



Our Vision Statement

“Deepening and demonstrating our faith in Jesus Christ by partnering in and with the community of Central Saanich and beyond.”

CENTRAL SAANICH UNITED CHURCH

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United Church of Canada
Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023

Scripture Reader: Bill Cole & Nancy Jacobsen
Greeters: Karen Hoshal & Roberta Gault

WE GATHER

Prelude
Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements
Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

VU 232

Opening words....
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The whole creation rejoices;
The birds sing from every tree.
Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!
Babies babble with sounds of joy;
Words cannot express our overflowing hearts.
Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!
Breathing peace on us in these moments;
surrounding us with grace and hope.
(by Thom M. Shuman in "Lectionary Liturgies" 2014.)

We pray....
Gracious God, as the flowers blossom on the trees,
so your love blossoms in your people.
As the warmth embraces the land,
so your grace embraces us.
As the ducks return to familiar waters,
so we return to you on this Sabbath day,
to hear your word of new life, and fresh beginnings.
As we worship you, we breathe in your Spirit and

receive the gift of peace.

As we worship you, we are strengthened and encouraged,

so we might be Christ's faithful followers.

In his name and as his people we pray. **Amen.**

Children's Time

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 John 20:19-31

Sermon: "What Makes Us Church?"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **You Call Us Out** **VU 569 (v.1,2,3,5)**

Offering

 Invitation

What Can I Do? **MV 191**

 Dedication

We pray...

Hymn: **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** **VU 400**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: **Breathe On Me, Breath Of God** **VU 382**

Commissioning and Benediction:

Go now to live, breathe, be the new thing that God is doing.

We go as Christ's faithful, fearless Church, open to the leading of the Spirit.

Keep the Lord always before you.

If he is beside you, you cannot be shaken.

He will show you the path to life,

and in his presence you will discover unending joy.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Amen!

Going Forth: **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks**

VU 179

(refrain, v. 2, refrain)

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Council Meeting, Wed., April 19, 7 p.m.

UCW, Friday, April 21, 9 a.m.

Outreach, Wed., April 26, 2 p.m.

Conscious Aging Group, Thursday, April 27, 10:30-12

Centering Prayer, Friday, April 28, 11 a.m.

Please refer to our website for Upcoming Events in our Community

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