

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

September 14th, 2025 – 2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation

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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

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer:

Creation groans, as forests burn, asking us to listen and to act.

We gather to listen and be moved.

Creation sighs, as critters suffer, foraging for shelter and for food.

We gather to listen and be moved.

Creation cries, as climate changes,
and once green places become barren.

We gather to listen and be moved.

Today, may we listen. Today, may we hear.

Today, may we be moved to act with compassion and care.

Come, let us worship our God.

Let us pray:

The trees teach us how to breathe, the sea teaches us how to be calm, the sky teaches us how to soar, the earth teaches us how to live, and you, Holy One, teach us too – how to be faithful, how to be kind, how to be gentle, how to love. We come eager to hear your voice in our hearts, in our minds, and speaking through this community. Teach us again your lessons of life, that we might live together in a good and healing way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *“Let All Things Now Living”*

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Dedication of Our Gifts:

Your creation, Loving God, cries out for healing.

Bless these gifts we offer today

and inspire our own commitment,

that together we might bring meaningful

and practical healing to the earth.

Trusting in the power

of our individual and collective actions, we pray, Amen.

Sung Invitation to Prayer: “*Spirit of Life*”

VU #381

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*see insert*)

Closing Hymn: “*For The Healing Of The Nations*”

VU #678

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Lord's Prayer

Jamie Brown



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.