



CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Scripture Reader: Julie Thacker

Greeters: Julie Thacker & Helen Wright

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

VU 651

Call To Worship:

We gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with one another –

Let us worship God.

("Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.")

We pray....

God of might and mercy,

the heavens and the earth are full of your glory.

Your love transforms our lives.

You enter our confusion and give insight.

You bear our grief and bring healing.

You see our fatigue and renew strength.

You sense our fear and spark courage.

You know death and raise up new life.

So we come before you in worship,

handing over to you all that weighs us down.

Renew us in this time of worship, we pray,

so that we may serve you with joy in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Children's Time

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From our Scriptures: Exodus 14:19-31

From the World Around Us: "Autumn is a Blazing Time"
*(by Marjorie Dodson in **A World of Blessing**/162-163)*

Sermon: "A Question of Justice"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **O Day of God, Draw Nigh** **VU 688**

Offering

Invitation

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands **VU 537 (v.2)**

Dedication of the Gifts

We pray...

Day after Day **MV 123**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: **From the Slave Pens of the Delta** **VU 690**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go forth to do what God requires of you,

**to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly
with our God.**

And the blessing of God, whose love for us is generous
beyond the telling of it, yet not beyond the knowing;

**the blessing of Jesus, whose stories lead us on
good pathways;**

and the blessing of the Spirit, who moves within us
and around us to turn the world upside down,
go with us as we leave this place of worship.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

(by Bob Root, adapted from Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2023, p. 39.)

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

MV 156

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Centering Prayer, Fridays, Sept. 22, Oct. 13 & 27, 11 a.m.

Worship Committee, Thursday, Oct. 5, 1:30 p.m.



Central Saanich United Church welcomes singers to join in choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9am, followed by Sunday morning service. The only requirement is that you can carry a tune. We learn and sing a wide variety of songs. Have fun, build community, serve your church! Email our Music Director, Amy Nold if you'd like more information amynold@gmail.com

- 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: 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 two (2) Saturdays, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. They will be held on October 7 & December 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.

“Blessed to Be a Blessing”

Just a reminder to please bring in your jars of change for our **Peninsula Food Bank** fundraiser. This has continued in John Davidson’s memory, and we hope to have all the jars collected in time for our **Thanksgiving Sunday Service, October 8th.**

*Please refer to our website for Upcoming Events in our
Community*

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