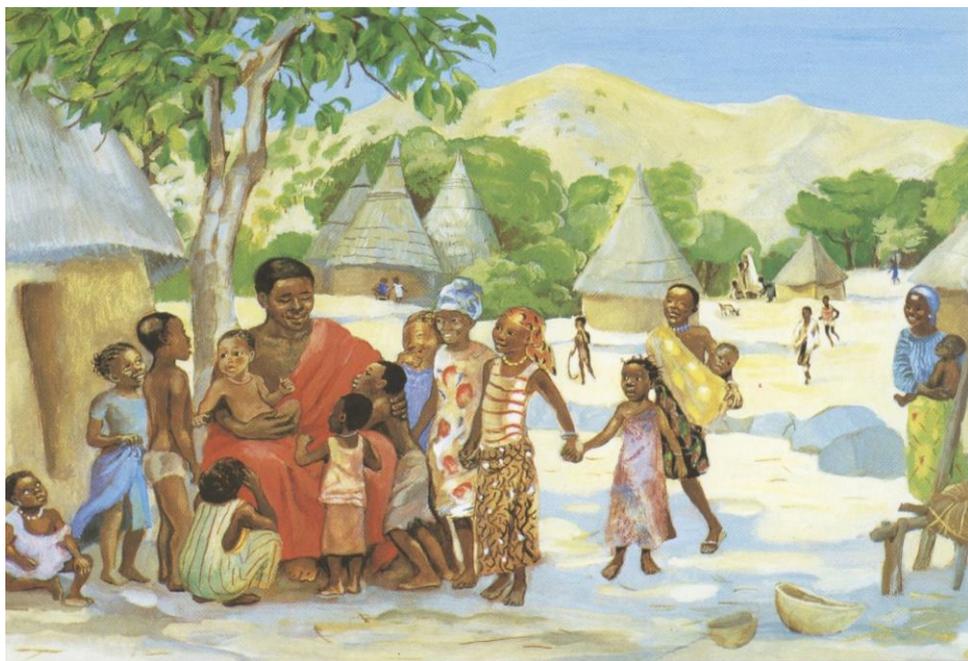




THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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"Jesus welcomes the children"
Painting from JESUS MAFA, 1973

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of Word & Feast: World Communion Sunday

3 October 2021 • 10:30 AM

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 19th Sunday after Pentecost

“Christianity is essentially a social religion, and to turn it into a solitary religion is indeed to destroy it.”

— John Wesley

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: Welcome to this place:

**Many: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

One: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**Many: where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**Many: where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

*** Hymn 찬송 — “God Is Here”**

Voices United #389

*** Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도**

**Many: God of the living law,
whose will is to protect the weak and educate our desires:
teach us not to dominate or put aside
but to give each other dignity
and find in you our unity;
through Jesus Christ, who makes us one household. 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

Sarah Zezchuk

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “Listen, God Is Calling”

More Voices #97

One: *All:*

(Lis - ten) Lis-ten, God is cal-ling, through the Word in - vi-ting,
of-fer-ing for - give-ness, com - fort and joy. (Lis - ten)

Psalter 시편 — Psalm 8

read responsively

One: O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;

Many: **you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.**

One: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of us,
human beings that you should care for us?

Many: **Yet you have made us little less than divine;
with glory and honour you crown us.**

**You have made us rulers over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under our feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

One: O LORD our Lord,

Many: **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Scripture Reading 성서봉독 — Mark 10:2-16

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Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

IN KOREAN

after the reading:

One: 아멘 (Amen).

Many: **아멘 (Amen).**

Sermon 설교 — “The Upside-Down Kingdom: Where the Children are Blessed”

a time of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

Voices United #286

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

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



An Offering Thought:

“What are human beings that you [Lord] are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet” (Psalm 8:4, 6). God gives us dominion over God's creation, which means we're in charge. But that also means we have a duty to treat the created world respectfully and use its resources responsibly. How do you think we're doing? As steward-disciples, how can we do better?

During the offertory, those worshipping via Zoom livestream are welcome to submit prayer requests—thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns—in the Zoom “chat” feature.

OFFERTORY MUSIC — “Walk With Me” by Langdon, arr. McCall

The Choir

Walk with me, walk with me, last mine eyes no longer see.
All the glory, all the story of your love;

Talk to me, talk to me, like you spoke so tenderly.
When you talk there, when you walked there by the sea.

Let me follow in the footsteps. That trod the shore of Galilee.
Let me learn to pray like he did. In the garden of Gethsemane.
Take my hand, take my hand, teach me, Lord, to understand.
All my duty, all the beauty of your love, all my duty, all the beauty of your love

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.

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

* Hymn 찬송 — “For Everyone Born”

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Invitation to the Table 주님의 성찬대로의 초대

The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: 강하고 신실한 하나님, 주님을 찬미하나이다. 높고 깊은 주님의 모든 역사가 주님을 찬양하는 잔잔한 음악이 되어 울리나이다.

태초에 주님의 말씀으로 빛이 있으라 하며 어둠이 물러가고 창조가 시작되었나이다. 세대가 보이지 않게 지나가고, 물이 땅의 표면으로 모이고 생명이 태어났나이다.

마침내 때가 무르익어 땅이 풍성함으로 가득 차고, 주님은 주님의 형상대로 남자와 여자를 만드시고 모든 피조물의 청지기로 세우셨나이다.

You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good. So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

주님께서 성도 여러분과 함께 하시기를 기원합니다.

당신과도 함께하시기를 기원합니다.

여러분의 마음을 드리십시오.

주님께 우리의 마음을 드립니다.

주우리 하나님께 감사합니다.

우리가 주님께 감사와 찬양을 드리는 것이 마땅합니다.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise.

In the beginning your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created in your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation.

수님은 우리에게 생기와 언어를 주셔서 모든 살아 있는 것들이 주님을 찬양하는 노래를 수 있게 하시고, 보시기에 좋다 하신 주님의 모든 피조물을 축복하도록 하셨습니다. 이제 하늘과 땅의 모든 권세와 함께 주님의 영광에 끝없는 찬송을 부르나이다.

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: 오! 거룩하신 하나님, 주의 손의 행사가 얼마나 아름다우신지요! 죄가 세상에 만연할 때에 주께서는 모든 피조물을 새롭게 하기 위해 언약 가운데 오셨나이다.

어머니가 부드럽게 자기의 자녀들을 모으는 것같이, 아버지가 기쁘게 자기의 자녀들을 맞이하는 것같이, 주께서 주의 백성을 끌어안으시고 그들에게 영원한 평화에 대한 소망을 채우시고, 결코 무너지지 아니하는 정의에 대한 소망으로 채우셨나이다.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

On the night before he met with death, Jesus came to the table with those he loved. He took bread and praised you, God of all creation. He broke the bread among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you.

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you, God of all creation. He passed the cup among his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

은혜로우신 하나님, 우리가 찬양과

거룩 거룩 거룩하신 여호와 전능하신 하나님, 하늘과 땅이 주님의 영광으로 찬양하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은 곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다.

주님의 이름으로 오시는 이를 송축하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은 곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다.

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

수많은 세대를 통하여 주님의 백성들은 자유의 떡에 허기졌나이다. 그들로부터 주님은 당신의 아들 예수, 산 떡이신 예수를 일으키시니 그 안에서 허기진 주님의 백성들이 만족하였나이다. 자기 자신은 고난을 받았으나 그는 병자를 치료하셨고, 사망이 그를 죽였으나 그는 죄인들에게 생명을 주셨나이다. 죽음보다 더 강한 사랑으로 자기의 팔을 넓게 벌리시고 숨을 거두셨나이다.

죽음을 맞기 전날 밤에 예수께서 자기의 사랑하는 자들과 함께 식탁에 앉으시고, 떡을 가시사 모든 피조물의 하나님께 찬양을 디리시고, 그의 제자들 가운데서 떡을 떼시며 가라사대 “너희가 모두 이것을 받아 먹이라, 이것은 너희를 위하여 주는 나의 몸이니라.” 하시고

저녁 먹은 후에 잔을 드시고 모든 피조물의 하나님께 사례하시고, 제자들 가운데 잔을 돌리시고 가라사대 “너희가 모두 이 잔을 받아 마시라, 이것은 너희 죄를 용서하기 위하여 흘린 나의 피, 곧 새 언약의 잔이니라. 이것을 행하여 나를 기념하라.” 하셨나이다.

감사의 제사를 주께 드리며, 하나님의 아들 예수를 기념하나이다. 사망이 그를 묶어 놓을 수 없었음은 주께서 거룩하신 성령으로 그를 일으키셨고, 그를 만물의 주로 높이셨기 때문이나이다.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Many: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

그가 영광 중에 오실 때에 경계하며 기도하는 모습으로, 진리와 사랑 안에서 강건한 모습으로, 그리고 떡을 떼는 일에 신실한 모습으로 그에게 발견되게 하옵소서.

마침내 모든 백성이 자유를 얻게 될 것이며, 분열된 모든 것이 치유될 것이며, 모든 주님의 피조물과 함께 당신의 아들 예수 그리스도를 통하여 주님의 찬양을 노래할 것이나이다.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

Many: Amen!

Sharing the Feast 성찬에의 참여

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are *all* guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all –including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God’s people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a joyful feast for *all* the people of God.

Gracious God, as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.

주 예수여, 주께 찬양을 드립니다:

주께서 죽으심으로 우리의 죽음을 멸하셨으며, 주께서 부활하심으로 우리의 생명을 구하셨나이다. 주 예수여, 영광 중에 오시옵소서.

영원하신 하나님, 성령의 권능으로 우리를 감화시키시고, 이 떡과 포도즙의 성찬을 축복하사 그리스도의 몸과 피와 교제케 하시고, 그리스도 안에서 하나되게 하옵소서.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

그리스도를 통하여, 그리스도와 함께, 그리스도 안에서, 성령과 하나됨 가운데 모든 영광과 존귀를 전능하신 아버지께 이제부터 영원까지 돌리나이다.

아멘!

We receive communion at stations in the front of the church. You will be invited to come forward to one of the stations, receive an individual piece of bread and an individual cup, and return to your seat. **We will then partake of the elements together in unison,** once everyone has returned to their seat. **Anyone with mobility concerns** may simply signal an usher or communion server to be brought the sacrament at your seat. As is customary at Cloverdale United Church, all cups have **non-alcoholic grape juice,** and **gluten-free bread is available** alongside the traditional bread.

성찬을 위한 분병과 분잔은 본당 앞쪽에서 진행됩니다. 성찬에 참여하는 성도님들은 앞으로 나오셔서 개인별로 빵과 컵을 받고 자리로 돌아가시며 됩니다. 성찬은 모두가 자리로 돌아온 이 후에 함께 들도록 합니다. 거동이 불편한 분들이 계시다면 안내원이나 봉사자들에게 알려주십시오. 자리로 가져다 드리겠습니다. 모든 성찬 포도주는 클로버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

- * Hymn 찬송 — “In Loving Partnership We Come” *Voices United #603*
- * Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도
 - * **RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — *refrain from* “For Everyone Born” *see pg. 10*
- * 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!

For Everyone Born



- 1 For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery-one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery-one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for ev - ery-one born, the right to be free,



and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice



and joy, com - pas - sion and peace:

yes, God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice,
jus-tice and joy!

Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

World Communion Sunday: Today we celebrate “World Communion Sunday”, an observance among many Protestant Christian denominations on the first Sunday of October each year, in which we remember our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. The apostle Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (1st Corinthians 11:21)—and that’s true whether our sibling in Christ is around the block or around the world.

The observance of “World Communion” Sunday was started by Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1933. Through the 1930s, it spread in American Presbyterianism and then into other denominations; in 1940, it was endorsed and promoted by the US’s Federal Council of Churches (a national ecumenical agency that eventually joined with others to form the National Council of Churches); and in the time since has been adopted by many Protestant denominations in many countries, including here in Canada among The United Church of Canada and others.



Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our worship services, and that the resulting content may be transmitted over Zoom, YouTube, or other platforms. Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the sanctuary, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area at the rear centre of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

Many thanks to today’s ...

ushers/greeters: Kim Forbes

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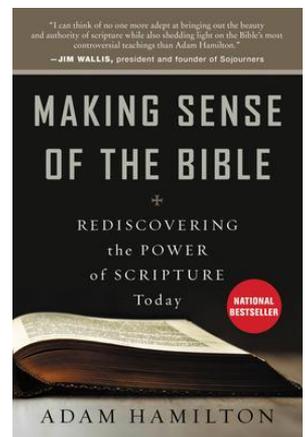


Children's Church resuming: We are excited for the relaunch of Children's Church during Sunday Worship! Join in on the fun on Oct 3, 17, and 31. Contact Sarah Zezchuk if you have any questions (sarah@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca). We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with safely welcoming our young friends back to Children's Church. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please contact Sarah.

Bible 101 Series Starting Soon: Rev. Matt is excited to announce our next new adult faith formation opportunity, a 6-session series titled “Bible 101: Making Sense of Scripture.” Drawing upon the book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by United Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton, the first half of the series takes an introductory look at just what the Bible actually *is*, an orientation to the basic storyline and content of the Old and New Testaments, and explorations of what the *nature* of scripture is—that is, how is it that the Bible functions for us as part of our faith tradition. In the second half of the series, we’ll take up sometimes “challenging” topics like science-and-the-Bible; violence, suffering, and other troubling issues; and sexuality & relationships.

The series will meet on six Wednesday evenings, October 6 to November 17 (*no session on November 10*), from 7:00 pm to around 8:15 or 8:30, in the Lounge. Access to the above-named book will be required; we’ll place an order, but the title is widely available if participants want to obtain their own or if they want it for Kindle or other eReader.

Please pre-register by going to the CUC church website or link directly at: <https://www.cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca/news/bible-101-making-sense-of->



[scripture](#) (or, if you are unable to pre-register online, feel free to contact Rev. Matt directly at 604-574-5813 or matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets Tuesdays beginning at 10:00 am, meeting in-person in the Lounge (lower level, at the bottom of the office entrance stairs). At the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, led most weeks by Rev. Matt, the group typically discusses the bible reading(s) featured in the coming Sunday's worship service. All are welcome and invited; no previous knowledge or experience with Bible study required!

Meet

Friendship Group Thanksgiving Celebration: *Wednesday, October 6, 10:00 am.*

- Enjoy pumpkin pie and coffee as we catch up with long-time friends and meet new friends,
- Listen to a story of Thanksgiving,
- Participate in creating harvest wreaths for our church entrance(s).

What to Bring:

1. The fall season brings us a wealth of crafting materials. Please bring (if you are able) fallen colourful leaves, twigs, seed pods....
2. A donation of food or money for the Cloverdale (Fraser Valley Regional) Food Bank.

The Friendship Group is an intergenerational and intercultural group with a goal of supporting each other with friendship, love, and laughter. All are welcome. We usually meet the first Wednesday of each month 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon, so save the dates: November 3 and December 7. *For further information, contact:* Margaret Rose (mbrose1@telus.net, 604-574-7701).

Serve

Cloverdale United Church's United Church Women Frozen Apple Pie Project 2021: Due to bulletin production schedules for this week, a specific update was not available in time for printing... so listen up to the verbal announcements at worship!

All helpers are welcome at the pie making bees—young or old, men or women, experienced or not. In light of the ongoing COVID situation and desire to honour reasonable precautions, we ask that you wear a mask and we may also need to limit the number of helpers in the kitchen at one time.

Order forms are available in the Narthex or from Tina T. or Lori P., or you may have also received or will be receiving a call from our awesome order takers: Judy Cook, Joanne Brown and Lorrie Brown. As with everything else in life these days, Covid has slowed this process as well. Production may be reduced and orders will be filled as we are able—please be patient. *For questions or volunteering, contact:*

Lori Presunka (604-576-1496, lpresunka@gmail.com) and/or
Tina Thomlinson (604-574-3341, thomlinson2@shaw.ca).



Seeking Sunday Morning Servers: With our in-person worship services having resumed, we again invite you to consider taking part in one of our Sunday Morning Servers roles. With usher-greeters, hosts for our time of conversation and refreshments after worship (a.k.a. "coffee hour"), and liturgists/readers, it takes a number of willing hearts to make everything happen on Sunday mornings. Each of these roles, though, is an easy and accessible way to get involved, supporting our church's mission and ministry and connecting with others around our community. If you would like to participate, please our church office at office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

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

From the September 21 Church Council Meeting: Our congregation's Church Council met on Tuesday, September 21st, for the first time after a well-deserved recess in July and August and also for the first time in-person in many, many months. Highlights from this meeting included:

1. Reviewing COVID protocols & establishing specific COVID rate thresholds at which we would re-institute greater restrictions/precautions.
2. Discussion of refocusing efforts and attention toward growing connections between community and CUC.

From the Wider Church

Engage – A Love and Justice

Gathering: *November 3 to 7, online.*

The Church in Mission Unit of The United Church of Canada invites you to celebrate and learn with us about the many love and justice ministries of our church. November 3 - 7, the unit is hosting **ENGAGE! a love and justice**

gathering on Whova. We will gather to worship, learn, build community, and recognize who and whose we are. Join us to worship, build community, and learn together with global partners, communities of faith, networks, Canadian partners, and more! Throughout this five-day online event we will:

Engage deep spirituality **Engage** daring justice

Engage courageous community **Engage** bold discipleship

Engage hope

For more information & to register, go to

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-united-church-of-canada/events/engage-love-and-justice-ministries-of-the-united-church-of-canada/>



**Love + Justice
Gathering**

Your Support Is There When Disaster Strikes: When emergencies strike, people need help right away. First with the basics—shelter, food, clothing—and then with rebuilding. Increasingly, people around the world are facing a variety of disasters. Climate change, health crises, food insecurity, and violent conflicts that forcibly displace thousands are just some of the catastrophes that affect millions of people every day.

The United Church is part of a worldwide network that makes a difference in the lives of those most at risk. United Church partners and ecumenical relationships in over 120 countries mean that we are on the ground ready to help in times of emergencies.

Recently, generous supporters have helped people struggling as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the devastating explosion in Beirut, and the earthquake in Haiti. From vaccines to hygiene kits to food to farm implements, your support is there when it is needed most. In return, our partners minister to us in a variety of ways, including spiritually.

The United Church of Christ in the Philippines, a Mission & Service partner, shares this prayer with us. Let us pray, together:

Most gracious and merciful God,
amidst the din of howling winds
above the noise of rampaging waves
atop the earthquakes and the shaking of the earth
we hear your voice: “Be still and know that I am God.”
Yes, even in times when we are prone not to be still,
at moments when we are sorely tempted to resort to flight,
we hear you and we pause to listen and to reflect, to stand still
and recognize that indeed you are the God who is with us,
that it is not in the wind or waves or in the earth’s tremors that you speak,
and that even when we walk through the shadow of the valley of death,
that we are not alone
that even when we are put in the crucible of a fiery furnace,
that you are there to save.
In times like these, you speak to reassure us
through that still, small voice
through the concrete acts of solidarity of partners and friends
through those who lovingly stretched out their helping hands
to those ravaged by the storm
to those who are desolate and in despair
to those who are left with a threadbare of hope.
In times like these you assure us that we are not alone;
that we have sisters and brothers who are moved
to walk the lonesome valley with us.
We thank you, for in times like these,
your love and care are made more manifest and incarnate,
made alive in concrete deeds of lovingkindness and compassion.



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Mission & Service

To you we return all glory and praise.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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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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