Central Saanich United Church
United Church of Canada
Outreach Sunday
May 29th, 2022

Scripture Reader: Wilda Cottam
Greeters: Barbara Hansen & Ruth Coldwell

We are glad you have joined us for worship today!
You are welcome; you are valued; God loves you!
Here is some information for you:

-Participants must be vaccinated for covid-19.
-The wearing of masks is a matter of personal preference.
-Washrooms are available just inside the door of the hall (adjacent to the building used for worship).
- A financial offering may be left, before or after worship, in the bowl located at the wall, just inside the entrance way of the worship space. (*arrangements may be made to make offerings in other ways. Be in touch with the church office for details)*
-Sunday School is always available for any child desiring to attend.
-Our friendly greeters are available to assist you.

WE GATHER

Prelude
Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **There's a Spirit in the Air** **VU 582 (v. 1,2,4,5)**

Opening Words…
As we gather to worship God and to receive God's blessings,
we remember Jesus said: "You are the light of the world".
Let our light shine, giving glory to God.
Do all things for the sake of the gospel.
So may we share in the blessings of God.
He called out: Whom shall I send?
I answered: Here I am; send me.

We Pray…
Dear God, as we worship you in this Easter season,
we ask that you make Easter our home.
Shelter us from apathy with a desire to do good.
Let the rhythm of our days pulse with your call to live justly.
Set the tables of our souls with the generosity of your Spirit.
Furnish our lives with such hope that we might not only share good news but also be a source of it.
God, make Easter not only our home but also our mission.
Amen.
(*adapted from the United Church of Canada website, worship resources)*

Children's Time
Ringing the Tone Bell (invitation to a moment of quiet*)*

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From our Scriptures: 1 Samuel 22:1-5
Matthew 4:18-25

Message: "Ordinary Heroes"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Christ Has No Body Now but Yours** **MV 171**

Displaced People of the "Holy Land" – Barbara Hansen
Mission & Service Video: Perfect Little Thing
We are One in the Spirit! - Barbara Erickson and Reem Al Ibrahim

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: **When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides MV 169**

Commissioning & Benediction:
Go forth into the world, you ordinary heroes, bearers of God's love.
We go forth to share in God's mission to heal a hurting world, to be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the broken places.
May God's blessing be upon us and remains with us always.
Amen.

Going Forth: **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU 179**
Postlude
(refrain, v.2, refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings will take place in the Sanctuary unless noted otherwise

- **Pastoral Care Committee,** 2:00 pm., Thursday, June 2nd
- The family of Bernice Alexander, in her honour, and to celebrate her life, is hosting a come and go tea on Saturday, June 4th at 759 Martlett Drive from 1 pm – 5 pm.

- **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, June 5th (immediately following Worship)
- **Next Sunday, June 5th,** we will joyfully participate in the baptism of Emma Pipper-Cuevas, child of Judith (Vi) Cuevas and Grethel Pipper.

- **Worship Committee,** Thursday, June 9, 2:00
- **Centering Prayer,** Friday June 10, 11:00

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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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Everyday Heroes in Our Community!

"I am working with Norway House Cree Nation and Cross Lake to build a 240 km fiber line to connect them to internet and appropriate cell service.

Working with Norway House Cree Nation, Cross Lake Band, Grand Rapids and Mosse Lake and company to build a quarry and mine that will be the greenest in the world, will employ over
500 people most of which will be First Nations and produce 1 million pounds of nickel and 110 million tons of low CO2 Limestone.

Doing lots of stuff for Our Place raising money and organizing walks etc.

Volunteering on the Planning Commission and Police Board for Central Saanich.

Serving on the National Board of Paxis Canada an organization that supports mental wellness across the country.

Serving on the National Board of Canadian Company of Pilgrims as well as serving as the co-coordinator of the local chapter supporting people who plan to walk the Camino.

Serve on the National Board of the Canadian Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce to assist and support Gay and Lesbian entrepreneurs nationally." - Jim Rondeau

"I do the CNOY walk for Our Place, plus provide an Angel Gift every year.

Donate monthly to Doctors without Borders.
Donate to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital and Salvation Army regularly, as well as other good causes.

I have served on several committees in our church over the years.
Organize collection envelopes and scheduling of counters/depositors.
Help UCW with sales and baking when needed.
A regular Sunday greeter." – Roberta Gault

"Human Rights - Queer Victoria Christians, which became 2 Spectrum Fellowship - which now functions as a network of those involved int the previous groups & a network of Allies - in the wider church Work toward Truth & Reconciliation: Engaged in a variety of activities promoting Right Relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.
Offered then took seeds & plants to the Tsartlip Good Food program - which includes gardening.
The Muslim Next Door - study group
UVic Supper - coordinator Angel Gifts for Our Place - coordinator
Reminders about & contributions to the Sidney Food Bank
Gifts with Vision - given in lieu of gifts to those who have more than they need or can realistically use
Regular support of Mission & Service fund.
Taking empty bottles to Charity Bottle drives at bottle return depots - Our Place, Food Bank, etc.

My own "Thrift Store"/Loan Cupboard - with things coming in & going out eg. a Van load of dishes, carpets, etc. to the Refugee Warehouse; Drapes & sewing fabrics to the Al Ibrahim family
Living out stewardship of all things, on the basis of Reduce; Reuse & Recycle" - Marian Garnett

"There are many activities at the church which the community comes to that spreads the word that we are Christians and are welcoming. Even though it is a money raiser, I feel that people return to the plant sale/bake sale not only for the sale but for the personal recognition and fellowship. We are sharing in their lives - encouraging them to plant a garden and feed their families. Many of the local people have shared their stories with me and become friends. The community appreciates what the United Church Women stand for and supports us.

The Christmas Sing along/ Christmas Eve services that I am involved in are also well attended (pre Covid) and that helps the community to be familiar with our buildings and members and hopefully will want to come back." – Helen Wright

" 1. Monthly subsidize Rent at Gorge Housing.
2. Subsidize needs at Our Place.
3. Work at Broad View Church Thrift Shop.
4. Work at Community Thrift shop which does Outreach.
5. Knit for Cridge Centre for preemie, the elderly, and Street people.
6. Contribute to Canadian Nature and Climate Organizations seeking better care of the planet.
7. I am also politically involved, because everything is political. That is what Jesus fought. A system which is ruled by power and greed for those at the top." - Anonymous