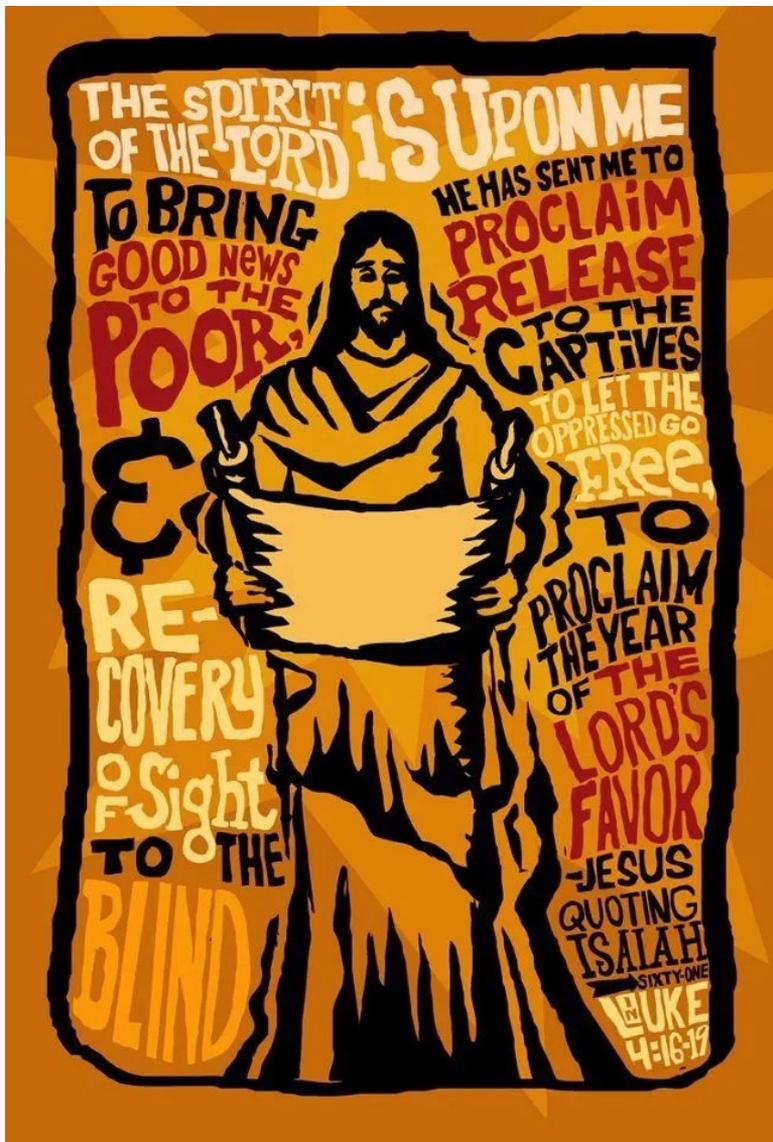




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The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
A Service of the Word

23 January 2022 • 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.

If you’re a newcomer among us, we’d love to hear from you and be able to keep in touch! 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!

Many thanks to today’s ...

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The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

“The God we worship is an extraordinary God, who dwells in light unapproachable, He is high and lifted up, and His train fills the temple. The angels and archangels and the whole host of heaven do not cease to worship and adore Him. Heaven and earth are full of His glory. He is the transcendent one who fills us with awe—the *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*. But He does not allow those who worship Him to remain in an exclusive spiritual ghetto. Our encounter with Him launches us into the world, to work together with this God for the establishment of His kingdom. This is a kingdom of justice, peace, righteousness, compassion, caring and sharing. We become agents of transfiguration, transformation and radical change.”

— *Desmond Tutu*

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: The heavens are telling the glory of God!
Their beauty shows what God has done!

Many: **Let all creation sing for joy!**

One: Each day tells the next
to the ends of the earth, of the goodness of God.

Many: **Let all creation sing for joy!**

One: God's word is sweeter than the sweetest honey,
and worth more than all the gold in the world.

Many: **Let all creation sing for joy!**

One: With our voices and our hearts
let us worship God!

Many: **Let all creation sing for joy!**

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

Voices United #288

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Many: O Most Blessed and Faithful One,
as we enter into the life of your Spirit,
teach our hearts to be psalms,
singing forth your praise;
teach our minds to be proverbs,
shining forth your wisdom;
and teach our lives to be parables,
showing forth your glory
in every gesture and deed. Amen.

*** The Peace** 평화의 인사

One: Ch ri s to ui pyounhwaga dahngsingwa hahmkeh hashi gi rul.
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

Music Meditation — “All the Days of My Life”

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi, piano

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Mantra 찬송 — “Come and Fill our Hearts”

More Voices #16

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts".

with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

(The mantra is repeated, *ad libitum*)

First Reading 성경봉독 — Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성서봉독 — Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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 — “A Mission to Light Your Way”

a time of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Arise, Your Light Has Come”

Voices United #79

RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Many ways to give! We welcome your offering in the way that works for you: by cash or cheque brought or sent to the church, through automatic monthly gifts via Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact the church office to enrol), by free eTransfer from your bank account (to cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com), or by credit card via CanadaHelps.org (service fees apply). Want to give right now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR Code → to be taken to our [CanadaHelps](http://CanadaHelps.org) page.



An Offering Thought:

The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey. — Psalm 19:9b-10
Stewardship is all about priorities and values. What do we prize above all else? Generous steward/disciples value the teachings of God that guide us to fulfilled lives.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC — “Gracious Sprit, Heed Our Pleading” *Emma Shi, piano*

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** 감사기도

Many: Generous God,
 you gave us life;
 now we give our lives back to you.
We present ourselves:
 our work and play,
 our joys and sorrows,
 our thoughts and deeds,
 our gifts and resources,
 to be used by you
 for the sake of all people everywhere,
 through Jesus Christ. 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

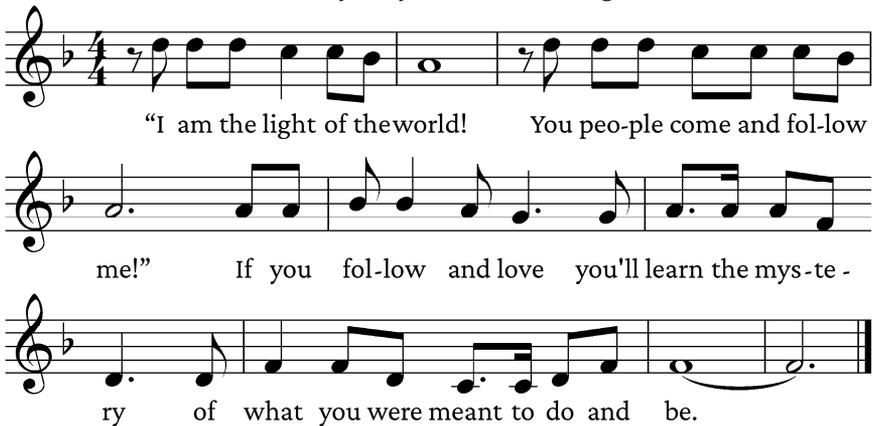
God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “Jesus Came, a Child like Me”

Voices United #583

* **Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도

* **RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — refrain from “I Am the Light of the World” V.U. #87



“I am the light of the world! You peo-ple come and fol-low
me!” If you fol-low and love you'll learn the mys-te-
ry of what you were meant to do and be.

* **Postlude** 후주

Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open for those who wish to connect and chat—a **bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”!** We look forward to connecting with you!

Life at Cloverdale United Church

Learn

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: *Tuesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom (temporarily).* The Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes this Tuesday, January 11th, beginning at 10:00 am. 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! While in-person gathering for worship and other activities is suspended, the group will be meeting on Zoom. Connect via Meeting # 209 243 632 and Password 5745813 or by going to:
us02web.zoom.us/j/209243632?pwd=RmZOWXJzbzR3eTRhVTNkVE5yY2VKdz09

Living Life to the Full: *Thursday evenings, February 17 – April 14, online with Inlet United Church.* Do you want to feel happier, have more energy, gain confidence, enjoy better relationships, feel less stressed, and develop skills to deal with life’s challenges? Then this program is for you! “Living Life to the Full” is a mental health wellness program designed to help people deal with everyday life challenges and learn self-management skills in



eight enjoyable 90-minute sessions, offered once per week via Zoom. It is based on Cognitive Behavior Therapy Principles and is useful for people with mild to moderate depression, anxiety, or anyone who wants to improve their mental health.

Orientation session: Thursday, February 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Ongoing sessions: Thursday evenings, February 24 - April 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Leadership: Rev. Julie Lebrun & Regina Melczer from Inlet United

Church. Inlet United Church is partnering with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) BC Division to offer this program.

Contact the Inlet United Church church office (office@inletunited.ca or 604-939-5513) to register. If you have any questions or need for more info, contact Rev Julie Lebrun directly (revjulie@inletunited.ca). Registration is required by **February 10**. The cost including materials is \$75.00.

More information at: www.inletunited.ca/events/living-life-to-the-full-new-years-course/2022-02-17

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).

Celebrating Generosity — Carol Sing-along & Community Concert Proceeds support First United's Forward First campaign: Our December 17th Carol Sing-along & Community Christmas Concert brought in \$414 that has been donated to First United Church's Forward First campaign. They were very grateful! Learn more about the *Forward First* campaign at firstunited.ca/first-forward-capital-campaign and stay tuned for more fund-raising efforts for this most worthy cause. *Any questions? Contact Christine Connal (604-534-9813, christine.connal@gmail.com)*

Meet

Local Events in observance of UN World Interfaith Harmony Week: Begun by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010, World Interfaith Harmony Week takes place annually during the first week of February. In establishing the observance, the UN General Assembly pointed out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace and recognized the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony, and cooperation among peoples. Here in our own local area, we are thus far aware of two events being held in observance of the week:

- The **Sacred Spaces Tour 2022**, which replaces the annual Community Pilgrimage, will launch at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 1st. Get to know some of the faith communities in our neighbourhood by joining this virtual tour of sacred spaces. A diverse cross-section of hosts offer

explanations to their unique practices and tenets. The Tour can be viewed on the Surrey Interfaith Council's YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC-2-0fvDQnEnkj2YZKDNuSQ

- The 6th Annual **Interfaith Music & Spoken Word Concert**, sponsored by the Surrey Interfaith Council, will go live at 7:00 pm on Friday February 4th. The concert will again, for the second year running, be a virtual broadcast, viewable on the Surrey Interfaith Council's YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UC-2-0fvDQnEnkj2YZKDNuSQ/videos
- The Global Clergy Association of Canada, the Multifaith Action Society, and neighbouring Northwood United Church have partnered to host **COVID and Keeping Our Faith: A Virtual Interfaith Conference**, Saturday, February 5th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Information and Zoom link at bit.ly/keepingourfaith.

everyone is welcome to join the

Virtual Sacred Spaces Tour

Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 7pm
View on Surrey Interfaith Council's Youtube Channel

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A diverse cross-section of hosts offer explanations to their unique practices and tenets.

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INTERFAITH MUSIC & SPOKEN WORD CONCERT

Join us on the Surrey Interfaith Council Youtube Channel for this virtual broadcast starting at 7pm on Friday February 4, 2022

The concert will feature inspirational & sacred presentations from a diverse cross-section of faith & spiritual traditions.



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COVID AND KEEPING OUR FAITH

A Virtual Interfaith Conference

1:30 – 3:30 pm Saturday, February 5 via Zoom

Join the conversation at: bit.ly/keepingourfaith

In recognition of Interfaith Harmony Week 2022
Free and open to all!



Presented in partnership by the Global Clergy Association of Canada, Multifaith Action Society, and Northwood United Church.

Other news and notes

CUC Church Council Highlights for January: Our Church Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 18th. Highlights from the Council's discussions and work included:

- The Council is looking forward to having 4 of its members (Rev. Matt plus 3 others) participate in a leadership development opportunity through the Regional Council's *LeaderShift* initiative called "**From Decision-making to Discernment**". This is a year-long opportunity for church boards wanting to deepen their capacity for discernment—the grounding of decision-making in faithful consideration and God-guided knowing—and is being facilitated by well-known North American church consultant Susan Beaumont.
- The Council established the date for the 2022 **Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, February 27th, at 11:15 am**, following the Sunday morning worship service. We are planning for the meeting to be conducted via Zoom. Content for the Annual Report is due **February 8th**.

Cloverdale-area Housing Sought: A woman named Cheryl Rhodes, who has long ties to the Cloverdale area and who participated in the life of our congregation in a past era, lost her home in a fire in early December and is looking for rental housing in Cloverdale.

In describing herself, she writes "I'm a non-smoker, don't drink, or use drugs. I'm quiet and have been good at self-isolating. I've been vaccinated against Covid and just waiting for an email for the booster shot. My dog is 15 years old, weighs 80 pounds, sleeps a lot, is quiet and housebroken. She loves people, but she's not too keen on small, yappy dogs when first meeting them. I always have her leashed when I take her outside and around other dogs. She's also fully vaccinated."

If anyone has information on a possible rental housing solution that might work for Ms. Rhodes and her dog, feel free to contact her at 604-842-8253 or appytails@telus.net.

In-person Gatherings Suspended: Due to the current COVID situation, in-person gathering for worship services and all other activities is now suspended. In alignment with policy agreed to by the Church Council in September 2021, we are planning to continue this suspension until the Average Daily Rate of new COVID cases (per 100,000 persons, 7-day rolling average) in the Fraser South health delivery area falls back below 15. Although the situation remains unpredictable, based on trends observed in places where the omicron variant became prevalent first, we suspect this means that the suspension will last somewhere in the range of 4 to 8 weeks. Please contact the church staff if you need assistance organizing a CUC-related meeting gathering using the church's Zoom account.

God's Mission, Our Gifts

Haiti — How Your Generosity Is Helping: Last August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Haiti. This disaster killed at least 2,248 people and injured more than 12,700. It destroyed buildings and infrastructure,

impacting hundreds of thousands of people. Days later, Tropical Storm Grace compounded the situation, bringing heavy rains that triggered mudslides. Since the earthquake, a severe fuel shortage, growing insecurity, and increasing water shortages have hampered efforts to restore basic services to thousands in need across the country.

In the five months since the earthquake struck, *Mission & Service* partners have been working hard to respond to the emergency. Through them, your generous gifts to the Haiti Emergency Appeal is helping people rebuild their lives.

Your support has provided

- medical supplies and first aid kits
- water treatment tablets
- temporary shelters
- food packages of rice, beans, and cooking oil
- tools, seeds, and livestock for families and farmers
- hygienic sanitation services
- access to safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene
- rehabilitated or reconstructed earthquake- and hurricane-resistant houses
- psychological support

This list consists mostly of things. Imagine their impact on people—on families like yours!

Imagine what it means when your life has been turned upside down to have a place to turn to for a meal, somewhere to lay your head, and later to have support to rebuild your home and someone in your life to talk to about what you have been through.

This is the difference your generosity makes.

Thank you for caring.



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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