

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

**Earth Sunday**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Minister: Bob Gilbert

Music Director: Amy Nold



**WE GATHER**

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **“This Is the Day”**

**VU 412**

Opening words....

To the God of Earth,

**we come as creatures of Earth.**

To the God of the cosmos,

**we come as beings made of stardust.**

To the God of mystery and making,

**we come to the One who is our source and home.**

We come to worship and seek wisdom. May it be so.

*(by Brian Day in, “Gathering” L/E 2021 – Year B. p.51)*

Opening Prayer: *(adapted from a prayer by Brian Day of Salt Spring Island UC  
In “Gathering” Lent-Easter 2021 Year B, pp. 51-52)*

Hymn: **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

**VU 291**

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

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Faith Tradition: Isaiah 55: 6 – 56: 1  
Luke 12: 15-31

Sermon: Love This Earth

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **“O Beautiful Gaia”** **MV 41**

Offering

Invitation

**What Can I Do?**

Dedication of the Gifts

**MV 191**

We pray...

Hymn: **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”** **VU 400**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: **“Touch the Earth Lightly”** **VU 307**

### **Commissioning & Benediction**

Go forth blessed by God’s gift of creation: the land and water,  
the sun and sky, the air and the earth and what grows from it.

**We go as a blessing to all that blesses us.**

Go to live so that the planet might be healed.

**We go as kindred of tree and seal and deer,**

of moss and flower, eagle and orca,

**as kindred of all the living world.**

Go forth to love and serve the God of Creation.

**Amen.**

*(by Brian Day – adapted, in “Gathering” L/E 2021 – Year B. p.52)*

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Postlude

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

Singer & Scripture Reader: Helen Wright

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Video Editing: Dennis Tam

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Join us as we gather for prayers and ceremony for Makoche (Mother Earth).*

### **Mother Earth Day**

Date: April 22 2021

Time: 4:00 PM PDT/5:00 MDT

Zoom Link: <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/94969253928>

All are welcome.

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

St. Paul’s United Church – Princeton, BC

St. Paul’s United Church – Sidney, BC

St. Stephen’s United Church – Qualicum Beach, BC

St. Stephen’s United Church – Vancouver, BC

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