The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—Rev. Dr. William J. Danaher Jr.

CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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Many thanks to these wonderful people for helping with today's Service:
Amy Nold: Music Director
Wilda Cottam: 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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **VU 333**

Opening Words…
So many things seek to tear us from the God who calls us beloved.
Yet God is stronger than anything else; God is our refuge and our strength.
So many things seek to distract us from the God who calls us to worship.
Yet God alone is righteous; God alone will deliver and rescue us.
So many things seek to rip us from the arms of God.
Yet God alone is our hope and our trust.
Come, let us continually praise God!

(From Psalm 71:1-6, adapted by Stephen Fearing)

We Pray…

O God, in this time of worship, as your Holy Spirit swirls between us and within us, fill us to overflowing with your holy presence.
Fill us that we might know your love.
Fill us that we might pour your love out, upon our families, our friends, our church, and the wider world.
We pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who showed us how and whom to love. Amen.

Children's Time

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From Our Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
From the World Around Us: "God Who Meets Us" *by William Wallace in Courage to Love*

Sermon: "Living Love"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: Though I May Speak **VU 372**

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: Love Is the Touch **MV 89**

Commissioning and Benediction:
Go forth to be God's people.
God's love for us is everlasting.
Go forth to embody God's love to and for others.
God's love for us is everlasting.
Go forth to the world that God loves.
We go and we will seek to be that love we know through Jesus.
Go forth with the blessing of God who created us out of love; of Christ who shows us the way of love; and of the Holy Spirit who inspires us to love, this day and every day.
Amen.

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

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 livestreamed on our website as well.

Coldest Night of the Year. Central Saanich United Church will once again step up to walk and your contributions to the team will be directed to **Our Place's** vital programs and services. Jim Rondeau is our fearless Team Leader—thank you Jim!

Your team consists of: Helen Wright, Dennis Tam, Jim Rondeau, Bob Gilbert, Cedric Zala, Lissa Zala, Roberta Gault. Our goal is to raise $1,500.00 Please consider sponsoring one or more of the 'walkers'.

How to help:
To donate through a CSUC Coldest Night walker, go to https://cnoy.org/donate and type in the team name (Central Saanich United Church) or go to https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=969240

- Once there click on the top right button – donate to team. You will be asked which team member you wish to make your donation to, or you can donate through "donate direct to team".
- You will also have the option to sign up as a team member if you choose.
- When you select your donation option, you will be directed to the secure payment portal.
- If you have any questions, Steven Seltzer, the Event Manager for Our Place will be happy to help you with your donation and can be contacted at **Office: 250-940-5064 Cell: 250-882-8441** or via email stevens@ourplacesociety.com

Help us achieve our goal in support of 'Our Place' which provides food, housing, support to so many vulnerable, impoverished individuals.

The walk will take place on **Saturday, February 26, meeting here at the Church.**

Thank you and God Bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd...

- Message from the Outreach Committee:
  We continue to support the Sidney Food Bank. A basket is available for that purpose, located in the Heritage Room. During this period of time when we are not offering in-person worship, you can still bring your food donations to the church, by dropping them off to Bob or Tara at the church office. Just call or email before you come to make sure one of us is here. All non-perishable food items are appreciated, but please no items past the 'best before' date as they cannot be used.

- We are sorry to announce that long time church member, Theo Vander Boom, passed away this Wednesday, January 26th. Theo and his wife were upstanding members of our church, very active in many committees and activities, and he was a wonderful man. Prayers and condolences to the family; he will be missed.

- Upcoming Committee Meetings: *(all meetings will be held in the Sanctuary unless noted otherwise)*
  Worship, 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 2.
  Trustees, 11 a.m., Saturday, February 12. Location TBA.
  Council Executive, 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 15
  UCW, 10 a.m., Friday, February 18
  Outreach, 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 22.
  The **Centering Prayer Group** meets on Friday, February 11 & 25.
  Anyone wishing to join the prayer group, or wanting information about Centering Prayer, should be in touch with Rev. Bob. We would gladly welcome you to this biweekly gathering for a time of worship an contemplation.

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

  Queens Ave. United Church
  Revelstoke United Church
  Richmond Chinese United Church
  Richmond United Church
  Robertson Memorial PC (Nakusp)

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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