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January 23rd , 2022

Many thanks to these wonderful people for helping with today's Service:
Amy Nold: Music Director
Bill Cole & Nancy Jacobsen: Reader
Helen Wright: Singing
Ruth Coldwell: Singing & Sanctuary Decorating
Marian Garnett Powerpoint Presentation

WE GATHER

Prelude
Welcome, Celebrations and Announcements
Lighting of the Christ Candle

We Sing: Loving Spirit **VU 387 (vs.1-4)**

Opening Words…

In mystery and grandeur,
we encounter the God of all creation.
In renewed justice and the promise of new life,
we know the deep love of Christ.
In the wonderful diversity in every community,
the Spirit of God moves among us.
Let us worship the God of beauty, love, and wisdom.
We will praise God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.

(From the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Worship Planner)

We Pray…

Loving God, we yearn to be your faithful people.
We lift our hearts to you, O God.
In this time of worship, we come, as we are, with our fears, our secret thoughts, our hidden selves.
We lift our hearts to you, O God.
We ask for courage to embrace new beginnings in our lives.
We lift our hearts to you, O God.
Keep us close in your sacred covenant of love and grace.
We lift our hearts to you, O God.
Help us share your gospel message of love and hope,
as those who hear and act upon your Word. Amen.

(adapted from a resource in Gathering, 2022, Epiphany, p.45)

Children's Time

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From Our Scriptures: Nehemiah 8: *(selected verses)*
Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon: "Starting Over"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: Live Into Hope **VU 699**

Offering

Invitation

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow **VU 541**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made known.
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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 (vs.1,2,4,5)**

Commissioning and Benediction:
As we once again prepare to go our separate ways,
let the voices of the hymns, the readings, and the message
give you thought.
We will let the light of the Christ candle bring warmth to our hearts
and let our actions reflect the Spirit of God in all we say and do.
In the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, as he gave them God's blessing: The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ,
the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,
be with all of you.
Amen.

(adapted from a resource in Gathering, Epiphany 2022. p.49)

Going Forth: May the Love of the Lord **MV 218**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pursuant to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Pray Cycle, please pray for the well being of these Communities of faith:

  Perley Memorial United Church, Grand Forks
  Pitt Meadows United Church
  Port Hardy-Port Alice SM
  Pour & Kneady Church Plant
  Powell River United Church
  Quadra Island United Church

- Just a reminder that if you would like to attend Freda Reid's Celebration of Life Service on **Saturday, February 5th,** we will require you to contact Rev. Bob due to COVID regulations. He can be reached by phone 250-686-5695 or via email ministerscbbuc@shaw.ca The service will be on our website livestreamed/ recorded as well.

Our Vision Statement

"Deepening and demonstrating our faith in Jesus Christ by PARTNERING in and with the community of Central Saanich and beyond."

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