

**Central Saanich United Church**  
***United Church of Canada***

**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Minister: Bob Gilbert

Music Director: Amy Nold



**WE GATHER**

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **“The Spring Has Come”**

**VU 187**

Opening words....

In believing, in doubting, we come to this time of worship  
and God accepts us.

**In wondering, in affirming, we come to this time of worship  
and God welcomes us.**

As individuals, and as a faith community, we come to this  
time of worship and God’s Word speaks to us.

**With rejoicing, with sorrow, we come to this time of  
worship, and the risen Christ is eternal hope for us.**

Let us worship our life giving, life renewing, life resurrecting  
God.

We pray....

Great Spirit, Holy Wisdom, Source of Life, in these days of early spring, we wait and watch as life blossoms and opens on branch and stem.

**In this season of change and resurrection, open us too, loving God, as we wait and watch for healing and understanding and a new world to arise.**

In Christ, you invite us to see with new eyes and feel with wider compassion.

**Meet us in the places we are wounded.**

Meet us in the shadows of our souls where we have not yet mined the gold of your life in us.

**Awaken us to this new day that you are co-creating with us in spirit and in truth, in life and love and joy.**

This we pray in the name of our risen saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*(adapted from a prayer written by Wendy MacLean in "Gathering", L/E 2021, Yr. B, p.45)*

Hymn: **"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"**

**VU 179** (vs. 1,2,4)

Ring the Tone Bell (invitation to a moment of quiet)

### WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: John 20: 19-31

Sermon: Scarred – For Life!

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **"The Risen Christ"**

**VU 168**

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Offering

Invitation

**What Can I Do?**

**MV 191**

Dedication of the Gifts

We pray...

Hymn: **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

**VU 400**

Prayers of the People

Today’s prayers will include a response as follows:

Minister: Lord Jesus,

Congregation: **Reveal to them your risen presence.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: **“Thine Is the Glory”**

**VU 173**

Commissioning and Benediction:

We go forth as people scarred by life,  
yet also scarred for life.

**We go forth as wounded healers bearing  
God’s love and Christ’s way to the world.**

Go forth with the blessing of God’s love,  
Christ’s peace, and the Spirit’s comfort.

**Amen.**

Going Forth: **“Go To the World”**

**VU 420 (verse 3)**

Postlude

Many thanks to the following for helping with our Service today:

Singer: Helen Wright

Scripture Reader: Barbara Hansen

Power Point: Marian Garnett

Video Editing: Dennis Tam

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Given the recent passing of Prince Phillip, we would like to keep Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal family in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving.

Pursuant to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Prayer Cycle, please pray for the well being of these Communities of Faith:

St. John's Sunshine Coast – Sechelt, BC  
St. John's United Church – Sidney, BC  
St. Mary's Anglican / United Church – Sorrento, BC  
St. Michael's Centre – Burnaby, BC  
St. Paul's United Church – Burns Lake, BC  
St. Paul's United Church – Kelowna, BC