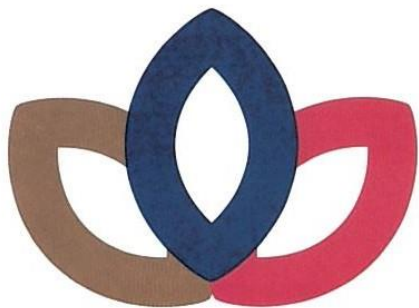
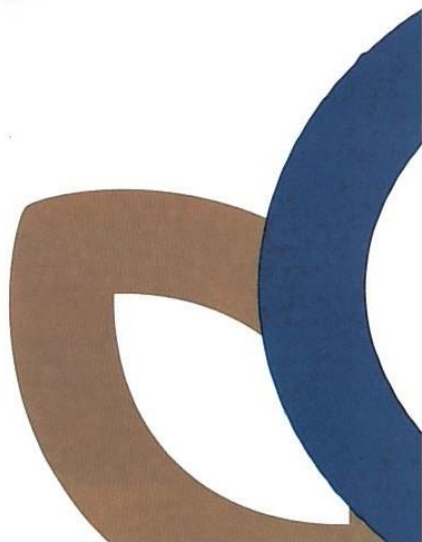


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CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
June 7th, 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
101st Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

Minister: Rev. Daniel MacDonald
Minister of Music: John Scott
Lay Reader: Jo Mallett
Greeters: Janet Robertson & Jim Pittman

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VU: Voices United (red book)

Website: www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca
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: “Let Us Build A House” (Verses 1, 4, 5) **MV #1**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

United in Spirit, we gather.

United in love, we gather.

United in vision, we gather.

United for justice, we gather.

United together –

a diverse, courageous and hope-filled community, we gather.

Giving thanks for 101 years of deep, bold and daring ministry in this community, in communities across Canada, and around the world, we gather.

Open to the call of God,

and to a future good beyond imagining, we gather.

Seeking to follow Jesus,

embodying Christ’s love in the world, we gather.

Embracing the present, loving our enemies,

caring for the earth, welcoming all to the table, we gather.

Come, beloved of God, let us gather in worship and praise!

Hymn: *“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”*

VU #822

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgement of Land

A Prayer for Renewal:

**Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,
Since the very beginning you’ve been with us.
Through the highs and the lows, you’ve been with us.
Through the joys and the challenge, you’ve been with us.
Stirring in the hearts of our early forebears as they affirmed
that the church was better united, than divided,
you were with us.
Present in the joyful ordination of Lydia Gruchy in 1934,
and every woman since, you’ve been with us...
Provoking us to justice, through the voices and experiences of
LGBTQ+, Indigenous and racialized peoples,
you’ve been with us.
In the hard moments, you’ve been with us.
In the moments we’ve got it wrong, you’ve been with us.
In the moments we weren’t sure what the future would hold,
you’ve been with us.
As we celebrate this United Church of ours today,
help us to trust and to listen and to watch for
your Spirit with us all over again.
Give us the vision and the wisdom and the courage
to be the church our world needs us to be,
and that you call us to be right now
and for the next 101 years to come. Amen.**

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

Choir: *“Draw The Circle Wide”* (M. Miller)
 Soloist ~ Dawn Ernst

Scripture Readings:

Psalm: **Psalm 100**
Epistle: Philippians 1:1-6, 2:1-8, 4:4-9

VU #820

Sermon

Hymn: "As A Fire Is Meant For Burning"

Ruth Duck (vs3. JS)

Tune: Beach Spring

As a fire is meant for bur - ning with a bright and war - ming
flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, gi - ving
glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to
build a bridge of care, we join hands a - cross the
na - tions, fin - ding neigh - bours ev - ery - where

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

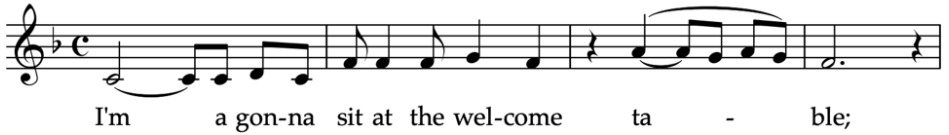
As the rainbow speaks of promise,
every colour held in grace,
queer and trans lives, gifts, and stories
have among us rightful place.
Where the church has caused exclusion,
may we turn, repair, and say:
God delights in every person,
called by love to live God's way.

We Celebrate the Life and Work of our Community

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Hymn: "Welcome Table"

Spiritual
arr. A. Tilley / JS



1. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table...
2. I'm gonna climb up Jacob's ladder...
3. I'm gonna climb up higher and higher...
4. All 'a God's Children gonna sit together...
5. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table...

