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*"Bread Line," sculpture by George Segal, 1991
at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Washington, DC*

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany
A Service of the Word

13 February 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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digital ushers: Terry Wright, Sarah Zezchuk

singers: Christine Connal, Muriel Grossman, Brian Thomlinson,
Fay Torgerson

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“I do not like to address God like some sort of sleepy donkey who really ought to wake up. I think God is mystery—loving mystery ... a profound and depthless mystery, with whom we can have communion, but whom we cannot exactly comprehend.”

— Richard Holloway

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

inspired by Psalm 1

One: Ruler of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God:
From everlasting to everlasting, God is the Lord.
God's law brings life and we meditate on it day and night;

Many: Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

One: God is a rich stream of living waters,
and we would immerse ourselves in the Lord.

Many: Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

One: God brings forth fruit in due season
and establishes the work of our hands.

Many: Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

One: Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

Many: Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

One: This is our God, the Holy One.

Come before God with thanksgiving and offer the sacrifice of praise.

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

Voices United #326

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Many: God, you root those who trust in you
by streams of healing water.
Release us from the bonds of disease,
free us from the power of evil,
and turn us from falsehood and illusion,
that we may find the blessing of new life in you
through the power of Christ. 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.
All are invited to share signs of Christ's peace with those around them.

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회소식

WORD 말씀

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Music Meditation — “As the Deer Pants for the Water” *Emma Rui-Xuan Shi, piano*

The Early Word 어린이 설교 *Sarah Zezchuk*

Refrain 찬송 — “Open Our Hearts” *More Voices #21*

O - pen our hearts, _____ o - pen our minds. _____

_____ O - pen our lives to you O lov - ing

God. _____ O - pen our hearts. _____

Last time

First Reading 성경봉독 — Jeremiah 17:5-10 *pew bibles OT p. 719*

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성서봉독 — Luke 6:17-26

pew bibles NT p. 64

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

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 — “Hearing and Healing”

a time of quiet follows the sermon

* Hymn 찬송 — “Hope of the World”

Voices United #215

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 office, 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:

“Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God’” (Luke 6:20). Why are the poor “blessed” and entranced into the kingdom of God? Emphasizing how wealth can be an obstacle to discipleship, Luke’s gospel challenges us to rethink our relationship to money. What does this passage say to you?

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 — “We Praise You, O God” Emma Rui-Xuan Shi, piano

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 감사기도

Many: Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give
as tokens of our trust in you.

Use them, and use us, to
bless the poor,
feed the hungry,
and comfort those who weep;
in Jesus’ name. 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** — “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Voices United #651*

*** Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도**

*** RESPONSE 파송 찬양** — *refrain from* “Here I Am, Lord” *Voices United #509*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

*** 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!



Call to the Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith

In accordance with the provisions in section B.5 of the Bylaws of The United Church of Canada, found in The Manual, 2022 edition...

All members of the Cloverdale United Church are hereby called to the Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith, to be held Sunday, February 27th, at 11:15 am, following the Sunday morning worship service. At least 20 members of the congregation must be in attendance in order to conduct business. Adherents (regular participants in our congregation's life who have not [yet] become members through confirmation/profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or letter of transfer) are also invited and encouraged to attend; we customarily vote to extend the privilege of participation and voting in the meeting to adherents when permitted.

The business of said meeting shall be:

- electing a chair and a secretary of the annual meeting;
- receiving the annual reports from the Church Council, staff, committees, and other groups in the Community of Faith;
- electing members of the Church Council, regional council representatives, and any other elective office;
- considering and voting on whether to approve the proposed annual budget for 2022 that has been prepared by the Church Council; and
- any other items that may be considered in order for consideration at said meeting.

The Annual Report booklet, the full agenda for the Annual Meeting, the proposed 2022 budget, the slate of nominations, and any other relevant meeting materials will be made available to the congregation by all-church email on Friday, February 18th, and print copies will be available at the church from Sunday, February 20th.

Life at Cloverdale United Church

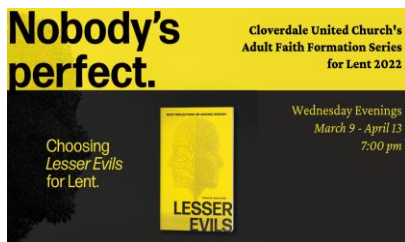
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“Lesser Evils” - Adult Faith Formation Series for Lent: Wednesdays from March 9 to April 13, 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to our next adult faith formation opportunity, a 6-session series entitled “Lesser Evils.”

Gathering each Wednesday evening during the season of Lent, the series will invite participants to together explore everyday dilemmas of seeking the good while having to choose from among so-called

“lesser evils,” all from a Christian perspective. After all, regardless of how righteous we might feel about our decisions, each day we end up choosing the “lesser of two evils” in every realm of our life, from plastic to politics. This constant struggle can wear on our spirit, stretch our patience, and increase our fault-finding with others. In the midst of these life realities, how can we attempt to seek wisdom and do good as followers of Jesus?

Learn out more about the series, get info about the book we will use for it, and register to participate on the church website, at: <https://www.cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca/news/lesser-evils-faith-formation-series-for-lent-2022> (And if you're unable to sign up using the online form linked there, drop a line to Pastor Matt: matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca, 604-574-5813.)



Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Tuesdays, 10:00 am via Zoom (temporarily). The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets Tuesdays 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 Zoom Meeting ID# 209 243 632 and Password 5745813 or by going to:

us02web.zoom.us/j/209243632?pwd=RmZOWXJzbzR3eTRhVTNkVE5yY2VKdz09

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).

Other news and notes

Church Office Closed on Thursday, February 17: The CUC church offices will be closed this coming Thursday, February 17th, as BC Hydro has notified us of a scheduled power outage that day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm due to utility work in the vicinity. Rev. Matt will be working from home that day (as he often does on Thursdays, anyway) and can be reached by cell phone (604-445-0752) or email (matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).

The 44th General Council of The United Church of Canada starts this

weekend: The 44th General Council (GC44) of The United Church of Canada will take place in 2022 fully online, commencing Sunday, February 13, and ending on August 7 with the installation of the new Moderator. On February 13, the session will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Pacific (12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm Eastern), with opening worship and the formal constituting of the GC44 commissioners.

What is a General Council, you ask? The General Council is the decision-making body for The United Church of Canada as a whole, from coast to coast to coast, both as a denomination and a legal corporation. In general terms, the General Council has the responsibility to set policy and take action for The United Church on doctrine, worship, membership, governance, property, pastoral relations, and the entrance to paid accountable ministry. The General Council is also responsible for making decisions on denomination-shaping issues related to public witness.

Learn more about what the General Council is, and access links to how you can follow along with this year's General Council happenings -- worship services, videos, news and information about General Council business, and more! -- on our CUC website: <https://www.cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca/news/44th-general-council-of-the-united-church-of-canada>

Korea Peace Appeal 10,000 Signature

Campaign Launch: The United Church of Canada has launched its Korea Peace Appeal Ten Thousand Signature Campaign and declares, *"70 years is enough. It's time to end the Korean War."*

The Korea Peace Appeal is a global campaign calling for a peace treaty that would bring a formal end to the Korean War. The campaign, supported by some 370 civil society organizations in Korea and beyond, seeks to collect 100 million signatures by 2023. Long-time partner in Korea, The National Council of Churches, has challenged The United Church of



President Syngman Rhee accepting a bouquet of flowers from a young South Korean child after a military celebration in 1961. General Omar A. Brown then flew Rhee to his right.

Canada to join them in support of the Korea Peace Appeal by adding 10,000 signatures to the online petition by this summer. United Church people across Canada are invited to sign the appeal and invite their communities of faith, networks, and friends to join them.

Moderator Richard Bott, in launching the campaign, urged widespread support: “As Christians, as Canadians, and as ecumenical partners, we join with Korean partners and all who seek peace on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the world. Let’s Act for Peace in Korea today. Each signature is one step closer to the 10,000 mark. Find out more and add your signature at: <https://united-church.ca/news/korea-peace-appeal-10000-signature-campaign-launch>

United Church Women - Register for the 60th Anniversary Gathering: In 2022 (July 11-15) United Church Women from across the country will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary. An event will be held at the Membertou Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia, to celebrate. There are 3 women from Cloverdale United Church registered to attend and they would love your company. Registration is open to all. There are a couple of grants and bursaries available to help with the cost. The Agatha Kaasa Fund has an application deadline of April 15, 2022. *For more information, please talk to Tina Thomlinson (tthomlinson.cuc@gmail.com, 604-240-6336).*

God’s Mission, Our Gifts

Love the Way God Loves: Thank you for showing love for neighbours at home and around the world.

Love the way God loves. That’s arguably what Jesus’ whole ministry was about, and it’s summarized in his most travelled quote: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37–39)

We want to thank you—our amazing Mission & Service supporters—for showing love for neighbours at home and around the world. Thank you for turning compassion into action.

Since the pandemic struck, you have helped raise over \$500,000 in emergency gifts to support Mission & Service (opens in a new tab) partners. Your generosity helps deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs to help prevent and control the spread of the virus.

What’s more, through our Gifts with Vision catalogue, we have provided over 8,360 full vaccinations to those who need them most across the globe. Altogether, that’s over \$750,000 in COVID relief. Amazing!



Once again this year, your local region will receive \$240,000 to support Mission & Service partners near you. From coast to coast, our partners are helping record numbers of families in need. Your generosity through Mission & Service is providing shelter to Canadians without a home, serving nutritious meals to families struggling to make ends meet, offering critical pastoral care in hospitals and schools, and extending life-changing education and job training opportunities.

Thank you for joining with members across our United Church to show and share love. Thank you for loving your neighbour. Your generosity is a blessing.

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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