

✠ Cloverdale and Hazelmere United Churches ✠

**CREATION SEASON 2020  
STANDING ON HOLY GROUND:**

**RESTORING OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD AND ALL OF CREATION**



## Outdoor Service

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Lead minister: *Rev. Lori Megley-Best*  
Children and Youth Leader: *Robyn Garland*  
Musician: *Dianne Nichols*

## We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*(Candlelighter: Onbeen)*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: \* VU 232 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (vs. 1-3)

- ① Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- ② All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.
- ③ You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Passing of the Peace

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. / And also with you.*

\* Korean: Christo-ui pyoung-hwa-ga dahng-sin-gwa hahm-keh ha-shi-girul.

(그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를)

## We Receive New Members at Cloverdale United Church

Introduction

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Introduction of New Members: *Doug and Laurel Z.*

Questions of Commitment

Congregational commitment: *(All who are able, please stand)*

ONE: *Friends, let us pledge to Doug and Laurel,  
our support and care.*

ALL: **As your brothers and sisters in Christ  
we rejoice in the gifts that you bring to us.  
We pledge to you our love and support.  
With God's help, we will live out together  
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.  
Thanks be to God!**

A New Creed

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death,  
in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

Welcome

*ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ we welcome you to the privileges  
and responsibilities of membership in this congregation.*

**ALL: We give thanks to God for your witness among us.**

Aspersion

Blessing

Gathering Time

Hymn: \* Take Off Your Shoes (*Chorus*)

**Take, take off your shoes. You're standing on holy ground.  
Take, take off your shoes. You're standing on holy ground.  
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof  
From the waters beneath to the heavens above  
Take, take off your shoes. You're standing on holy ground.  
You're standing on holy ground.**

## We Hear Good News

Scripture Reading in Korean: **Exodus 3:1-6**

(Reader: Yunsuk K.)

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*Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.  
(This is a story of our faith. / **Thanks be to God.**)*

Sermon

Renewing Our Commitment to God and Creation

Time for Silence

Hymn \* MV 41 – O Beautiful Gaia (vs. 1,2,4)

*(Chorus)* **O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.  
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on.**

- ① **Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia, calling us home.  
Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on. (C)**
- ② **Waves crashing on granite, O Gaia, calling us home.  
Waves crashing on granite, calling us on. (C)**
- ④ **Loon nesting in marshland, O Gaia, calling us home.  
Loon nesting in marshland, calling us on. (C)**

## We Respond

Offering / Offering Prayer

**God of grace,  
it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.  
All we are and all we have are yours alone.  
Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love:  
use it to bring peace, justice, and comfort to all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Sung Response: ✱ MV 143 – We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (vs.1)

**We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,  
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the  
Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\*Hymn: ✱ VU 296 – This Is God's Wondrous World

- ① **This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.**
- ② **This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.**
- ③ **This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Commissioning and Benediction

Sending Song: ✱ MV 42 – Praise God for This Holy Ground (vs.1)

**Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.**

Postlude

## STANDING ON HOLY GROUND:

Restoring Our Commitment to  
God and All of Creation



**CREATION SEASON 2020**

### **WAYS TO WORK ON COMMITMENT**

During the Season of Creation, we will participate in activities and action to help us deepen our relationship with Creation. As we take the time to connect with Creation, we trust that God will be at work in our hearts and minds, enabling us to embrace Creation as our neighbour and love it in the way Jesus asks us to. Here are 4 ways opportunities to connect:

#### **Congregational Fieldtrips**

On Wednesdays, join us to spend some undivided time in nature. We will gather outside, do some exploring and end with a short worship. Everyone is welcome. We will be following social distancing guidelines. Please stay home if you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is.

[September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Redwood Park:](#) Meet in the parking lot. We will learn about the trees and enjoy the forest.

[September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm, Kwomais Park, labyrinth:](#) We will walk the labyrinth at dusk, with candles and the eagles.

[September 30<sup>th</sup>, Time and location TBA.](#) We will spend time together stargazing.

#### **Personal Commitment**

During our worship service today, you will be given time to reflect and identify a personal commitment that you can make with God and Creation as we seek to love Creation as our neighbour.

#### **Creation Challenges – Scavenger Hunt**

Over the Season of Creation, we will have missions for everyone to participate in to reconnect with nature and maybe notice or learn something you haven't before. Be sure to tune in during the Gathering Time of our services as that is when you will find out the week's mission. There are PRIZES for everyone who completes every mission we set out!

##### **Week 1:**

Go out into nature and listen for a distinctive bird call. Listen to it a few times if you can. Then head online and try to figure out what bird made that call! Can you learn to copy it? Send an email to Robyn ([cuc.cyg@gmail.com](mailto:cuc.cyg@gmail.com)) and let her know what your bird does in the winter.

[Week 2:](#) Find a sign of new life in Creation right now.

### **Restore your Commitment to God and Creation,** **Make a Promise Today**

God created the earth and charged us to look after it. There are many ways to take care of our planet. From the list below, or from your own choice, choose one way that you will commit to taking care of our planet Earth over the next 5 weeks and beyond. Write your promise on the commitment sheet and hang it somewhere as a daily reminder.

#### **THINGS WE CAN DO TO CARE FOR THE EARTH:**

- Respect all as God's gift; the earth, all species, people, property.
- Reduce, reuse, repair & recycle.
- Ask "Do I really need this?" before buying it.
- Use recycled paper wherever possible e.g. kitchen & toilet rolls.
- Compost kitchen waste.
- Recycle paper to save the rainforests.
- Choose environmentally more friendly washing & cleaning products.
- Don't leave electrical appliances on standby.
- Use only as much water in the kettle as you need.
- Take a shower instead of a bath.
- Use cooler washes, shorter cycles & fuller loads in washing machines.
- Avoid buying over-wrapped goods.
- Avoid plastic which is made from oils (oil is a limited resource).
- Buy organic fruit & vegetables.
- Buy 'Fair Trade' products.
- Grow your own vegetables organically or grow herbs in pots.
- Avoid the use of garden chemicals.
- Use alternatives to peat (Peat comes from peat bogs).
- Avoid buying tropical hardwoods like mahogany furniture or doors.
- When buying electrical appliances, choose the most energy efficient.
- Use mains electricity or rechargeable batteries.
- Recycle non-rechargeable batteries or dispose of them safely.
- Walk, cycle or use public transport wherever possible.
- Use a fuel-efficient car with low CO2 emissions.
- Moderate car speeds cause less pollution than fast speeds.
- Don't pour oil down the drain - Take it to a garage for recycling.
- Insulate your home to cut down on heat loss and reduce your costs.
- Consider installing renewable energy systems into your home.
- Plant native trees that attract more wildlife to your garden.
- Join a local naturalist field club or a bird watching group.
- Learn how environmental issues are linked to poverty.
- Become active - walk daily & connect with nature around you.

## Announcements for September 13, 2020



### CLOVERDALE & HAZELMERE UNITED CHURCHES

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Lead Minister: Rev. Lori Megley-Best ([lori.megley-best@telus.net](mailto:lori.megley-best@telus.net))

Children and Youth Leader (CUC): Robyn Garland ([cuc.cyg@gmail.com](mailto:cuc.cyg@gmail.com))

Office Administrator: Susie Kim ([chuc@telus.net](mailto:chuc@telus.net))

#### A WEEK AT A GLANCE:

- Sun, Sept 13:** Creation Season 2 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
Outdoor Worship: Live-stream on Zoom at 10:30 am  
Shop & Support Gift Card Orders Due (C)
- Tue, Sept 15:** Bible Study – 1:30 pm (Location TBA)  
CUC Council Meeting – 6:30 pm (C)
- Wed, Sept 16:** Congregational Fieldtrip – 6:30 pm (Redwood Park)
- Sun, Sept 20:** Creation Season 3 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
Live-stream on Zoom at 10:30 am

#### < Mission Statements >

**Hazelmere:** *To praise God together, celebrate our heritage,  
grow in faith and reach out to others.*

**Cloverdale:** *To thrive in faith through relationship with God,  
one another and the community.  
To serve others as Jesus would.*

- ✝ Offerings at CUC Last Sunday: \$2,251.00  
- Offerings required each week to cover expenses: \$2,115.00

#### ✝ ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

Our worship services are offered in three different ways – live-stream on Zoom, pre-recorded service, and outdoor in-person service. Please read the “Service info” emails from the church on Fridays or check out the website for updates. If you are not receiving emails, please contact the church office to sign-up.

#### ✝ BIBLE STUDY WILL BE AT 1:30 PM

This week’s Bible Study will be at 1:30 pm on September 15. Location TBA. Please contact Rev. Lori or the church office if you would like to join.

#### ✝ WAYS TO MAKE DONATIONS TO CHURCH

1. **Go on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance).**
2. **Mail them in.** Consider mailing in post-dated cheques.
3. **Donate online from our website,** powered by CanadaHelps.

**Donations to HUC** can be made by e-transfer to

[hazelmereunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hazelmereunitedchurch@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

#### ✝ CHILDREN’S CHURCH – PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY

A survey went out this last week to parents of our Children's Church program. If you have not received a copy, please email Robyn at [cuc.cyg@gmail.com](mailto:cuc.cyg@gmail.com). The survey is to try to figure out how to continue with Children's Church Ministry in the fall so we need responses! Thank you!

#### ✝ NEW INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We welcome our new staff, Cho Hee Won, who will be working as our Intercultural ministry coordinator from September 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### ✝ CUC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

1. We discussed posting the church address to the list of "gardens to visit" on the City of Surrey Website, as requested by the Rotary Club for having the Honeybees on the church property.
2. There will be a Pastoral Charge meeting with Hazelmere in the coming weeks, date to be determined.
3. How are we going to manage user groups and church rentals during COVID? This is an ongoing topic which we will be discussing over the next several meetings.

#### ✝ BROADVIEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to have BROADVIEW (formerly the United Church OBSERVER) magazine mailed to your house, please contact the church office to start a new subscription.

**CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS** – Let us know if you wish to continue (renew) or cancel your subscription. You will still receive the magazine until the December 2020 edition.

**DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL OR NEW SIGN UP – SEPT 27, 2020**

Each annual subscription costs the church **\$25.00**. If you are able, please pay for your subscription by cheque or cheque with "BROADVIEW" written on the memo line. You can drop it or mail it to church office. Thank you.



✝ BROADVIEW



Broadview is our exceptional magazine based on Spirituality, Justice & Ethical Living, supported by an 11 member cross Canada Board comprised of 3 Ordained Ministers, 1 former Moderator & 10 laypersons.

**2020 highlights**

- National Magazine Awards top award Editor Grand Prix to our editor, Jocelyn Bell
- Canadian Christian Communicators Association 21 awards including 14 First Place

**Sample summer articles focussed on issues important to all Canadians**

- Medical Assistance in Dying – access for Alzheimer patients
- Sixties Scoop – survivors of Residential Schools seek healing
- Arctic Meltdown – climate change's drastic impact on our far north
- Dead End – refugees (including many children) seeking sanctuary in U.S. refused help
- What I Need from White People – Black Lives Matter - UC staffer Adele Halliday plea for white people to become actively anti-racist
- Pandemic – how United Churches are responding to Covid-19
- How to Grow a Church – thriving congregations share their experience increasing attendance and participation in times of overall decline

Please contact Dianne Nichols ([lst3kids@gmail.com](mailto:lst3kids@gmail.com)), Board Member, for any questions.

✝ A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF CUC COUNCIL

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..." (Psalm 46:1-2a)*

We realize that this time of COVID is very tasking on our ability to be social. Many are feeling the strain of isolation. Remember God's promise to be with us and that your fellow congregates are just a phone call away.

Reach out and touch someone... metaphorically speaking of course. 😊

- Doug Sowerby

✝ NARAMATA CENTRE ALL ACCESS PASS



*The All Access pass is your doorway engage in opportunities for learning, growth and spiritual transformation while building an inclusive and welcoming space online. In this time of distance and separation, the Naramata Centre strives to flourish beyond our physical grounds, and experience connection and community in new and exciting ways.*

Our congregation has purchased an All Access Pass to Naramata Centre Online Programs to the end of 2020. Anyone in our pastoral charge can take any of the courses for free. Here is a link to view the programs. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

<https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/online-programs-1>

✝ BREAK THE SILENCE: THE POWER OF ACTIVE WITNESSING

**Sunday, September 27, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.**

**OR Sunday, October 4, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.**

Have you ever witnessed a racist incident but didn't know what to say or do and felt conflicted and regretful about not responding? This workshop will help participants develop their "response-ability" or readiness to respond to such incidents.

The first part of the session engages participants in experiential learning activities and an understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of prejudice, discrimination and oppression. The second part involves learning a wide range of verbal and behavioral responses when someone is being victimized by an offensive and disrespectful remark or inequitable treatment.

Participants will shift from passive bystanders to active witnesses and will feel more equipped and empowered to respond to racism on an individual basis. Together, we can break the silence and make an ethical commitment to collectively fight prejudice, discrimination and oppression of any form in society.