



**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**  
**Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Christian Family 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:** “There’s A Wild Hope In The Wind”

1 There's a wild hope in the wind: her  
2 There's a wild hope in the skies: her  
3 There's a wild hope in the earth: her

whis - per is heard on the breeze. The  
gown is the blue of for - ev - er. The  
bod - y pro - vides us with nur - ture. The

gale is her shout that is call - ing us out. There's a  
pur - ple of night is her heart's pure de - light. There's a  
dark un - der - ground is where life can a - bound. There's a

wild hope in the wind. O  
wild hope in the skies. O  
wild hope in the earth. O

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God in the wind, come gather us in.  
 God in the skies, come open our eyes,\*  
 God in the earth, come aid our re-birth,  
 be our cour-age and prom-ise. The fu-ture is dim, but we  
 want to live in-to a wild, wild hope.

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship:

Parents and children, siblings and cousins,  
 Grandparents and greats – aunts, uncles and more

### All family in God's love.

By adoption, by choice, by birth, or just by happenstance

### All family in God's love.

People well known, people never met.

People near, people far -

### All family in God's love.

Come honestly, come authentically,

Come just as you are.

Come and worship, all of you, for we are:

### All family in God's love!

**Hymn:**           *"God The All-Holy"*

Author: Brian A. Wren (1988)

Tune: BUNESSAN

1. God, the All-Holy,  
 Maker and Mother,  
 gladly we gather,  
 bringing in prayer  
 old hurts for healing,  
 new hopes for holding,  
 giving, receiving,  
 loving and care.

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2. Spirit, All-Seeing,  
knitting and blending  
joy in desiring,  
friendship and ease,  
make our belonging  
loyal and lasting,  
so that our pledging  
freshens and frees.
  
3. Christ, All-Completing,  
Nature enfolding,  
evil exhausting  
in love's embrace,  
weaving and mending,  
make every ending  
God's new beginning  
glowing with grace.

## **Words of Welcome and Acknowledgement of Land**

### **A Prayer for Renewal:**

**Loving Parent, Mothering Spirit, you know how hard it is to live in relationship, and yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully present to our siblings and others in our immediate family and within this Christian family. Our patience may be short, sometimes we don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or hungry, or lonely, or something else entirely, yet still you call us to be people of love. In those moments when it's hard, just as in the moments when it's easy, let your love flow through us that it might calm us, ground us, and help us to love others. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort and nurture us each and every moment, but especially in this time of worship so that we might return to our daily lives full of love and ready to engage fully with all of your creation. This we ask, even as we name in the silence of our hearts, all that keeps us from living into the kind of relationships you desire for all people. Amen.**



**Sung Invitation to Prayer:** *“Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying”*  
**VU #400**

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”* **VU #602**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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