



## **CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH**

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**Central Saanich United Church**  
**United Church of Canada**  
**Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2022

**Scripture Reader:** Becky Cotterell, Helen Wright, Bhree Young-Merry & Tony Merry

**Greeters:** Becky Cotterell, Roberta Gault, Amy Nold & Minister Bob

*(Cash donations, will be gratefully received for the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada which works with partners in Canada and around the world providing practical assistance and supportive programs that help our neighbours in need, near and far)*

Prelude

Proclamation of the Good News

A Word of Welcome

Carol: **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**VU 60**

Call To Worship:

We come to proclaim the light of hope,  
**hope in the promises of God; hope in the power of the Holy Spirit;**  
**hope in the person of Jesus Christ,**  
hope for each of us and hope for all of us.  
*(the Candle of Hope is lit)*

We come to proclaim the light of peace,  
**peace as we trust God's power; peace as we know the Spirit's**  
**presence; peace as we follow Jesus' path,**  
peace within our hearts and peace throughout our world  
*(the Candle of Peace is lit)*

We come to proclaim the light of joy,  
**joy in our relationship with our Creator; joy in the fullness of the**  
**Spirit; joy in our salvation through Jesus,**  
joy deep within us—in times of happiness and sorrow.  
*(the Candle of Joy is lit)*

We come to proclaim the light of love,  
**love conceived by the Creator; love enlivened by the Holy Spirit; love fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,**  
love within us and among us.

*(the Candle of Love is lit)*

We come to receive the light of Christ as we celebrate his birth in the world and in our hearts.

**We receive this light that illuminates the holy path of hope, peace, joy, and love.**

*(the Christ Candle is lit)*

*(adapted from a resource by Joanna Harader in Spacious Faith)*

Opening Prayer

Video: The Huron Carol – *(sung by the Canadian Tenors)*

Readings & Carols

*(please remain seated for singing of hymns & carols)*

First Reading: Isaiah 35 *(selected verses)*

Prayer

Hymn: There's A Voice in the Wilderness VU 18 (v.1,2)

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Prayer

Solo: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Third Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Prayer

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem VU 64 (v. 1-3)

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Prayer

Hymn: Away in a Manger VU 69

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Prayer

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched their Flocks VU 75

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12

Prayer

Hymn: Joy to the World VU 59

Seventh Reading: Matthew 2:13-15

Prayer

Special Music: Mary, Did You Know?.....  
(performed by Becky and Phil Cotterell)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession  
The Lord's Prayer

Eighth Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-10, 12-13

Hymn: Silent Night VU 67

Poem: "It is Not Over" (by Ann Weems)

Blessing

*(as you leave the sanctuary take your candles with you, still lit, as symbols  
of your being bearers of the Christ light to the world)*

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