

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th, 2021

Minister: Bob Gilbert

Music Director: Amy Nold



WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **“Morning Has Broken”**

VU 409

Opening words....

We gather together to worship God,

the Shepherd of our souls,

the one who has created us,

who sustains us,

who redeems us,

who walks beside us in good times and bad,

and who calls us to follow.

This is our God!

Let's worship God together!

We pray....

O God, who cracks open the seed, the soil, and even the grave
and brings forth new life,

we praise you for your wondrous touch.

O God, who stretches the daylight, warms the air, melts the shadows and
cold within us,

we praise you for your healing touch.

O God, this day we bring everything to you, in us, in our lives, and in our
world that is still wrapped in winter coldness.

Work your wonder in us. Let patience and strength take root.

Let hope bud where none seems possible.

Let passion and courage for what is right flower in us.

May life rise out of empty hearts and broken places.

As we worship you this day, work your Easter wonder in us.

All praise be yours. **Amen.**

Hymn: **“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**

VU 747

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: 1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18

Sermon: “A Life Laid Down For Others”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **“The King of Love”**

VU 273 (vs.1,3,4,6)

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: **“Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”**

VU 574

Commissioning & Benediction

Go now with trust in the Good Shepherd.

**We go to love others, not just in words,
but in truth and action.**

Let us love one another, just as he has commanded us.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Go forth with the blessing of God always at your side

the blessing of Christ Jesus as the cornerstone of your life.

the blessing of the Holy Spirit tending you with love and mercy this day and
forever more. **Amen**

(Adapted from 2003 Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net)

Going Forth: **“Go to the World”**

VU 420 (vs. 3)

Postlude

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

Singer: Helen Wright

Scripture Reader: Bill Cole & Nancy Jacobsen

Power Point: Marian Garnett

Video Editing: Dennis Tam

****See Announcements below****

3. Please visit our website for regular updates www.centrialsaanicunited.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid style: Annual United Church Women's plant sale.

Tomato and vegetable starts, geraniums, and flowers and herbs ready to order with pickup after May 1st.

[Click here](#) for more information & to place your order.

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

Summerland United Church – Summerland, BC

Sylvan United Church – Mill Bay, BC

Tai-Kong United Church – Vancouver, BC

Texada Island PC – Gillies Bay, BC