



CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

Scripture Reader: Barbara Hansen

Greeters: Barbara Hansen, Bhree A. Young & Antony Merry

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **We Praise You, Creator**

VU 293

Call To Worship:

God calls us to worship and welcomes us with abundant grace.

There is room for all, sheltered in God's love.

God calls us to love and to serve, with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

God says:

Welcome one another!

If you're over ninety, under nine, or in between, God says:

Welcome one another!

If you're a regular, reluctant, just visiting, or not sure, God says:

Welcome one another!

If you'd rather be golfing, or camping, or sleeping in, God says:

Welcome one another!

In this time and place, as people of the one Creator,
we gather to worship and to know ourselves as beloved.

We come because God calls us, and God says:

Welcome one another!

(by Wetaskiwin Writers in Gathering, Pentecost 1, Year A, p. 38)

We pray.....

Holy, mysterious, eternal, and ever-loving God,
in you we live and move and have our being.

You are the beginning and end of all things.

In your depth, we find mystery.

In your breadth, we know your tender embrace.

We can only wonder at your love for us,
so small a part of your whole creation are we.

Yet, in Jesus Christ we meet your generous grace.

**In the Holy Spirit, you move with us to inspire our
action and fill us with hope.**

Our thoughts cannot exhaust your wisdom, nor can our
hearts fathom your mercy.

And so we worship you in humble praise,

Holy God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

Amen.

(The Presbyterian Church in Canada – Worship Planner – Sept. 3, 2023)

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: Romans 12:2, 9-21

From the World Around Us: Much Madness is Divinest Sense

By Emily Dickinson

Sermon: “The Great Therefore”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Christ Has No Body Now but Yours** **MV 171**

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: **Go To the World** **VU 420**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go forth not conformed to this world but transformed by the renewing of your minds.

**We go forth as God's beloved people, followers of Christ,
living the way of love, peace, and justice in the world.**

The God of mystery embrace you;

the Christ of compassion renew you;

and the Spirit of life move with you through each new day.

Amen.

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

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 2:30 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 Taizé

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

➤ St. Paul's United Church will be hosting a **Community Indoor Flea Market** on three (3) Saturdays, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. They will be held on Sept. 9, Oct. 7 & Dec. 2.

Rent a spot and sell your stuff! Send an email to

magnolia4events@gmail.com or follow their Facebook page (St. Paul's United Church) for updates.



- Cordova Bay United Church invites you to attend the Covenanting Service between Cordova Bay United Church & their new fulltime Minister, Pastor Beth Parsons. The celebration will take place on **Sunday, Sept. 17, 3 p.m., at Cordova Bay United** (813 Claremont Avenue, Victoria).

Please RSVP by Sept. 12 via email office@cbunited.ca or ph. 250-658-9511.


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