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"Heart of the World" Odessa Children's Hospital, Odessa, Ukraine

The 14th 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.

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“It is when we see in the needs of others what we are meant to give away that we become truly empty of ourselves. It is in the challenges of the times that we come to speak the Spirit. It is when we find ourselves dealing with the downright intransigence of the other that we understand our own sin. It is when we recognize in the world around us the call of God to us that our response to the human race becomes the measuring stick of the quality of our souls.”

—Joan Chittister

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: We gather to worship in the presence of God,

Many: as if we stood on God’s holy hill.

One: We gather to worship as children of God,

Many: as if we were standing in the waters of grace.

One: We gather to worship the living God,

Many: for God is here among us.

*** Hymn 찬송 — “Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

Voices United #288

*** Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도**

Many: Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** The Peace** 평화의 인사

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Korean: 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를.

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** — “Praise to God, Immortal Praise” *Voices United #521, vs. 1 only*

First Reading 성경봉독 — Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children’s children.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성서봉독 — James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behaviour. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

IN KOREAN

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon 설교 — “The Meekness Gospel”

Daniel Martin

a time of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn 찬송** — “O God in Whom All Life Begins”

this bulletin, pg. 7

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:

The way you live your life is a sign of how you steward the gospel!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi

* PRESENTING OUR GIFTS 경배 찬양: The Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

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 (Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.
either Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost!
text

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 감사기도

Many: In glad thanksgiving for your goodness, O God, we offer you our gifts, and pray for the power to offer and present our very selves to you, a living sacrifice dedicated and fit for your acceptance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “Bless the Lord”

More Voices #46

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart, and live in me.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

* 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!

308 O God in Whom All Life Begins

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

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

Beware Email Scams: Beware of scam and/or suspicious emails purporting to be coming from Pastor Matt or other church staff, asking you to take some sort of quick/urgent and uncharacteristic action... for example to purchase some form of gift card, send money, etc.

There have been new rounds of these types of email scams circulating among churches lately, and also among the Regional Council and other church-related bodies. In these scams, people receive emails supposedly coming from the pastor or other church staff asking for "assistance" or a "request". If you do reply to these emails they will usually request Gift Cards, Cash and now even Bitcoin.

Let us be very clear: Neither Rev. Matt nor anyone else on the church staff would *ever* individually ask people for a "favor" that includes purchasing something for him/them or the church and to do so secretly.

These scam emails tend to have the following pattern: 1.) They usually at some point advise people NOT to call the person... they might be "too busy" or "in a meeting". 2.) They ask for help/favor without giving much information about the request. 3.) If you do respond, they will email back and request a favor to send numbers on the back of gift cards (they will ask you to scratch the back for the gift card and send them the numbers), cash/bank transfer, or Bitcoin

Indeed, if you get an email message like this, it is not from Pastor Matt or other CUC staff. They are a form of what is referred to as "phishing"... malicious individuals sending emails that *look* like they are from a known contact with the goal of getting the recipient to reply or take action. They are not actually a result of any sort of "hack" into a CUC email account; rather it's simply a malicious party impersonating a CUC account (just like anybody could send a physical letter in the mail with a phony return address, pretending to be you).

If you receive a suspicious-seeming email message purporting to be from Rev. Matt or any other CUC staff/leadership, make sure to listen to that suspicion you're hearing in your head. If you think it seems suspicious, it probably is. Also, take a look at the actual email address from which the message came... Pastor Matt uses his official CUC email -- matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca -- for church-related matters; often the scammers will create an address meant to fool the recipient, looking *similar*, but not actually the real address.

Finally, if you do receive this kind of phishing email, here are a couple of links that describe how you can report the fraudulent email, especially if the fake/fraudulent email address is a GMail address:

<https://www.techrolet.com/2019/04/how-to-report-phishing-email-to-google.html>

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en>

<https://hapaweb.com/how-do-i-report-phishing-fake-gmail-account/>

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).



From the Wider Church



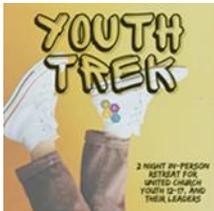
Holy Listening – Young Adult Retreat: September 17 – 19, 2021, in Maple Ridge

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 q̓ícəy̓ 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!

535 New Ministries Embrace the Spirit: There is no doubt that the church is in the midst of a radical transition. What does the future hold?

Honestly, no one knows for certain. But one thing is sure: The best way to fail is to try nothing, and the only way to succeed is to experiment by doing something new.

That's where you come in. Your gifts through Mission & Service support innovation

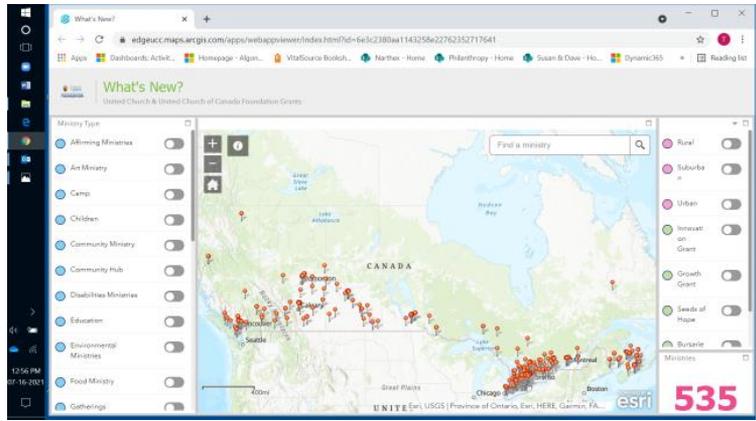
through our church's Embracing the Spirit grants. [Embracing the Spirit](#) is a grant program supported by [Mission & Service](#). Any church called by God to pursue a great ministry idea can apply to Embracing the Spirit for funding support.

In the bottom right corner of the map, the number 535 is highlighted in bold red. The number, which refers to new ministry projects awarded grants, is steadily rising—535 is the tip of the iceberg. Since 2016, Embracing the Spirit has awarded over \$3,600,000 to help communities of faith develop new ministries.

Want to be inspired? Simply click one of the map pins and read the description. You will be amazed at the new ways congregations across the United Church are joining God's mission. Take it a step further and connect with one that piques your interest. Learn about ways your community of faith can grow its vision and practice of ministry.

The last Embracing the Spirit granting round of 2021 is [open now](#), and applications are due on October 15. Even if you don't have a new ministry idea you want to pursue right now, by simply making a Mission & Service gift you are helping our United Church network with and support others striving to live out God's mission in new ways.

Thank you for giving good ideas a chance to fly.



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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