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*“Lord, that I might see!”
Sculpture in Matyas Church, Budapest, Hungary, 1970*

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of the Word

24 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.

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“The practice of the Jesus Prayer is simple. Stand before the Lord with the attention in the heart, and call to him: ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me!’ The essential part of this is not in the words, but in faith, contrition, and self-surrender to the Lord. With these feelings one can stand before the Lord even without any words, and it will still be prayer.”

— *Theophan the Recluse*

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

Seoyoon Yoon

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

from Psalm 126:1-3

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of the people, then we were like those who dream.

Many: **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

One: Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

Many: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.**

*** Hymn 찬송** — “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Voices United #326

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Many: O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,
you heard the cry of the blind beggar
when others would have silenced him.
By the power of the Spirit:
teach us to be persistent in prayer;
give us courage to ask plainly what we need from you;
and empower us to be attentive to voices others ignore;
all for your sake and for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

*** The Peace** 평화의 인사

Ch ri s to ui pyounghwaga dahngsingwa hahmkeh hashi gi rul
One: 그리스도의 평 화가 당 신과 함 께 하시기를.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

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** — “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)

First Reading 성경봉독 — Jeremiah 31:7-9

pew bibles OT p. 734

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

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 — "Where the Blind Can See"

The Rev. Matthew Emery

a time of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Voices United #266

RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

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



An Offering Thought:

Are your stories of faith about scarcity and fear, or abundance and gladness?

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 — "I Choose Love" by Mark Miller

The Choir

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain.
I wait the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.
In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score.
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace. I choose peace.
When my world falls down I will rise. When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found.
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise. I will rise.
In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain.
I wait the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

— *Lindy Thompson*

choose any version } Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures
 here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
 high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.
 Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it, One. A - men.
 만 복 의 근 원 하 나 님 온 백 성 찬 송
 드 리 고 저 천 사 여 찬 송 하 세
 찬 송 성 부 성 자 성 령. 아 멘.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 감사기도

Many: Ever-present God,
 with this offering we present also ourselves,
 all that we have been,
 all that we are,
 all that we shall become,
 and our resolve to walk in your way.
**Accept us and our offering, we pray,
 for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

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.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

Voices United #424

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

* **RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — *refrain from* “For Everyone Born”



Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

Coming up in Worship – Reformation Sunday & All Saints Sunday: Over the next two weeks, our months-long walk through the “ordinary time” of the year following Pentecost will be interrupted with two special festivals.

On October 31st, we mark **Reformation Sunday**, a day observed in many Protestant traditions that commemorates the work of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s to renew the Christian church and reclaim the centrality to our faith of the good news of God’s grace. October 31st was the date in the year 1517 when the German Catholic monk and theology professor Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses,” sparking the full fire of the Reformation amidst an environment full of much spiritual, theological, and even political kindling; traditions that observe Reformation Day do so on October 31st or the Sunday immediately preceding.

On November 7th, we will mark **All Saints Sunday**, a celebration of the “great cloud of witnesses” made of up all those who have gone before us in the faith. In our tradition, we understand God’s “saints” to be *all* those who seek to live in faithfulness to Christ and the gospel. In many churches, All Saints gives an opportunity to lift up in remembrance and celebration loved ones from within our midst who have died; in our worship we will especially remember people connected with our congregation who have passed since last All Saints Sunday. Through ritual and prayer worshippers will also have the opportunity to lift up other loved ones who have passed on whose life and witness they wish to celebrate. Because of the way the calendar falls this year, All Saints Sunday this year is also **Remembrance Sunday** for us here in Canada, and so we will also remember those among the great cloud of witnesses whose earthly journeys were ended through the horrors of war, and we will pray that the lists of those we remember on Remembrance Day might, by God’s providence, grow no longer.

Many thanks to today’s ...

readers: Heeyoon Choi, Sharlene Jonasson

ushers/greeters: Debbie Jordbakke

digital ushers: Jamie Brown, Doug Sowerby

fellowship time hosts: Sharon McBain & Thelma Smidt



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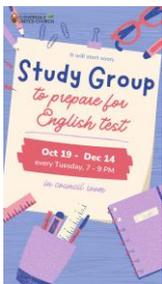
Learn



Psalms Of...: November 4, 7:00 pm. Our Creator is worthy of our conversation—our stories of thanksgiving, our feelings of anger, our outpouring of lament, and our soulful confessions. The songs, poems, and conversations in the book *Psalms* guide us in this—we’ll sit in them, rest, listen, and respond with Psalms of our own. Join Regional Staff Daniel Martin on the Campus United

Instagram Live for this guided time (either at 7pm or anytime after on IGTV). No prep required, but journaling after encouraged. Streaming Live on Campus United Instagram:  @campusunited.ca [instagram.com/campusunited.ca/](https://www.instagram.com/campusunited.ca/)

Children’s Church has resumed: We are excited for the relaunch of Children’s Church during Sunday Worship! Next dates to join in on the fun are Oct 31 and Nov 14. Contact Sarah Z. if you have any questions (sarah@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca). **We continue to seek 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. We plan to continue the alternating-Sundays schedule through the rest of October and for November, and anticipate shifting up to an every Sunday schedule with the beginning of Advent on Sunday, November 28.



New English Language Learning Class – Studying for the Exam: now through December 14. As we continue to re-grow our Intercultural Ministry activities following the pandemic, Chohee Won (our Intercultural Ministry Planning Officer) is pleased to announce a new ELL Class specifically for students preparing for the English examinations. The class meets Tuesday evenings through December 14, at 7:00 pm, in the Council Room on the lower level. For more information or to express interest, contact Chohee: chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca.

Christian Parenting program: Recruiting now! We are actively recruiting participants for a new faith learning program around parenting. With different units for mothering and fathering, respectively, this is a program that meditates and shares what wisdom and perspectives on Parenting are spoken to us through the Bible and through our faith. For our first trial engagement with offering this program, our first class will begin with 'Wisdom for mothers'. The book is an eight-week journey, but depending on the situation, it can last longer. The class will start on schedule as soon as the recruitment is complete. If anyone is interested in and would like to participate in this program, please contact Chohee Won (chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca). We are *especially* interested in using this program offering as an opportunity to connect with young parents who are *not* already active in the life of our congregation, so please spread the word among your personal contacts, friends, family members, and others!



Engage – A Love and Justice Gathering: Registration Now Open! *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. Join to worship, build community, and learn together:

- **Day 1: Engage deep spirituality** - Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary, The United Church of Canada
- **Day 2: Engage daring justice** - Panel discussion on "Ministry Outside the Lines: A conversation about daring justices in personal lives, communities, and beyond." Speakers are the Rev. Alexa Gilmour, preacher, podcast host and activist; the Very Rev. The Hon. Lois Wilson CC, former Moderator of The United Church of Canada and former senator; and Mr. Chris Mah Poy, First Third Ministry & Justice and Ministry Networks Coordinator of the Chinook Winds Regional Council.
- **Day 3: Engage courageous community** - Keynote Speaker the Rev. Carolina Costa is the author of video-books on faith, gamebooks on pastoral care and progressive theology, and pastor of the Protestant Church of Geneva on a pilot project for young adults called "Le LAB."
- **Day 4: Engage bold discipleship** - Keynote Speaker the Rev. Dr. Deenabandhu Manchala is a pastor and theologian from India, and Area Executive for Southern Asia in Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- **Day 5: Engage hope** - Keynote Speaker Cláudio Carvalhaes, from Brazil, is on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He is a theologian, liturgist, and artist.

Tickets are free, with a donation invited to the COVID-19 Emergency Response. We

cannot wait to celebrate and recognize all that we do together as The United Church of Canada. 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/>

Meet

Friendship Group Intercultural Celebration:

Wednesday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, Upper Hall.
Bring your aprons and appetites! Our Korean friends will guide us as we learn to make Gimbap and Bulgogi, traditional Korean dishes.

- ✓ Catch up with long-time friends and meet new friends as we prepare and share delicious food
- ✓ Learn about Korean traditions
- ✓ Participate in cooking and tasting

What to Bring: A donation 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! Contact Margaret Rose for further information (mbrose1@telus.net, 604-574-7701) or Bev Siggs for a ride (bevsiggs@gmail.com, 604-576-8846)



Imagine Family Retreat - A retreat for families of all makes and shapes across the Pacific Mountain Regional Council:

Friday, November 5, to Sunday, November 7, at Camp Fircom, Gambier Island. If you're looking for a weekend getaway for your family, are yearning for time safely gathering with other United Church people, and wanting to breath deeply in the forest or dance with ocean surf at your feet, the Imagine Family Camp is for you and yours. Fees cover water taxi, accommodation, meals, snacks and

program fees. \$130 for Adults, \$105 for people 4-12 and Free for Birth to 3 yrs... *and* bursaries are available: please don't let the cost be a reason to not attend; discount codes for up to 75% off are right in the registration form, which you can apply yourself. For more information and to register, go to

<https://tockify.com/cwpmfirstthirdministry/detail/6/1636142400000>

Serve



Ministry Team forming for services at Zion Park Manor: Our friends over at Zion Park Manor, one of the long-term care homes right here in Cloverdale, have been in touch and they are happy to be able to begin welcoming back church groups and volunteers to lead on-site worship services for their residents. As many will

remember, prior to the cancellation of these services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our congregation used to engage in this ministry on a monthly basis.

Now that Zion Park Manor is able to welcome back groups like ours, we are gauging interest around re-constituting a ministry team of Cloverdale United congregants able and willing to lead these services. With the support and participation of Pastor Matt as well, we would hope to build a rotating schedule of volunteers such that each would only need to be responsible for a couple of dates per year. If you would be interested in participating in this community outreach ministry team, please contact Pastor Matt (matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca, 604-574-5813).

God's Mission, Our Gifts

Growing Stronger Together: Maina's Story. Maina Bai's mother died when she was a baby, and Maina never went to school.

When she was just 10 years old, her father married her off to an older man. By 16, she had a child. A few years after the birth of her daughter, her husband died. When she returned to her maternal home, Maina was married off—again.

After a few years of marriage, Maina became a widow again. Single, she faced extraordinary stigma.

Approximately 2.18 million single women like Maina live in the state of Rajasthan, India. Whether they are widowed, divorced, or have never been married, these women are deemed “incomplete” and a disgrace to their families. As a result, many live lives marked by stigma, fear, and violence—simply for not being married.

In 1986, The United Church of Canada partnered with Astha Sansthan, an organization that empowers marginalized individuals to advocate for their needs. In 1999, Astha Sansthan launched the Association of Strong Women Alone (ASWA), which your Mission & Service gifts support. Immediately, 450 single women joined. Today, there are more than 70,000 members.

ASWA's approach is simple: Create a safe space for single women to come together and get the knowledge and skills necessary to improve their lives.

The association has made all the difference for Maina.

She can now read and write and is empowering other women to become literate. Because of her leadership, 35 women have enrolled in adult learning. All of them now have grade eight certificates. What's more, the generational cycle of illiteracy has been broken. Maina's daughter can not only read and write but is also teaching others to do the same.

Your Mission & Service gifts empower women like Maina to be agents of change within their communities. Thank you for your generosity.



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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