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### **Our Vision Statement**

***“Deepening and demonstrating our faith in Jesus Christ by partnering in and with the community of Central Saanich and beyond.”***

## **CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH**

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**Central Saanich United Church**  
***United Church of Canada***  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 12, 2023**

**Scripture Reader & Greeter:** Barbara Hansen

**WE GATHER**

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: **Come, Let Us Sing**

**VU 222**

Call To Worship:

We pay attention to what is behind us,  
**and we notice God's presence.**

We pay attention to what is beside us,  
**and we know God is here.**

We notice what is before us,  
**and realize the path is unclear.**

Yet we know Christ's promise, that no matter who we are,  
**no matter where we come from,**  
no matter where we are going,  
**the kingdom of God is near!**

So we gather to worship, taught by Christ,  
**moved by the Spirit,**  
and loved by God.

*(adapted from a resource by Richard Bott in Gathering, Lent 2023, p. 31.)*

We pray....

Gracious God, from the bustle of the world and the busyness of our lives, we pause together for worship.

**At times, we can be a grumbling, quarrelling people, quick to focus on the lack and the gaps.**

Yet in love, O God, you listen to our cries and provide for us.

**At times, we are an impatient, searching people, craving peace and purpose.**

Yet with patience, O God, you offer us hope and sustain us.

**Help us to be a thankful people, recognizing your love for us in all its abundance.**

In compassion, O God, you turn us toward you and nourish us.

**In this time of worship, let us open our hearts and be filled by your grace. Amen.**

*(adapted from a resource by Gill Le Fevre in Gathering, Lent 2023, p. 33)*

Children's Time

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

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From Our Scriptures: John 4:5-30, 39-42

Lenten Candle Liturgy: *(based on John 4:5-42)*

We live in a world of many divisions: class, gender, religion, race, and politics.

**It is not easy to risk our vulnerabilities in order to get to know someone who seems different.**

Though God welcomes all peoples, invites the gifts of all nations, and celebrates the uniqueness of each culture, we live in poverty when we remain separated.

**Our lines of separation diminish our togetherness  
and diminish our humanity.**

Like the Samaritan woman at the well, we are thirsty  
for a drink that will quench our deepest yearnings.

**We long to drink deeply at the well.**

Yet, often, we remain thirsty and we live a life of quiet desperation.  
*(the third candle is extinguished)*

Hymn: **Don't Be Afraid**      *(remain seated)*

**MV 90**

Prayer

*(a Lenten Liturgy resource by Won Hur in Gathering, Lent 2023, pp. 66-69)*

Sermon:                "Well Watered"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn....    **By the Well, a Thirsty Woman**

**MV 117**

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: **Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU 108 (v.1,4,5,6)**

Commissioning & Benediction:

Go forth into the world seeking to proclaim the Good News in speech and action.

**We will seek to show one another where to find life-giving water and abundant love.**

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the power of the Spirit, springing up like living water fill your hearts, and flow abundantly through your lives.

**Amen.**

*(adapted from a resource by Beth W. Johnston in Gathering, Lent 2023, p. 37)*

Going Forth: **May the Peace of God Be Your Peace**  
Postlude

**MV 222**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Full Council**, Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.
- **UCW**, Friday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.
- **Book Study**, Saturday, March 18, 25 & April 1, 10:30-12
- **Conscious Aging**, Thursday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. This session will be here at Central Saanich United.
- **Worship Committee**, Thursday, March 30, 1:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

### **H**oly Week Worship

Palm Sunday - April 2, 10: 15 a.m.

*Daily Holy Week Services in the Sanctuary;  
Monday to Thursday and Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m.*

Good Friday - April 7, 10: 15 a.m.

Easter Sunday - April 9

Sunrise Service - Island View Beach

Church Service - 10:15 a.m.

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*Please refer to our website for Upcoming Events in our  
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