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Central Saanich United Church
United Church of Canada
Reign of Christ Sunday
November 20, 2022

Scripture Reader: Bhree Young & Tony Merry

Greeters: Bhree Young & Tony Merry

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **You Servants of God**

VU 342

Opening words....

We celebrate the reign of Christ today.

The rule of Christ brings love, peace, justice, and abundance.

Let us open ourselves to experience Christ's realm in this hour of worship,
and in every hour.

**And let us commit ourselves to live as agents of this realm every hour
of every day.**

(adapted from a resource in Word & Witness, Vol. 10:06 (Year C), 2010, p. 34)

We pray....

God of majesty and mercy, we give you thanks and praise for your
commitment to your creation.

**In Christ, you have turned the world upside down, revealing your
strength in weakness, and your power through compassion.**

In the cross of Christ, we learn that no hopeless situation or frightening
possibility is beyond your reach.

**We praise you for your love at work around us and within us,
always able to do more than we can ask or even imagine.**

Receive our love and our loyalty this day, our Sovereign and our Saviour.

Amen.

(The Presbyterian Church in Canada – Worship Planner – Nov. 27, 2022)

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

From our Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 23:33-43

From the World Around Us: The Noise of Politics
(By Walter Brueggeman)

Sermon: "A Sovereign Who Smells Like Sheep"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **Eternal Christ, You Rule** **VU 212**

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: **Jesus Shall Reign**

VU 330

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go in love and loyalty, living faithfully as citizens of Christ's realm.

We go to proclaim in word and action, the kingdom of love, peace, justice, and abundance.

And may God, our gracious Creator, Jesus Christ our loving King, and the Holy Spirit, our ever present Comforter be with us this day and every day.

Amen.

Going Forth: **Go to the World**

VU 420 (v.2,3)

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****All activities & meetings will be held in the Church unless specified otherwise****

Angel Gifts are now available. Please contact Marian Garnett for more information, or contact the Office.

Executive Council, Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m.

UCW Committee, Friday, November 18, 9 a.m.

Centering Prayer, Friday, November 18 11:30 a.m.

Conscious Aging Group, Thursday, November 24, 10:30 a.m., St. Paul's United Church

Centering Prayer, Friday, November 25, 11 a.m.

I will be offering an Advent Study entitled 'Names for the Messiah' utilizing a book by Walter Brueggemann, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, and renowned author.

The focus will be on the names that come out of chapter nine of the book of the prophet Isaiah and are associated with the Advent/Christmas season: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Among the questions we will look at are: What do these names signify? What were the expectations of

Jesus associated with these titles; Did Jesus fulfill them? Which of these names/titles or other names/titles Jesus is known by, resonate for you? Who is Jesus for you?

We will gather once a week for 4 weeks, Saturday mornings at 10:30 to noon. If you are interested feel free to speak with me, or email me.


Blessings, Rev. Bob



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Advent Season 2022



UCW Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 26, 10-1



Bible Study, Church Hall
Saturday, November 26, 10:30 a.m.
Other sessions will be held in the Church
(Dec. 3, 10 & 17)



Carol Sing
Sunday, December 11, 7 p.m.



Blue Christmas Service
Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.



Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24, 7 p.m.

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