



United Churches of Langley

Welcome Home!

Weaving a Faith that Matters

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October 31, 2021, 10:30 am ~ 1st Hybrid Worship
Season of Discipleship: When Blessings Flow
Holy Currency of Time & Place

WE GATHER TO BLESS AND BE BLESSED

Introit *Roads* by Chris Mann
 Performed by Neerava S. Kroeger and
 Carley Carder

Welcome

Acknowledgment of First Nations Territories

Birthdays and Celebrations

Gathering Song *Let Us Build a House*, vs. 1,4,5 MV 1

Call to Worship

Singing the Bowl

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer of Opening

Opening Hymn *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* VU 602
[Children depart to the Chapel for Spirit Academy]

WE OPEN TO WISDOM

Singing the Bowl

Scripture Reading Mark 6:30-44

Reflection *Stone Soup*
 Rev. Ryan Tristin Chapman

Musical Response *Renewing Our Spirits* MV 98

WE RESPOND IN GRACE & GRATITUDE

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter
from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Our Ministry Together

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Response (VU 541 Tune)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Circling through earth so all may grow
Vanquishing fear so all may give
Widening grace so all may live.*

Words: Eric Law, from Holy Currencies book. Used by permission.

Dedication of the Offering

WE DEPART TO BE A BLESSING

Closing Hymn

God Help Us to Treasure

MV 147

We Receive a Blessing

We Bless Each Other with the Peace of Christ

Postlude

The Homecoming by Hagood Hardy

THANK YOU to ALL who offer their gifts today.

Musician: Neerava S. Kroeger

Song Leaders: Carley Carder, Barry Mills, Irene Reed

AV Team: Brad Jarvis, William Ness

Greeters: Marianne Clarke, Joanne Rathgeber

Welcome Table: Jackie Peebles

Scripture Reader: Pat Thebaud

The Affirm Team and many others who have worked together to create our Family Reunion Celebration.

A Message from the Ministers



Sophia Ducey
Minister of Children, Youth,
Young Adults, Families
and Communications



Ryan Tristin Chapman
Minister of 50+ Adult Faith,
Pastoral Care, and Outreach

We are so excited to be gathering again for worship in-person as well as continuing to offer online worship and meetings for those who need a little more time to feel comfortable gathering with others in person.

United Churches of Langley envisions
a *Thriving* and *Inclusive* congregation, *who is Vital* to the community, *Alive* as followers of Jesus the Christ, and *Sustainable* into the future. We are *Weaving a Faith that Matters*

As we come back together this fall, we will regularly ask ourselves, individually and as a community of faith:

Where are our hearts? What is Thriving?

Who is our Community? Who is our Neighbour?

How are we vital to our community?

Who would be affected if we ceased to exist?

What makes us say "WOW" about our ministry?

What does Missional mean?

What do we love about our church?

Are we weaving a faith that matters? Matters to whom?

What does "sustainable" into the future mean? Whose future?

This will be a time of "digging deep" for answers and reflecting on the question: *"What is Lived or Embodied Faith?"*



Through the insights of the *Holy Currencies* by Eric Law, we will reflect on the exchange of "currencies" as we plan and evaluate our ministry offerings. Are we offering and exchanging the "Holy Currencies" of:

*Time & Place, Gracious Leadership,
Relationship, Truth, Wellness, and Money
in who we are and what we do?*

From October 24 through November 21, 2021, we will be exploring Eric Law's "Holy Currencies." Through reading, dialogue, sermons and music, we hope we can transform the way we live as disciples, and how we relate to stewardship of ALL the currencies.

Holy Currencies is a holistic model for stewardship and congregational vitality, moving beyond "time, talent, and treasure" to create missional and sustainable ministries. This model with its processes, enables church leaders to understand, develop, and utilize six kinds of currencies that are essential for creating sustainable and missional ministries.

These currencies are: *Wellness, Time & Place, Truth, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, and Money.* These currencies flow and recirculate to form a Cycle of Blessings which empower our congregation to strengthen our internal relationships as well as reach out and connect with the diverse populations in our community.

When these currencies move freely and flow unrestrained in grateful abundance, life is full, meaning is found, and spirits grow. If any of these currencies are blocked, curiosity is suppressed, collaboration becomes impossible, and scarcity breeds fear.

We will explore how to use these gifts to rejuvenate, recirculate, regenerate, and expand our ministry through Law's insights and reflecting on scripture and our ministries. Holy Currencies will push us to think beyond our church's current boundaries and create rich, sustainable missional ministries.

Through this season, we plan to:

- Explore the six essential currencies for sustainable ministries: Wellness, Time & Place, Truth, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, and Money
- Seek new ways to be open to abundance in all aspects of life and church
- Be empowered to shift the way we think about ministries: from fear to grace, from grasping at power to sharing blessings, and from maintenance to missional focus;
- Transform some of our current ministries toward becoming more missional and sustainable by consciously infusing them with the internal and external currencies
- Create new missional and sustainable ministries that we will implement as we discern together meaningful post-pandemic ministry together

Our Ministry Together

- Children, Youth, Young Adults and Families
- Worship and Music
- Spiritual and Leadership Development
- Care Ministries
- Social Justice and Outreach
- Staffing our ministries and communicating to the world
- Keeping our buildings safe and beautiful

VITALITY & SUSTAINABILITY

So, what is our part in the vitality and sustainability of our congregation? If God is calling, how are we answering?

Stewardship is based on the belief that God is the Creator and all things belong to God. We are the trustees of God's gifts, accountable to God and one another for their use. We give back to God a portion of our time, talent and money to sustain and grow our church and ensure that it thrives for the future. Gratitude is the motivating factor in the way we respond to God's grace and use what has been entrusted to us. As we move forward together this Fall, your generosity in all the currencies is appreciated and essential.

HOW DO I GIVE MONETARILY?

Credit Card and Online Giving – Has Arrived!

We have Square technology to receive credit card donations, as well as our online platform –

<https://givepoint.com/unitedchurchesoflangley>

Envelopes - Cheques or Cash

You can leave a cheque when you attend Sunday Worship, or mail or drop off a cheque at our Murrayville location. You can request a set of numbered envelopes that allow us to record your gifts for the purpose of issuing you an annual tax receipt.

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) - Debit or Credit Card

We have a regular way to give - PAR, an automatic debit from your chequing account or charge to your VISA or MasterCard. Ask at the office if you like a new PAR form, or if you'd like to update your givings on your current PAR account.

Stocks and Investments

You can also give stocks, which provides additional tax benefits to you. Ask our finance administrator for details.

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