'd over)

Beloved people of God, go now into the world
to be people of warmth, of joy, and of love,
knowing that wherever you go and wherever you are,
from the sanctuary of this place, to the sanctuary of the trees,
from the threshold of this place, to the very limits of the seas,
the peace of Christ, the love of God,
and the wisdom of the Spirit, goes with you.
In the wind, may you feel it, in the stars, may you see it,
With each other, may you share it.
Now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

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www.berwickcamp.org

www.campkidston.com

BACK “WORDS” # 17
The “Leaning Tower”/End of an Era
by Brian Jobb

The “Leaning Tower” (with apologies to Pisa) at the Lincoln Street end of Central’s roof (although it only leaned in latter years) had been an iconic part of Lunenburg’s built heritage for 140 plus years. But its demise, as we all knew, in the early part of 2026 was imminent. I couldn’t believe it! I had been anticipating the take down of the “Leaning Tower” for weeks but the harshness of the winter had made for few good days to remove it, fix the hole and re-shingle the chancel roof. Most mornings I had looked up to see it still upright where it had been for seven score years. I had been taking photos of the progress from January onward. My heart sank! To my dismay I had missed the takedown. I hadn’t been feeling well so instead of being there in the morning, I came in the early afternoon that day. Gone! As I drew closer to the man on the ground and the trailer filled with pieces of the tower, I could see its final remains which had come to the ground on a pulley/rope as bundles of pieces with the exception of one more intact piece that stood to one side. It would be a mind-boggling jigsaw puzzle to reconstruct. Check out the photo display at the back of the sanctuary.

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”



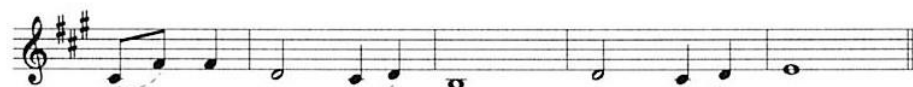
1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, In the
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, From the
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, So our



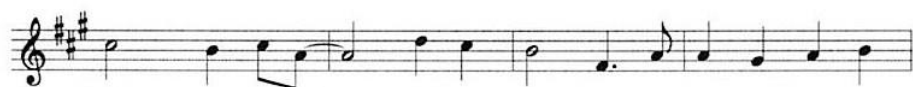
midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; By the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from



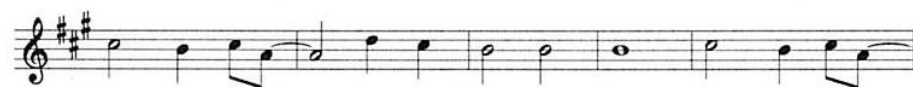
world, shine up - on us; Set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright - ness; Search me, try me, con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your



bring us: Shine on me; Shine on me.
dark - ness: Shine on me; Shine on me.
sto - ry: Shine on me; Shine on me.



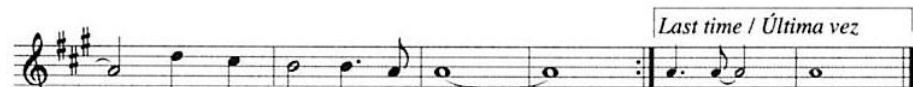
Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow,



flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy. Send forth your Word,



Lord, and let there be light!