ST. PAUL'S / CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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St. Paul's & Central Saanich United Churches
United Church of Canada
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 28, 2022

Scripture Reader: Becky Cotterell & Trisha House
Greeters: Becky Cotterell & Marilyn and Ken Summers

WE GATHER

Prelude
Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **All Praise to Thee** **VU 327 (v. 1,2,3,5)**

Opening words….
We are called to worship God with all that we are:
our whole selves, every fibre of our being.
We bring before God our scars and bruises.
We carry these signs of hurts we have felt knowing that each one
is enfolded in the healing and compassion of God.
We bring before God our age spots and wrinkles.
We carry these signs of life lived, vigorously and wholeheartedly,
as a reminder of the faith that we have in and from God,
a faith that encourages us.
We bring before God our dimples and grins.
We carry these signs of laughter and joy, as a promise of the hope
we have through God.
Embraced by God, accepted by God, beloved by God,
let us give ourselves over in worship to God.
(by Gill Le Fevre, in Gathering, Pentecost 1 2022 (Year C), p. 36.)

We pray….
Loving God, as we join together to worship you today,

please help us to know your presence.
Sing your joy in us; sing your comfort in us.
Ring out your peace, your love, your mercy,
and your justice in us.
May your voice resonate through our bodies, our spirits,
and our lives. Birth in us life, new life, abundant life.
Equip us to share that life and love with the world
you so love.
Amen.
(by Chelsea Masterman, in Gathering, Pentecost 1, 2022 (Year C), p. 41.)

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: Luke 14:1, 7-14
From the World Around Us: "Sabbath Poems" by Wendell Barry

Sermon: "Best Seat in the House"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love** **VU 574**

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: **Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567 (v.1,2,4,5)**

Commissioning & Benediction:
Let us go from this time of worship, renewed and restored in the light of Christ.
We go forth knowing that we are always encircled by the Creator's loving presence.
Go out into the world, humbly, yet boldly, living out the gospel of Christ in word and in deed.
We go forth emboldened by the Spirit to live the Way of Christ in the world.
The love of God surround you, the grace of the Holy Spirit enfold you, and the presence of the Risen Christ inspire you this day and always.
Amen.
(adapted from a resource by Jim McKean, in Gathering, Pentecost 1 2022 (Year C), p. 50.)

Going Forth: **Dance with the Spirit (2X) MV 156**
Postlude

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