

**Central Saanich United Church
United Church of Canada**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21st, 2021

Minister: Bob Gilbert

Music Director: Amy Nold



WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: **“As Comes the Breath of Spring”**

VU 373

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Extinguishing of Candle

As we watch the smoke rise, we remember Jesus' words that in following him, in our willingness to serve him, God will honour us and we will receive true, authentic life – eternal life.

Knowing ourselves to be loved and blessed, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

Sung Response: “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

VU 121

(see verses for Lent)

**God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as every breath,
love as near as every breath.**

Opening words...

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make
a new covenant.

The new covenant of God is written on our hearts.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall be
your God and you shall be my people.

The new covenant of God is written on our hearts.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when all people
shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

The new covenant of God is written on our hearts.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will
remember your sins no more.

Thanks be to God.

(adapted from a resource in “Gathering” – Lent/Easter, Year B, p.33 by Bill Steadman)

We pray...

Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent help us to take the time
we need to listen to your word for us and for our church.

**Help us to take the time we need to be quiet before you,
and offer prayer from the heart.**

Help us to put the pressing issues of our life into perspective
and focus on your all-embracing love.

**Help us to look outward to our families, our friends,
our neighbours, and our struggling world.**

Help us to show the practical compassion of Christ.

In his name we pray. **Amen.**

2. Please visit our website for regular updates www.centralsaanichunited.ca

Hymn: **“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”**

VU 658

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

John 12: 20-33

Sermon: In Your Glory

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **“Now the Green Blade Rises”**

VU 186

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: **“O For A World”**

VU 697 (V.1,2,4,5)

Commissioning and Benediction:
Go forth from this time of worship
**for the love of God is ours to share,
the peace of Christ is ours to extend,
the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer.**
The Lord bless you and protect you.
The Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord show you favour and give you peace.
Amen.

Going Forth: **“Forth In Your Name, O Christ”**

VU 416 (v.1)

Postlude

Many thanks to the following for helping with our Service today:

Scripture Reader: Barbara Hansen

Singer: Helen Wright

Power Point: Marian Garnett

Video Editing: Dennis Tam

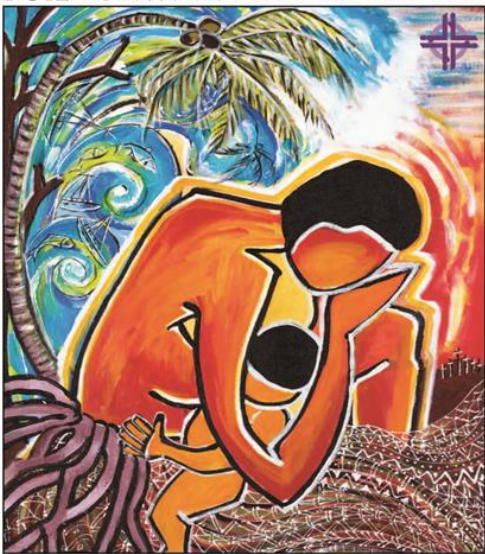
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tax Receipts...if you have moved, please let Heather Barclay know (starcom@telus.net)

Pursuant to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Prayer Cycle, please pray for the well being of these Communities of Faith:

St. Andrew's United Church / St. Mary's Anglican SM – Lillooet, BC
St. Andrew's / All Saints SM – Chase, BC
St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church – Vancouver, BC
St. David's by the Lake – Celista, BC

BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION



World Day of Prayer • March 5, 2021

The World Day of Prayer 2021 service, is now available for viewing. The service was prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and the women of Vanuatu. The World Day of Prayer is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, however, this year the recorded service has been made available to you so that you may participate in the safety of your own home and at time convenient for you. Feel free to share this with family and friends. Just click on the image to the left to access the service.