

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2nd, 2021

Minister: Bob Gilbert

Music Director: Amy Nold



WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **“Oh God Beyond All Praising”**

VU 256

Opening words....

Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches...abide in me as I abide in you.”

As we worship today in word and song and prayer we do so not as separate individuals but as a community held together by our common bond in Christ.

May we be branches that bear much fruit for the well being of one another and for the world.

We pray....

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace.

**Nurture us with the strength of Christ,
the vine of abundant life.**

Enlighten us with the wisdom of your spirit which
flows through us today and all days.

**Abide in us, that we may abide in you
and live in your love.**

In your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

Hymn: **“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”**

VU 205

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: John 15: 1-8

From the World Around Us: “Did the Sun Come Up this Morning”

(by Victoria Safford, UUA Worship Web)

Sermon: “ Beautiful Branches”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **“Many Are the Lightbeams”**

VU 588 (vs.1,2,3,5)

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn: **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

VU 468

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go forth to bear the fruit of justice, service, and love to the world.

We go abiding in Christ whose words abide in us.

Receive the blessing of God, the Gardener; Christ, the Vine; and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter this day and every day.

Amen.

Hymn: **“Go To The World”**

VU 420 (v.3)

Postlude

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

Singer: Helen Wright

Scripture Reader: Bill Cole & Nancy Jacobsen

Power Point: Marian Garnett

Video Editing: Dennis Tam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid style: Annual United Church Women's plant sale.

Tomato and vegetable starts, geraniums, and flowers and herbs ready to order with pickup after May 1st.

[Click here](#) for more information & to place your order.



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- Our AGM is **tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 20th**. Visit the website for further updates.
- Our Affirming Celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, June 27th**. More details to follow soon. See below for t shirt information.

Central Saanich Affirming Celebration

- June 27, 2021
- We will be ordering T-shirts
- In Black & Steel Blue
- Place your order with Marian Garnett – megarnett@shaw.ca by May 19 , sizes from Extra Small to 4XLarge



Please support our students, & our community:

STELLY'S FILL THE HIVE FOOD DRIVE

Donation requests:

- Canned Sauces
- Cookies
- Helpers (Instant potatoes, hamburger helper, sidekicks)
- Canned Meats
- Pancake Mix
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Canned Fruit
- Instant Noodles/Soup
- Canned Veggies

Stelly's students will be coming by your house on Wednesday, May 5th between 4-7 pm to collect donations for our food drive. Please leave any donations on your front steps or drop off donations at Brentwood Elementary, Keating Elementary, or the Central Saanich Municipal Hall any time between 4-7pm.

All donations will be given to the Saanich Peninsula Food Bank.

If you have any questions please feel free to email rbraun@saanichschools.ca.
Thank you for your generosity!

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Are you a mother who wants to make a difference? Do you have a mother or someone like a mother that you want to honour? Do you know people who have lost mothers or mothers who have lost a child? Are there people in your life whose untraditional expression of family should be celebrated?

You can help make this Mother's Day more. More meaningful. More inclusive. More compassionate.

Here's how: By making a special gift this Mother's Day, you will help families in need through our Mission & Service partners at home and abroad, supporting things like prenatal and parenting classes, respite care, medical clinics, safe shelter, and education for children. And when you make a donation online at united-church.ca/donation, you can send any number of free e-cards that you won't find on the usual shelves to invite, honour, recognize loss, and celebrate. Feel free to borrow the wording from the e-cards and add it to physical cards of your own.

A great way for mothers to inspire their family to give in a meaningful way!

A touching way to honour or remember a mom or let someone who finds Mother's Day hard know that they are inspiring you to give!

A beautiful way of celebrating diverse expressions of family!

Don't forget to credit your congregation if you [make a gift online](#). You can also donate over the phone by calling 416-231-5931 ext. 2738 / Toll-free: 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738. Or mail a cheque to: Philanthropy Unit, The United Church of Canada, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4.

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