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Central Saanich United Church
United Church of Canada
Baptism of Jesus Sunday

January 8, 2023

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **One More Step Along the World I Go** **VU 639**

Call To Worship:

We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

God calls us by name because we are beloved.

God calls us to be a light to the nations.

We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

God's name be praised!

(from The Presbyterian Church in Canada – Worship Planner – January 8, 2023)

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, on this day when we share the story of the baptism of Jesus, you once again call us to gather on the banks of the Jordan River.

May we, like John the Baptist, be willing to follow Jesus into the living waters.

May we, like John the Baptist, humbly answer your call to serve.

May we, like Jesus, receive your declaration of love.

May we delight in the renewing waters of baptism as we recall Jesus' baptism and as we share in the Sacrament of Baptism.

(adapted from "Gathering" Epiphany 2023 (Year A), p. 41)

Hymn: **Bathe Me in Your Light** **MV 82**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(please refer to the bulletin insert)

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music: A Baptism Blessing (*by Michael A. Schmid*)

From our Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9
 Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: “I’m Baptized!”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized** **VU 100**

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: **Many Are the Lightbeams** **VU 588 (v.1,3,4,5)**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go forth knowing you are God's beloved.

We go in the assurance of God's love, to engage the challenges of life and the opportunities for service God sets before us.

And may God who is the Source, Saviour, and Spirit of life go with you, and give you joy and peace, now and always.

Amen.

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

MV 218

Postlude

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