

***An Update from Social Outreach - Central United
“Feed the Families”***

***Due to the Coronavirus concerns, the “Feed the Families”
event has been cancelled. The food and money donations
will be taken directly to Samaritan House.
Thank you for your Support.***

The Outreach Committee

***The CE Committee would like to invite the Congregation to join
us for a evening of Fun, Fellowship, and Food. We will be
celebrating a “Welcome to Spring” Potluck dinner, with craft
stations and games for all!***

March 21 from 5:00-7:00



**Central
United
Church**



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“The Church with a heart in the heart of the City”

Ministry Team

Rev. Doug Craig

Rev. Milo Spooner Craig

Music: Ken Jackson & Mary Chambers

March 15th, 2020

Greeters:

Murray & Lewana Spratt

March 15, 2020

Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

As we work to recognize and give thanks for God's goodness in every moment of our lives, it becomes even more important for us to recognize and give thanks to those around us. This morning, like many mornings, we gather in this place, built by the work of our ancestors. This morning, like many mornings, we gather in this place, built on the [traditional] lands of the Dakota Sioux, the Anishinabeg, the Cree, the Obi-Cree and the Metis people. We give thanks for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, for their grace and willingness to share, and pray that we will work to build and deepen right relationship of thanksgiving and hope for the future. May God bless all with love.

As we gather: #26MV – Your Love is Amazing

Call to Worship

Come, let us join together in worship and celebration.

**Enter these gates
with thanksgiving and praise.**

**Come, let us share our love
for God and our neighbour.**

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord.

**Come, let us offer sustenance,
even as we are sustained.**

Hymn #716VU - How Can I Keep From Singing (different words)

Sending Forth and Blessing

As we entered this space in gratitude,

we now leave in thanksgiving.

As we gathered together and were nurtured,

we now leave to offer God's care and compassion to others.

As we listened to the word and were challenged,

we now leave to take up the call of the gospel and to find those places where we can be the answer to another's prayer. As we entered, God's people, we now leave, God's people. Prepared to share the Good News in both word and deed and taking with us the blessing of our God, Creator, Word and Spirit, knowing that the blessing is not ours to hold on to but one to be shared. Amen!

Hymn # 209MV - Go Make a Difference

Announcements

Our Annual Meeting will be held March 22, 2020

We will have a shortened Sunday worship concluding at 10ish.

We will move to the auditorium where we will collect something to eat and move towards tables and begin the meeting.

Upper Room for March and April is in the office.

As the Annual General Meeting approaches the present Leadership Team is looking for congregation members who are willing to serve on a committee or as a member-at-large on the Leadership Team. If you are interested and willing, please contact Marg Cullen at 204-727-8833 or mcullen@wcgwave.ca Thank-you for prayerfully considering this.

Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Come, let us learn of the Way of the gospel.

**Let those who have eyes to see, see
and ears to hear, hear.**

Come and enter these gates
with thanksgiving and praise.

We come together in worship and celebration. Amen!

Hymn #820VU – Make a Joyful Noise

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Every day is made new, with the spinning of the earth - from light, to dark, to light again - ever onward. In the cool of the night, in the bright of the day, Christ walks beside us.

May this light be a beacon and reminder, God is with us.

God is with all creation! We are never, ever alone!

Thanks be to God!

Opening prayer

God of welcome and hospitality, we come into this morning's time of celebration prepared to meet you in the words we hear, the hymns we sing, and the people we meet.

As we gather on this day with friends, neighbours, strangers, and those soon to be friends, we recognize that each of us brings with us hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, gifts to be offered, and needs to be met, and we know that this is a place of safety where we can share the entirety of our lives.

God who answers prayers, this morning may we have both the confidence to bring our prayers to You and into this community and, may we have the openness of heart and the strength of our conviction to be the answer to the prayer of another.

And now, let us share in the prayer that Jesus offered to his disciples and friends as a model for all prayers. Our Father

Opening Hymn #395VU - Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Scripture: Acts 2: 43 - 47, Luke 1:1 - 4

Prayer

Revealing God, as we reflect upon these words of scripture, and discern their meaning in our present context, let us first center ourselves in the words of our creed, remembering who and whose we are, and the call to be your church.

A New Creed (VU p. 918)

**Meditation: Called to Be the Church
Minute for Mission**

Choir Anthem: #147MV – God Help Us To Treasure

Invitation to the Lord's table

Prayers of the People with Hymn #400VU - Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Distribution of the Elements

Offering song : #182MV – Refrain only x 2

Offering Prayer

*God of justice and right relations,
We live in a world where our possessions define us
and our value is measured by our net worth and our investment portfolio.*

It is out of that world that we now bring this offering forward as one expression of the value we place in your mission, your ministry and our willingness to invest ourselves in the life of this church and the wider community. See in these plates our financial givings, and see in our hearts the offering of both our time and our talents in the sharing of your gospel and the building of your kin-dom. Amen.