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"Praying Hands," Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK, United States

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of the Word

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Welcome to Cloverdale United Church! As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.

In this lovely old church, we do Sunday morning in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God’s Spirit still speaking into our lives today. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat with us. Introduce yourself to other worshippers or our pastor. There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Children are welcome at all services! It is important for families to worship together. Don’t feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, “faith is caught, not taught!”

 **Washrooms** can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).

 Thank you for **silencing cell phones** and other devices, and for refraining from flash photography.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: *All* are welcome, including children, to share in the feast at Christ’s table. We typically celebrate Communion during on the first Sunday of each month, as well as on certain other holy days.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: We gladly offer the sign and seal of God’s grace in the waters of baptism, both to children and adults of any age. *For more information, contact the minister.*

The language of worship is rich and diverse, and yet always inadequate to express the fullness of the divine. In our worship, we strive to use *inclusive* language for humanity and *expansive* imagery for the divine, while respecting the poetry and imagery of texts handed down to us from the ages. Honouring our diversity, in those places where we speak or sing together, worshippers may use language with which they are comfortable or familiar.

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

“We cannot abandon life because of its storms. The strongest trees are not found in the safety of the forest, rather they are out in the open spaces—bent and twisted by winds of all seasons. God provides deep roots when there are wide-spreading branches.”

— Tammy Felton

As you are able, whether in body or in spirit, **please rise for those parts marked with an asterisk “*”**

Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices, and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi

Greeting 인사

The Rev. Matthew Emery

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle 예배 초 점화

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

One: With profound joy, we welcome one another.
How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

**Many: Happy are those who live in God's house!
Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.**

One: Here we welcome both friend and stranger.
All peoples of the earth are God's children.

**Many: We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.
Together we exult the name of the Lord.**

One: Open your hearts to receive new strength.
Open your lives to renewed understandings.

**Many: Surely God will equip us to face our world.
We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.**

*** Hymn 찬송** — “The Lord's My Shepherd”

Voices United #747

* **Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Many: Source of life:

you feed us with the milk of your love;
you deliver us from the shadows into the light.
Encompass us in the circle of your protection,
that, secure in your sustaining power,
we may find the wisdom and strength
to challenge the evils of our time. Amen.

* **The Peace** 평화의 인사

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Korean: 그리스도의 평화와 함께 하시기를.
Ch ri s to ui pyounghwaga dahngsingwa hahmkeh hashi gi rul

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회소식

WORD 말씀

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Gathering Time 어린이 설교

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “This Day God Gives Me”

Voices United #410, vss. 1-3

Psalter 시편 — Psalm 34:15-22

read responsively

One: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.
The face of the LORD is against those who do evil
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

Many: The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

One: Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.
God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.
Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

Many: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Scripture Reading 성서봉독 — Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armour of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

IN KOREAN

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon 설교 — “Stand.”

a time of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Faith of our Fathers”

Voices United #580

RESPONSE 응답

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel, in prayer and offering

Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord’s Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

Many: 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.

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Give online! Scan the QR Code → to be taken to online giving.

An Offering Thought:

“You often say, ‘I would give, but only to the deserving.’ The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flocks in your pasture. They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish.” — *Kahlil Gibran*



OFFERTORY MUSIC

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
sing either text { Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 감사기도

Many: Lord, you have called us to join with you as co-workers and co-heirs of the kingdom. We take this opportunity to demonstrate our allegiance to you. We proclaim you Lord of All: you are Lord of our families, our finances, and our future. Help us to give with a heart of thanksgiving, as we dedicate these gifts toward more hope and healing in our world. Amen.

SENDING 파송

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

* Hymn 찬송 — “Let us Build a House”

More Voices #1

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

*** RESPONSE** 파승 찬양 — “We Will Go with God”

SYZOHAMBA NAYE

Leader: *All:*

We will go with God! Ho, ho, ho! We will go with

Leader: *All:*

God! Ho, ho, ho! We will go with God!
We will go with God!

This day, oh!

On this day of great joy we will go with God.

This day, oh!

On this day of great joy we will go with God.

*** Postlude** 후주

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi

Be Our Guest! Come on down to the Lower Hall for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! Access to the Lower Hall is down the stairs outside the door at the front right of the sanctuary or via the elevator at the front left of the sanctuary. Follow the crowds on down, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!

Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

Introducing our new sanctuary technology and hybrid livestreaming: With our August 15th resumption of in-person worship, we have begun “hybrid” worship—one congregation worshipping together, gathered in two ways: in-person and online. Helping make this possible, two new video cameras have been mounted in the sanctuary, along with a host of related equipment at an operators’ station in the balcony. Likewise, new flat-panel display screens both upgrade the projection capabilities in the sanctuary and enable those present in-person to see online worshippers.

We would like to note, though, that due to equipment back orders (related, we believe, to the global microchip shortage that’s affecting many industries) parts of our new audio setup, including a new digital audio mixer, have not yet been installed. We believe we have the audio configured properly for feeding out online using (as best as we are able) our existing equipment, but know that we will be continuing to improve and re-configure the audio setup as components arrive and we are able to experiment over the coming weeks with what configurations and settings provide the best audio experience for our online worshippers. We hope for your patience and we welcome your feedback.

Many thanks to today’s ...

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Learn

Welcome to ELL CLASS: ELL Class is going to start from September 12th to November 21st. This term’s ELL class will open three classes and the class time will be as follows.

- Group A : Monday 9:30-11:30 (Sept 13th - Nov 15th)
- Group B : Wednesday 9:30-11:30 (Sept 15th - Nov 17th)

· Group C : Sunday 9:30-10:20 (9:10-9:55 for Choir members Sept 12th - Nov 21st)

We welcome both students and volunteers to join the ELL class, which is an opportunity to learn English and expand the relationship of the Christian community. Currently, the recruitment of students to participate in the class and the recruitment of teachers from groups A and B are completed. If you want to volunteer for group C (Sunday morning), please contact Chohee. If you have any question, please contact the Intercultural Ministry Coordinator, Chohee Won (chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Meet

Friendship Group: We are excited to announce the Friendship Group re-gathering on Wednesday, September 8, at 10:00 am. After an 18 month break it will be a day of celebration!

The Friendship Group is an intergenerational and intercultural group with a goal of supporting each other with friendship, love, and laughter. We meet monthly, usually the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall. ALL are welcome.

On September 8:

- Enjoy muffins and coffee as we reconnect with long-time friends and meet new friends;
- Meet our new CUC staff members, introduced by Laurel Zulke;
- Learn about our exciting new tech project from Rev. Matt.

For more information contact Margaret Rose: mbrose1@telus.net

Serve

Digital Ushers: We're always on the lookout for additions to our cohort of "digital ushers," the volunteers who operate our online streaming and PowerPoint projection systems for worship. If you're interested in learning more, contact Rev. Matt (604-574-5813 or matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).

Other news and notes

Staff Doings: Rev. Matt will be with our Congregational Retreat participants at the Naramata Centre this week. While he is there, the Rev. Scott Turnbrook from Northwood United Church is on-call for pastoral emergencies; he can be contacted at the Northwood United Church office at 604-581-8454 or via email at sturnbrook@northwood-united.org.

Copies of Songs for a Gospel People available: As part of our efforts to declutter and reorganize, we are happy to make available to you or anyone who wants one (or more) copies of *Songs for a Gospel People*, the green-covered songbook that was published in 1986 as a supplement to *The Hymnal*, the 1971 joint hymnal of The United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada. We have retained a couple copies for office and archive use, but have more than 60 to give away. Feel free to grab one from the church office or, from August 15, out of the box at post-worship conversation-and-refreshments time (a.k.a. coffee hour).



Attitudes of Gratitude – This week’s “Thank You” shout-outs:

- Thank you to Christine Connal, Rev. Matt, Eunhyuck (Alex) Seo, Bev Siggs, Jill Sowerby, and Chohee Won for all of their work in putting together plans and preparations for this week's Congregational Retreat at the Naramata Centre.
- Thank you to everyone who has lifted up the situations in Haiti and Afghanistan in their prayers.

From the Wider Church

Appeal for Haiti: The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. Make a gift to support immediate needs including emergency shelter, clean water, and food.



We are also asking for prayers for our partners and the Haitian United Church community in Canada, who are trying to contact family and friends in the devastation. Read more about the situation at

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/earthquake-haiti>”



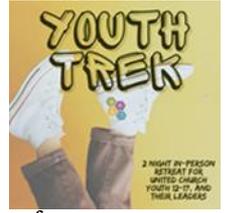
Holy Listening – Young Adult Retreat: September 17 – 19, 2021, in Maple Ridge BC. Travel near or far, finally, for sacred holy space, to be together, to rest, renew, re-energize in community with other United Church folx and friends ages 18 to 35 from around BC, Southern Alberta, & Yukon. The

retreat will be held at Loon Lake Resort & Lodge on the unceded territory of the q̓íc̓əy̓ people (Maple Ridge BC), and the cost is \$150 (financial support is available; the event fee will not be a barrier to participation). Register online



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Youth Trek: October 22 – 24, 2021, in Kamloops BC. 2 night in-person retreat for United Church Youth ages 12-17, and their leaders. We're now in a COVID-vaxed world, and things have changed so much since we were last gathered in person. We've changed as individuals and as a church—but we're still God's people and we're called to be in community together. This October, meet up and wonder "WHAT NOW"! We'll explore how things are different and how things are the same. We'll ask, what does it mean to be youth in the church? And how can we stay true to justice, action, and compassion in our lives? This Youth Trek is like a rite of passage—a new way of being together again, a once-in-a-lifetime experience that few will forget. We hope you'll come on this journey too! Registration coming soon... in the meantime, save the dates!



Women Farmers Like Barari Catalyze Change: It's not easy being a trailblazer no matter where you live. Barari was the first farmer in her small Ethiopian village to practise conservation agriculture, a method of reducing tilling and using intercropping and mulching to improve the success of crops.

Barari remembers the way the other farmers in her village laughed at her when she began to farm differently. "It is a waste of time," they said. "It will never work." Fast forward three seasons: Barari's crops are overflowing. She beams with pride as she talks glowingly about her thriving crops, inviting visitors to taste her fava beans.

Barari's method of farming is so successful that she is able to feed her growing family of six. In fact, she has so much produce that she sells the extra to buy school supplies for her children. Barari learned these life-saving farming skills through a Canadian Foodgrains Bank program called Scaling-Up Conservation Agriculture in East Africa.



The program is important because most of the African continent's soil is poor quality compared to other parts of the world. In many areas the soil is so eroded that it is no longer productive. Conservation agriculture is key to improving the soil, which in turn saves lives.

The United Church works in partnership with agencies that coordinate life changing agricultural projects across the globe. Your generosity helps farmers feed their families and community.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please help save and transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world through Mission & Service. Supporting vital agriculture programs is how you—how we—help make a lasting difference.

This story is brought to you by Emma Taylor, who lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Emma participated in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank tour of Ethiopia through The United Church of Canada's People in Partnership program, where she met Barari. Check out her blog post.

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

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