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*"Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives," painting by Charles-Théodore Frère, c. 1880
(at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)*

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of the Word

14 November 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 25th Sunday after Pentecost

“I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are yourself the answer. Before your face questions die away. What other answer would suffice?”

— C.S. Lewis

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

Lauren Kirkey, guest worship leader

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

from A Song of Faith, 2006

One: We place our hope in God.
We sing of a life beyond life
and a future good beyond imagining:

Many: **A new heaven and a new earth,
the end of sorrow, pain and tears,
Christ's return and life with God,
the making new of all things.**

One: We yearn for the coming of that future,

Many: **Even while participating in eternal life now.**

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Open Our Hearts”

More Voices #21

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

One: O God, you have called us together to worship just as we are.

Many: **We cannot pretend to be what we are not,
for you have made us and know us through and through.**

One: In our weakness, we come with prayers for strength;
in our strength, we come with prayers of thanksgiving.

Many: **Open our hearts that we might pray with honesty,
and await your answers with renewed faith.
May our praise and our worship be unrestrained. Amen.**



First Reading 성경봉독 — Daniel 12:1-3 *pew bibles OT p. 834*

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God’s revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

***Many:* Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 성서봉독 — Mark 13:1-8 *pew bibles NT p. 50*

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

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 — “For Such a Time as This” *Lauren Kirkey*

a time of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Fairest Lord Jesus” *Voices United #341*

RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

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An Offering Thought:

“You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11). As we grow in spiritual maturity, steward/disciples learn ever more deeply the difference between the fleeting, shallow happiness the world offers and the rich, satisfying joy and pleasures of our life in God.

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 — “Awake a Joyful Song” by Michael Ware The Choir

Awake, awake a joyful song unto Christ the risen Lord.
 Let every heart and every tongue praise the one eternal Word.
 Sinners awake and turn to Jesus! Awake, awake a joyful song to the Lord.
 The God of heaven showed His love, when Jesus came to life again
 love enough to send His Son, victory over death he won.

*** PRESENTING OUR GIFTS** 경배 찬양: **The Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

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:
 찬 송 성 부 성 자 성 령. 아 멘.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
 만 복 의 근 원 하 나 님 온 백 성 찬 송

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.
 Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it, One. A - men.
 찬 송 성 부 성 자 성 령. 아 멘.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 감사기도

Many: Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us.

Help us to love you and all your children, and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 — “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection” *Voices United #586*

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — “May the God of Peace”

More Voices #224



May the God of peace and of all good, may the God of



peace and of all good be al - ways with you.



A - men! May God's peace be with you. A - men!

* Postlude 후주

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

Welcome, Lauren Kirkey! We are pleased to welcome Lauren Kirkey as our guest preacher and worship leader this morning while Rev. Matt is on vacation. Lauren is in her 3rd year of the Master of Divinity program at Vancouver School of Theology, one of our eight theological schools in The United Church.

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Lynda Brind-Dickson, Gahyeong Kim

ushers/greeters: (names not available at time of printing)

digital ushers: Dan Ariss, Terry Wright

fellowship time hosts: (names not available at time of printing)



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Learn



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!

Children's Church has resumed: We are excited for the relaunch of Children's Church during Sunday Worship! The next date to join in on the fun is *today*, November 14th. We shift to an every Sunday schedule with the beginning of Advent on Sunday, November 28. Contact Sarah Z. if you have any questions (sarah@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

2021 Annual Meeting of the Cloverdale United Church Women: *November 24th, 6:30 pm.* The Annual UCW meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30 PM in the Lower Hall. Potluck appetizers or finger food will be welcomed. Guest speaker will be Reverend Matt Emery. All are welcome!

Mark the calendars – An Intergenerational Advent Event: *Sunday, Nov. 28th, following worship.* Plan to stick around after worship on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28th, as our whole church shares in an Advent "fair". Make a home Advent wreath for your own household others, gather materials for daily devotion and prayer throughout the season, share in fun activities for people of all ages, and more... Sarah Zezchuk and Rev. Matt are still working on plans, but are quite sure you will want to take part!

Best of Baroque — A Holiday Season Concert at Cloverdale United Church:
Sunday, December 5th, 3:00 pm. Our sanctuary will be filled with music for the start of the holiday season from masters of the Baroque era. Featuring a constellation of guest musicians and an appearance by our own choir with the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*, this will be a nice opportunity to continue welcoming the wider community back into our facilities and to explore what broadened music-and-arts programming here at Cloverdale United Church could look like!

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).



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. 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).

Seeking Sunday Morning Servers: With usher-greeters, hosts for 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. If you would like to participate, please schedule with Debbie Jordbakke (778-238-7552, debbiejordbakke@icloud.com) or contact the church office.

Other news and notes

Not hearing from us? Are you not receiving our "This Week @ CUC" weekly eNewsletter in your email inbox on Fridays? Did you not receive a copy of our seasonal *Cloverleaves* newsletter in your postal mailbox sometime around a week or two ago? Then we probably don't have your contact info, or we need you to help us update it! Send additions and updates to your information to the church office at office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca or by telephoning us at 604-574-5813 (feel free to leave a message if we're not able to answer at the time).



Welcome, Olivia! As head-of-staff and Ministry-&-Personnel chair, respectively, Rev. Matt and Laurel Zulke are happy to announce that we are welcoming Olivia Lansang as our new Office Administrator, beginning Thursday, November 18th. Olivia writes about herself: “I am Olivia Lansang, a semi-retired Certified Public Accountant from the Philippines. I worked in Canada for a Crown Corporation (provincial government) for 9 years and retired early in 2017. Before that, I was a Professor and Dean in Accounting, and also an entrepreneur, back in our country. I went back into the workforce after retirement to still use my experience in my field of expertise, take advantage of my skill while I can, and to take the opportunity to help people to the best of my ability. Thank you for this opportunity given to me.” Laurel and Matt were impressed by Olivia’s exceptional experience in accounting and her wide-range of skills in other relevant office management areas, as well as her energy and initiative-taking. Olivia will be in the office for limited hours during the last two weeks of November, as she transitions out of another temporary position, and will assume her regular schedule with us (Tuesdays – Fridays, 9 AM to 2 PM) beginning December 1st.

God’s Mission, Our Gifts

A Second Chance: According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in five Canadians experience mental health problems. Your Mission & Service gifts help.

In his own words, Chance shares how the mental health support he received through the Bissell Centre in Edmonton, Alberta—an

organization supported through your Mission & Service gifts—helped him change his life.

“My name is Chance. I’m 25 years old and live at Hope Terrace, a permanent supportive home that is run by the Bissell Centre. I have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder—a type of brain injury with no cure—so I need help with things like coping with my emotions, keeping appointments, and cooking.

“Before I moved into the Hope Terrace residence, life was frustrating and stressful. I used to live at my grandmother’s house, along with my mom and four other family members. When everyone was home it was chaos, which made it even harder to manage my emotions—even happy emotions were too much at times.

“Mom and I knew I needed help, but we didn’t have money and we didn’t know where to start. So, a few years ago, I tagged along with my friend to Bissell Centre’s Easter meal. He was getting help from Bissell and seemed to like it enough. Maybe I could get help too?

“It was at that very meal that I first heard about Bissell’s mental health



resources and the Hope Terrace house.

“When I was invited to move into Hope Terrace a few months later, Mom and I both agreed it would be a good decision. I finally felt some hope. Maybe life doesn’t have to be so hard all the time? Maybe I could have a better life?”

“The staff here help me with the things that overwhelm me most—like budgeting, cooking, and dealing with my emotions. They are awesome! They’re really good, kind people—they’re my family.

“Without the support that I regularly get here, I don’t know where I’d be.”

Gifts With Vision: The United Church of Canada developed *Gifts with Vision* in response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of our church's engagements with mission, service, and justice work here in Canada and around the world. Selecting a gift from *Gifts with Vision* is a great opportunity to give a “gift” to (or in honour of) someone who already has enough “things,” with a real “gift” also going to one of a diverse constellation of crucial causes and initiatives.



With the gift you give, you help create healthy places to live, promote justice, provide social services, and enliven worship. None of the monies raised in this project support The United Church's regular annual Mission & Service funding (except for gifts to the Mission & Service Fund itself); rather, gifted monies are forwarded directly to the recipient.

Take a look and see if there’s not some *Gifts with Vision* that fit with the loved ones on your “list”! You can pick up a print copy of the *Gifts with Vision* catalogue on the tables in the lobby of the church or find one inside the most recent issue of *Broadview* magazine. Or, you can view the catalogue and do all your “shopping” online: <https://giftswithvision.ca/>

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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