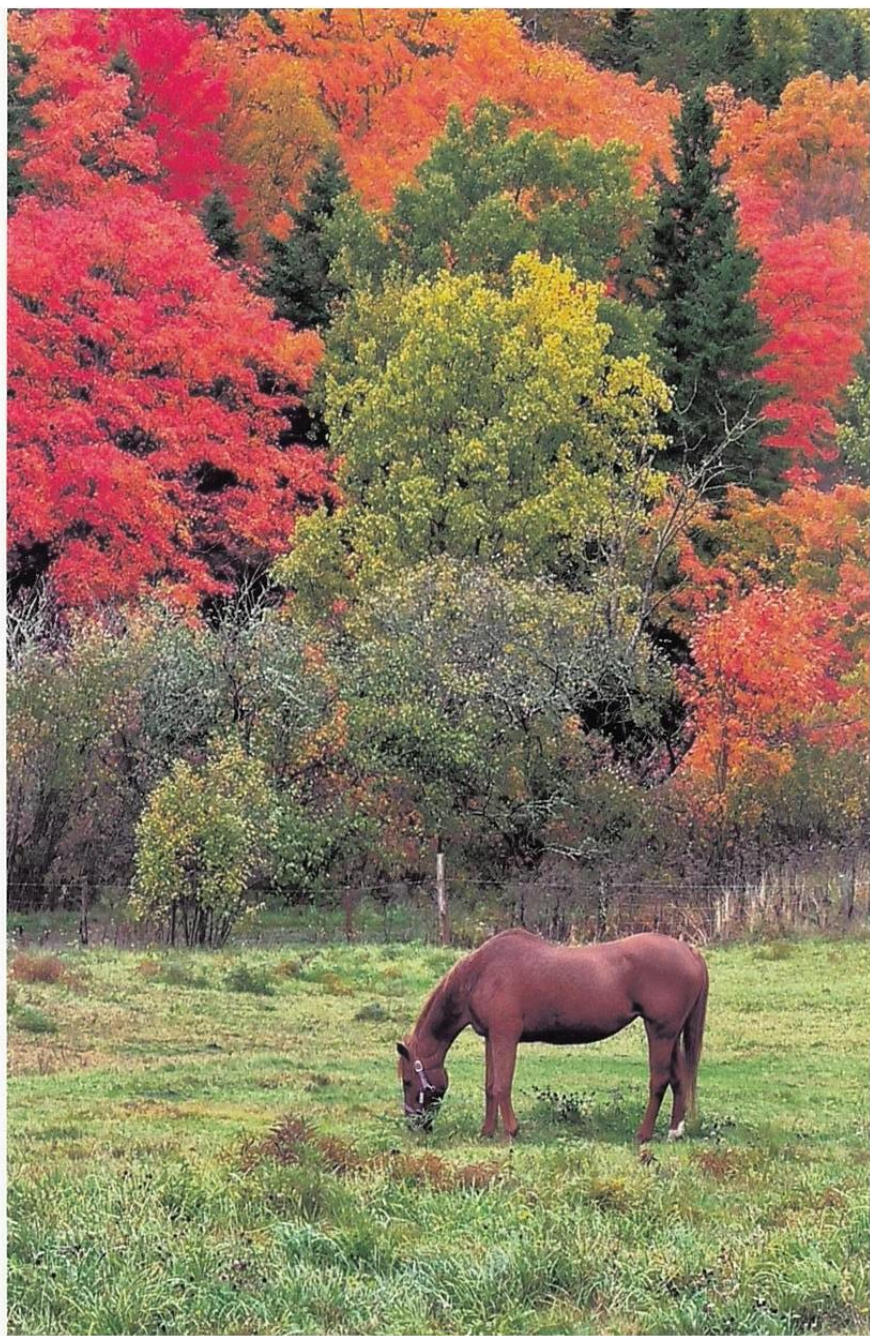




# CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**Minister of Music:** John Scott  
**Lay Reader:** Carolyn McAllister  
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VU: Voices United (red book)

Website: [www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca](http://www.centralunitedlunenburg.ca)

MV: More Voices (spiral-bound book)

A warm welcome to Rev. Vivian Moores for leading our worship service today, and to our guest accompanist, Andrew Ager, who is the Director of Music at Rideau Park United Church in Ottawa.

## Prelude

**Gathering Music:** “Lord, Prepare Me”

**MV #18**

## Words of Welcome

*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.*

## Acknowledgement of Land

### Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:28-31)

*“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”*

May these scriptures bless us as Christ’s body in our time of worship.

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: *“God Is Here”*

VU #389

## A Prayer for Renewal

## A Time for Silent Reflection and Prayer

## Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: *“Like A River In My Soul”*

Trad. Spiritual  
Arr. T. Osiek/D. Forrest

I’ve got peace like a river,  
Like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
Soothing river, calmly flow.  
When the world closes in,  
Feel the stillness within.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
Like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean,  
Like an ocean in my soul.  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
Endless ocean, deep and full.  
When you’re lost and alone,  
Let the waves bring you home.  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
Like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
Like a fountain in my soul.  
When your hope nearly dies,  
Just remember, once again,  
You shall rise!  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

## Scripture Readings:

*First Reading:* Exodus 33:12-23

*Second Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

## Message: When Assurance and Conviction Go Hand in Hand

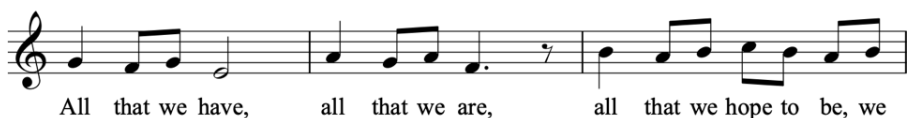
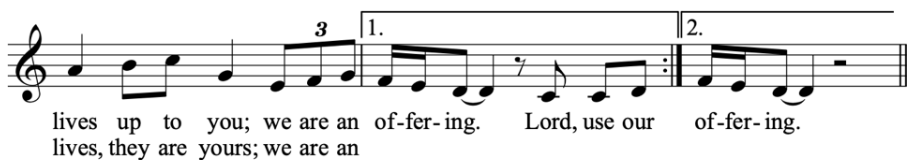
**Hymn:** “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

**VU #633**

## We Celebrate the Life and Work of our Community

## We Share Our Offerings

**Offertory Hymn:** “We Are An Offering”



## Dedication of Our Gifts (unison)

Gracious and Holy God,

as we stand in the presence

of your Holiness and unconditional love,

we pause and take this moment to feel such grace.

Free grace, lavishly poured upon us.

We ask that you accept these offerings, returned to you,

that they will be directed by your Spirit to bless others,

within this congregation, and through outreach within the community and your world.

Always in Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

## Sung Invitation to Prayer: “*Santo, Santo, Santo*”

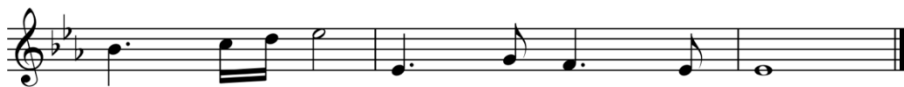
words and music: trad. Spanish



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a -  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a -  
Dieu saint, Dieu saint, Dieu saint, mon coeur, mon coeur t'a -



do - ra! Mi co - ra - zon te  
dores you! My heart pours out my  
do - re. Mon coeur le dit, mon



sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - nor  
praise to you; you are ho - ly, Lord.  
coeur s'en ré-jouit: tu es saint, mon Dieu

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer



Cre - a - tor in heav - en hal-lowed be thy name;  
(Our Fa - ther)



thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.



Give us this day our dail - y bread and for-give our sins



as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.



And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from ev - il.



For thine is the king - dom and thine is the pow - er



And the glo - ry for - ev - er, the glo - ry for - ev - er,



the glo - ry for ev - er. A - - - men.

## Closing Hymn:

## *"We Are One in the Spirit"*



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

### *Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

## **Commissioning**

Let us go forth with the assurance and conviction of Moses and others from the past and yes, even the present, who continue to inspire our own discipleship.

**We go, open to the Spirit's personal call upon our lives.**

**We go, open to encounters of the holy.**

**We go, in ministry opportunities which are prompted by love.**

**We go, with endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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# CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, October 18th, 2026**

*Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Garden “Work Party” 9:30am, Lincoln St.
- Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Choir practice at 6:30pm
- Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Handbell practice at 10:00am
- Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>: Soup & Chowder Luncheon 11:30-1:00
- Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: Men’s Supper 6:00pm in the hall

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**Rev. Daniel Away – October 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>:** A reminder that Rev. Daniel will be away on study leave from October 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, returning to the office on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Vivian Moores will be leading worship on Sundays October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have urgent need of a minister while Rev. Daniel is away, Rev. Heather Ferrier of Trinity United, Mahone Bay, will be available. Please call 902-634-7165 for her contact information.

**Calling all gardeners and plant-lovers!** Come help us prepare the Central United garden for the winter! Bring a pair of gloves, a trowel, a bucket, kneepads and any other tools you might want, and help us weed, relocate some plants and tidy up our Lincoln St. garden before the snow falls. All ages and abilities welcome! **This Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>; 9:30am** – stay for an hour, or the whole morning. Hope to see you there!

**Soup & Chowder Luncheon:** Thank you to everyone for their food & monetary donations as well as donations of time towards another successful Soup/Chowder luncheon! We had such a fun morning sharing fellowship time with our wonderful, supportive community and we raised \$2047.00 this month! Looking forward to our next luncheon on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help us out, the sign-up poster is at the back of the church!

**Benevolent Fund:** On the last Sunday of the month, we invite folks to bring in donations for our Benevolent Fund and place them in the red offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. This fund is used to support urgent and emerging needs in our community, such as assisting people with paying bills, buying groceries, and more. Donations of \$5 or more receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you to all who are able to support this important ministry!

**Broadview Subscription:** *Broadview* is a national magazine about Spirituality, Social Justice and Ethical Living, as well as United Church news and perspectives. It's the oldest continuously published magazine in North America, with roots dating back to 1829. *Broadview* recently won "Best Special Interest Magazine" from the National Magazine Awards — a first for a faith-based magazine in Canada! Don't miss out! To order for the special group rate of only \$30 (including tax) for 6 issues, please contact the church office by **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** to receive a subscription for the upcoming year.

**A Note to our Knitters/Crocheters:** If you are looking for a project to keep your hands active, our friends at The Journey Room (Oncology Dept at SSRH) and Palliative Care Services are always looking for lap blankets. Remember, blanket sizes typically range from 32" to 48" (81-122 cm) wide by 35" to 40" (89-102 cm) in length. We ask that all blankets be brought in by Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Blessing of the Blankets during the Sunday morning worship service on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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