

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Scripture Reader: Pat & John Gunton Greeters: Karen Hoshal & Roberta Gault

WE GATHER

Prelude Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: And on This Path MV 8

Call To Worship:

As a good shepherd caring for a flock of sheep,

so is God's loving care.

As a parent with a newborn child,

so is God's loving care.

As a teacher concerned for a struggling student,

so is God's loving care.

As a cheerful care aide with an elderly person,

so is God's loving care.

Nothing can separate us from God's loving care.

We find strength in that love,

fulfillment in that love,

freedom in that love,

acceptance in that love,

and joy in that love.

And so we are ready to worship,

And give thanks to God for that love.

(by David Sparks, adapted in Gathering, Easter (Year A) 2023, p. 44)

We pray....

O God of teeming galaxies and the great empty freeways of space,

Shepherd of the meek, we approach you with loving awe.
God of mother earth, of sunlit mountains and moonlit deserts,
Shepherd of the poor, we approach you with loving gratitude.
God of countless millennia and the rise and fall of cultures and empires,
Shepherd of the merciful, we approach you with loving faith.
God of incarnation and redemption, of the dying and rising Christ,
Shepherd of the lost, we approach you with loving hope.
As we gather here to worship you, open our minds to your truth,
our souls to your beauty, and our hearts to your grace,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Children's Time

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

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From our Scriptures: John 10:1-10

From the World Around Us: "I Am The Door of the Sheepfold"

(by Malcolm Guite)

Sermon: "HMV"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: Are You a Shepherd? MV 126

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: The Lord's My Shepherd

VU - p. 747

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go in peace, confident that the Good Shepherd leads the way.

We go trusting God will lead us to places of rest and renewal; that Christ will give us courage on the journey;

that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts with joy and generosity;

And may the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, dwell in your hearts this day and always.

Amen.

(adapted from The Presbyterian Church in Canada – Worship Planner – April 30, 2023)

Going Forth: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU 179

(refrain, v.2, refrain)

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship, Thursday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 6, 9-1 3. See website for details.

Celebration of Life Service for Selma Young, Saturday, May 13, 2:30 p.m. Reception to follow in the Church Hall.

Executive Council Committee, Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

UCW, Friday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.

Pastoral Care Committee, Thursday, June 8, 1 p.m.

Please refer to our website for Upcoming Events in our Community

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