



CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

October 25th, 2026

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VU: Voices United (red book)

MV: More Voices (spiral-bound book)

A warm welcome to Rev. Vivian Moores
for leading our worship service today.

Prelude

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 (from Psalm 150):

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in the sanctuary, praise God in the mighty heavens.

Praise God for acts of power and surprising greatness.

Praise God with the sounding trumpet, the harp and lyre.

Praise God with tambourine and dancing.

Praise God with flute and resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath...praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Creating God, you breathed into us our first breath and our life began.

We breathe our praises to you now.

With our breath we are able to speak words of adoration and sing songs of faith.

With our breath we are able to pray individually and as community.

May our breath find its holy rhythm, so that this body you call your church, will beat as one.

Let everything that has breath, praise you. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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A Prayer for Renewal

A Time for Silent Reflection and Prayer

Words of Assurance

Hymn: *"I Will Sing A Song Of Love"* (see back page)

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Come With Power” Tune: Hyfrydol

Holy Spirit, come with power:
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are joyful, we are eager,
yearning for your gracious deed;
rest upon your congregation:
give us power of God, we plead.

Holy Spirit, come with fire.
Burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness
and enflame us with your love;
burst upon our congregation.
Give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message;
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness;
bare our arms to those who hurt;
breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your Word.

Message: Who's Remembering You In Prayer?

Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts"

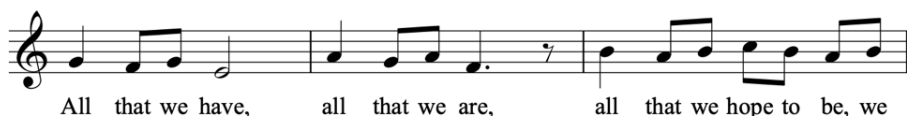
MV #12

We Celebrate the Life and Work of our Community

Mission and Service Story

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Hymn: "We Are An Offering"



Dedication of Our Gifts (unison):

Gracious, God, thank you for the privilege of giving in your name. Thank you for the opportunity of being part of a ministry larger than ourselves.

As you receive these offerings, you already have plans for where they will be used. Whether it is bringing hope to people who feel discarded and invisible, offering comfort to those who are broken and grieving, infuse renewal in those who are weary, or seeking justice to voices that have been silenced, many will be blessed. Amen.

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

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you!
Dieu saint, Dieu saint, Dieu saint, mon cœur, mon cœur t'a - do - re.

Mi co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - nor
My heart pours out my praise to you; you are ho - ly, Lord.
Mon cœur le dit, mon cœur s'en ré-jouit: tu es saint, mon Dieu

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Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

VU #509

Commissioning (Responsive)

Through the Holy Spirit, the scriptures still live and help us hear God's Word for us, in our time and place. We have heard such a word today. Let us leave now, on the wings of prayer. This great and yet simple act of love and compassion can change us, change the church and our worlds.

Let us go forth in the strength and power of God’s Spirit.
May our hearts be rooted in a love that surpasses knowledge.
May our faith be in the One “who is able to do immeasurably
more than all we ask or imagine.”

Benediction

Postlude



CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, October 27th: Board meeting at 7:00pm in Fellowship room
- Wednesday, October 28th: Choir practice at 6:30pm
- Thursday, October 29th: Handbell practice at 10:00am
- Wednesday, November 4th: Soup & Chowder Luncheon 11:30-1:00
- Saturday, November 7th: Men’s Supper 6:00pm in the hall



Benevolent Fund: Today, 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!

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. Please bring your blankets in by Wednesday, November 18th, in preparation for the Blessing of the Blankets on Sunday, November 22nd.

Central & The Lunenburg Christmas Parade - November 28

Calling all carpenters, crafters and carollers!

Central is putting together a float for this year's Lunenburg Christmas Parade (November 28 at 2pm) and we need your help.

Our theme is "Joy To the World" and you can find a mock-up of the float at the back of the church along with a sign-up sheet to help:

- **Build** - minor woodworking/construction
- **Craft/Decorate** - create and build out the decorations
- **Assemble** - dates TBD to build the actual float.
- **Donate** - see the list of supplies at the back of the church or provide funds to Natasha Backs/Meghan Ernst/Christy Corkum
 - Donations of funds and items are **due by November 8th.**
- **Day of Participation** - Sing/walk in the parade
- **URGENT NEED: If anyone has an enclosed space to store (and for possible float assembly) a 11x5 1/2 foot trailer please talk with Natasha, Meghan, or Christy.**

Volunteers will be contacted once dates and times are set for the craft/build days. Stay tuned for more details and see the sign-up sheets in the back.

On November 1st, All Souls' Sunday, the Worship and Music Committee has planned a special service. Our service will be focussed on remembering the family, friends and other people in our lives who have died - those that we loved and miss. We hope that you will join us in this special remembrance service.

Rev. Daniel Away – October 12th-26th

A reminder that Rev. Daniel will be away on study leave from October 12th-26th, returning to the office on Tuesday October 27th. Rev. Vivian Moores will be leading worship on Sundays October 18th and 25th. 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.

Rev. Daniel MacDonald: 902-634-7165, centralminister@bellaliant.com
Rev. Daniel is at the church Tuesdays from 10-2pm or by appointment

Carrol Heinsma (office): 902-634-4035, centralsecretary@bellaliant.com
~ Office Hours: Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 10:00am-1:00pm
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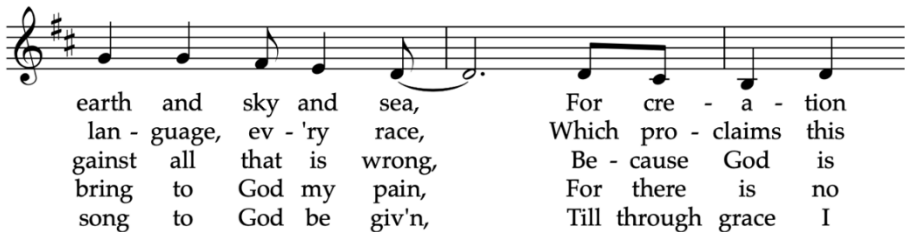
"I Will Sing A Song Of Love"

John Bell

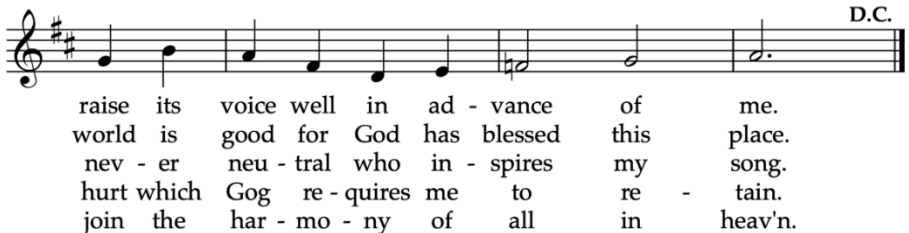


I will sing a song of love to the one who first loved me,
and I'll sing it as a child of God who is
named and known and free. For the love of God is good,
it is broad and deep and long, and a - bove all else that
mat - ters God is wor - thy of my song.

1. And I will not sing a - lone But with
2. And I'll sing with ev - 'ry soul, Ev 'ry
3. And I'll sing for what is right And a -
4. As I bring to God my joy, So I'll
5. While my life on earth still runs, May my



earth and sky and sea, For cre - a - tion
lan - guage, ev - 'ry race, Which pro - claims this
gainst all that is wrong, Be - cause God is
bring to God my pain, For there is no
song to God be giv'n, Till through grace I



raise its voice well in ad - vance of me.
world is good for God has blessed this place.
nev - er good for God has blessed this place.
hurt which Gog re - quires me to re - song.
join the har - mo - ny of all in heav'n.

D.C.