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CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023

Scripture Reader: Barbara Hansen

Greeters: Barbara Hansen & Roberta Gault

Hymn: **Creator God You Gave Us Life**

MV 27

Call to Worship:

We give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts,
for God's faithful love endures forever.

We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,
for God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.

We place our trust in God with full confidence,
and so we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

(from the Presbyterian Church in Canada Worship Planner for August 27, 2023)

We pray....

Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow,
and yet you come to us afresh each new day.

You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged.
You offer healing for what is worn or broken.

You restore hope when things seem impossible.

You are the source of life and love for all your creatures,
and you renew us to put our love for you into action
for the wellbeing of your creation.

And so we worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
offering our prayers and praise to you,
eternal and ever-present God, now and always. Amen.

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-20
From the World Around Us: The Summer Day (*by Mary Oliver*)

Sermon: "Rock Formation"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Will You Come and Follow Me** **VU 567**
(v. 1,2,4,5)

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

Hymn: **In Loving Partnership We Come** **VU 603**

Commissioning & Benediction:
Go forth as disciples of Jesus Christ, rocks of the faith,
pillars of the church.
We go forth to live out that faith in Christ-like ways.
The grace of God uphold you,
the love of Christ enfold you,
the peace of the Holy Spirit rest upon you,
this day and every day. **Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Rev. Nancy O' Higgins for offering worship leadership during Bob's vacation.

Upcoming Meetings:

Worship Committee, Thursday, Sept. 7, 1:30 p.m.

Centering Prayer, Fridays, Sept. 8 & 22, 11 a.m.

Outreach Committee, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m.

Pastoral Care Committee, Thursday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m.

UCW Committee, Friday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

Full Council Committee, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

From St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish:

TOGETHER AGAIN! Prayer in the style of Taize

resumes FALL 2023, at St. Andrew's Catholic Parish

(Blanshard at View Street, Victoria), 6 p.m. on the 3rd

Friday of the month: September 15, October 20, and

November 17. Come, you are wanted among us.

'feeling we are not alone can strengthen our life.' www.taize.fr

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