



## **CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH**

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United Church of Canada**

**Pride Sunday**

June 26, 2022

**WE GATHER**

**Scripture Reader:** Helen Wright

**Greeters:** Helen Wright & Roberta Gault

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Lighting the Pride Candle

We light this flame  
to ignite our hearts and minds—  
the spark of knowledge that enlightens,  
the shimmering hope that burns,  
the blazing love that engulfs our actions,  
the bonfire of our commitment.

**We light this flame for those  
who celebrate themselves  
who fear  
who hope  
who persevere  
who stand on the side of love for all.**

We light this flame  
for those who have been ridiculed,  
that they may find peace;  
for those who have fought to marry,  
that they may celebrate;  
for those who live in uncertainty in the world,  
that they may have hope.

**We light this flame  
to renew our commitment**

**that no one shall ever again  
suffer for the right to love.**

We light this flame  
to celebrate our kaleidoscope of diversity:  
working, loving, and living on the side of love.  
For this, we light this flame.

Hymn: **Let Us Build A House**

**MV 1  
(vs. 1,2,4,5)**

Opening words....

We gather to worship our loving God in whose image we are made.

**We celebrate, with pride, who we are, our true selves, part of God's  
good creation.**

In our common humanity we are bound together in caring community.

**In our wondrous diversity we delight in the imaginative creation of  
God.**

May all of us gathered here today experience God's loving presence  
flowing in and among and through us as we share this time of worship  
together.

Opening Prayer

Children's Time

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

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From our Scriptures: Psalm 139:14  
Romans 12:1-2  
Mark 8:34-37

From the World Around Us: Preface to "Leaves of Grass" by Walt Whitman

Sermon: Being Me

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Draw the Circle Wide** MV 145

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

Hymn: **Deep in Our Hearts** MV 154

Commissioning & Benediction

Those whom the world scorns, God loves.

**Those whom society casts away, God gathers up.**

Those whom our culture ignores, God gives places of honour.

**We go from here in the spirit of the risen Christ and go about God's work with diligence, humility, and joy.**

Know that you are loved, gathered in, and honoured.

**By the power of the Spirit, we will go to love and serve the Lord in the world God loves. Amen.**

*(adapted from a resource by Robin Wardlaw, Toronto)*

Going Forth: **Dance with the Spirit 2X** MV 156

Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆ Future Services of Worship:

July 3 – Celebrating Sacrament of Baptism

- ❖ Our minister for July will be Barbara Hansen who will officiate at the worship services on July 10, 24, and 31. July 17<sup>th</sup> will feature a 'World Day of Prayer' service. Barbara will also be available for urgent pastoral care matters. She can be reached by text or phone at **250-661-7594**.
- ❖ In August we will be worshipping with our friends at St. Paul's United Church in Sidney (August 7, 14, 21, 28) before resuming services at Central Saanich United Church on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Services begin at 10:30 am at St. Paul's. ***Please be aware that St. Paul's does not require worshippers to be vaccinated against covid-19. And St. Paul's recommends masks be worn, but not mandatory.***

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

- Braeburn Lake Summer Camp
- Camp Fircom
- Camp Bratton
- Camp Koolaree
- Camp Pringle
- Mackenzie Camp
- Rock Lake Camp

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