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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Third Sunday of Easter
Earth Sunday Service
April 23, 2023

Scripture Reader: Karen Hoshal
Greeters: Karen Hoshal & Helen Wright

WE GATHER

Hymn: **How Great Thou Art** **VU 238 (v.1,2,4)**

Opening words….
The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world,
And those who live in it;
For God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
We worship our glorious Creator this day,
for God's mighty works, in all of creation,
and in each of our lives.
(written by Austin D. Hill - adapted, in The Pastor's Workshop)

We pray…..
God in the cosmos, in swirling galaxies and unknown mystery,
God in the stars, in sun, moon, and earth,
God in the clouds, in sky and breeze,
God in the water, oceans, and trees,
God in the creature, in turtle and bear,
God in the flower, in fire and air,
God in the people, in smile and hug,
God in the cross, in Son, and in kin-dom come,

God-in-All, we give thanks to you:
Your love is true.
Your Spirit imbues.
Your grace renews.
All praise to you!
Amen.
(by Karen Coogan in Gathering, Easter, Year A, 2023, p. 53

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace

Hymn: **Touch the Earth Lightly** **VU 307**

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

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1 & 2: (*selected verses)*
Psalm 104 (*selected verses)*
Matthew 6: 28-29

From the World Around Us: "You are the Earth"
(by Steve Garnaas-Holmes in Unfolding Light)

Sermon: Reflection for Earth Day

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **O Beautiful Gaia** **MV 41**

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: **Called by Earth and Sky** **MV 135**

Commissioning and Benediction:
Go forth blessed by God's gift of creation: the land and water,
the sun and sky, the air and the earth and what grows from it.
We go as a blessing to all that blesses us.
Go forth, blessed by the Risen Christ, to live so that the planet might be healed.
We go as kindred of tree and seal and deer,
of moss and flower, eagle and orca,
as kindred of all the living world.
Go forth, blessed by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve the God of Creation.
Amen.
(by Brian Day – adapted, in "Gathering" L/E 2021 – Year B. p.52)

Going Forth: **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks** **VU 179**
(refrain, v. 2, refrain)

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

Worship, Thursday, May 4, 1 :30 p.m.

Annual Plant Sale, Saturday, May 6, 9-1. See website for details.

Please refer to our website for Upcoming Events in our Community

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