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"Reconciliation"

Sculpture by Amos Supuni in Woerden, The Netherlands, circa 1991-2008

The 7th Sunday after Epiphany **A Service of the Word**


20 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.

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 also respecting poetry and imagery 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 7th Sunday after Epiphany

“Life with God is much, much larger, shattering our little categories of control, permitting us to say that God’s purposes led us well beyond ourselves to live and to forgive, to create life we would not have imagined.”

— Walter Brueggemann

*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

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

One: It is good when we come together to worship as the Body of Christ;

Many: It is good when we are in the presence of one another.

One: It is good when we pray for one another and lift up each other;

Many: It is good when we sing and praise God together.

One: It is good when we remember those who with us
even when we are not in the same room,

Many: For we know we are together in spirit and one in Christ.

One: O Lord, open our lips:

Many: and our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*** Hymn 찬송** — “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

Voices United #312

* Prayer of the Day **오늘의 기도**

Many: Almighty God,
you have taught us that all our
deeds without love are nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the very bond of peace
and of all goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.

전능하신 하나님, 하나님께서는
사랑 없는 행위는 아무 소용이
없음을 우리에게 가르쳐
주셨습니다. 우리에게 성령을
보내 주소서. 또한 우리 마음에
가장 고귀한 선물, 곧 평화의
띠이며 모든 선의 띠인 사랑을
보내 주소서. 이제와 영원토록
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우리 주 예수 그리스도의
이름으로 기도합니다. 아멘.

* 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.
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 — “There is a God”

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Sarah Zezhuk

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 — Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성서봉독 — Luke 6:27-38

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Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God’s intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

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 One Another”

a time of quiet follows the sermon

* Hymn 찬송 — “God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning)”

More Voices #28

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 in the offering plates at the entrances, 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](https://CanadaHelps.org) page.



An Offering Thought:

“And Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him” (Genesis 45:15). Meeting his brothers years after they had sold him into slavery, Joseph now greets them with love, forgiveness, assistance and restoration. A great model for loving relationships! What loving relationships need your forgiveness and restoration?

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 — “Grateful”

Emma Rui-Xuan Shi

choose any version

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures
 Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures
 만 복 의 근 원 하 나 님 온 백 성 찬 송

here be - low; praise God a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
 high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:
 드 리 고 저 천 사 여 찬 송 하 세

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: Perfect Light of revelation,
 as you shone in the life of Jesus,
 so shine in us and through us,
 that what we give,
 what we do,
 and who we are
 may all become beacons of truth and compassion,
 enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. 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** — “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” *Voices United #684*

*** 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.

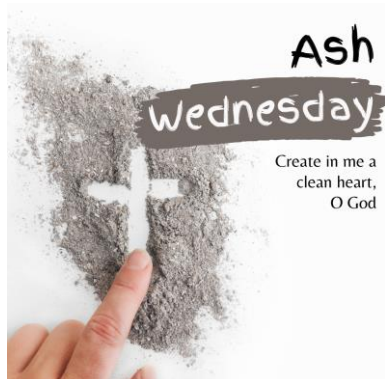
I will hold your people in my heart.

*** Postlude 후주**

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



Ash Wednesday: *Wednesday, March 2, worship service at 7:00 pm.* Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the Easter mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty... and yet, what seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. Plan to begin your Lenten journey by taking part in worship on Ash Wednesday, a rich and deep worship experience not to miss.

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Lilly Flather, Jaeyoung Park

ushers/greeters: Jo-Ann Brown

digital ushers: Doug Sowerby, Sarah Zezchuk

fellowship time hosts: Kim Forbes, Debbie Jordbakke



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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.

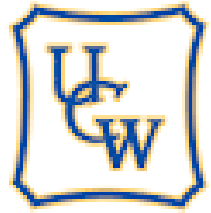
The business of said meeting shall be:

- 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 were made available to the congregation by all-church email on Friday, February 18th, and a limited number of print copies are available today.

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, talk to Tina Thomlinson*
(tthomlinson.cuc@gmail.com, 604-240-6336).



UCW (United Church Women) Spring News: In-person UCW gatherings are returning in March! We have two groups so all have the opportunity to participate:

- **Evening Meetings :** The evening group (also known as the Sunshine Unit) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the CUC lounge (or as announced). The March meeting has been changed to Tuesday, March
- **Morning Meetings:** The morning group (also known as the Friendship Group) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the CUC lounge (or as announced) beginning March 9.
- The Alpha Unit will submit an update in the coming months.

We are an intergenerational and intercultural organization with a goal of supporting each other, our congregation, and our community. All are welcome at either (or both) of the regular meetings and at the special events held throughout the year. For both groups the March meeting will be a time of re-connecting in person, planning for 2022, and, as always, enjoying good food and coffee/tea.

Mark Your Calendars:

- March 1 - Sunshine Unit Meeting 7 p.m. CUC Lower Hall
- March 4 - World Day of Prayer Service on You Tube
- March 9 - Friendship Group Meeting 10 a.m. CUC Lounge
- April 29 & 30 - Pacific Region Annual UCW Meeting in Victoria, BC (see February 4 edition of the CUC eNews/bulletin)
- July 11 - 15 - National UCW 60th Anniversary Conference in Sydney, Nova Scotia (see February 11 edition of the CUC eNews/bulletin)

For further information contact: Tina Thomlinson, UCW President
(tthomlinson.cuc@gmail.com)

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).

Cloverdale UCW are planning our Annual Plant Sale:

This will take place Sat May 7, 2022. Thanks to May Taylor for agreeing to be the lead planner. May is looking for 2 volunteers to assist her with this task. Closer to the event we will be looking for more volunteers to help. We will also be



looking for people who have access to pickup trucks. If you could kindly volunteer contact: *May Taylor or Kim Forbes or Tina Thomlinson* at tthomlinson.cuc@gmail.com

Other news and notes

Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday, February 23. Did you know that this coming Wednesday, February 23rd, is national "Pink Shirt Day" here in Canada? Pink Shirt Day is celebrated on the last Wednesday of February each year. People wear pink shirts to signify the stand against bullying. In 2007 in Nova Scotia, Grade 12 students David Shepherd, Travis Price and a few friends saw that a Grade 9 student was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. They knew they had to do something to show that this kind of behaviour was not OK. They decided to go out and buy a bunch of pink shirts and hand them out to other students to wear. By the end of that week, most of the students in the school were wearing pink shirts to show support for the Grade 9 student who was bullied.

In addition to wearing a pink shirt yourself on Wednesday, you are invited to take part in an online gathering for Indigenous Pink Shirt Day, an opportunity co-sponsored by the Urban Indigenous Circle and the Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain regional councils of The United Church to talk about community wellness, lateral violence, and healing as we examine the impacts of bullying and violence within and against our communities. Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm Pacific via Zoom:

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/indigenouspinkshirtday2022> to receive the Zoom link.

I Know the Plans I Have for You: World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. On March 4, 2022, join us in this virtual service: ***I Know the Plans I Have for You.*** Program written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of England, Wales & Northern Ireland for WDP 2022 Jeremiah 29:1-14

Direct link to video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDtjQU--vdE>



CUC Church Council Highlights for February: Our Church Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 15th. Highlights from the Council's discussions and work included:

- Conversation around whether we should change the COVID-related metric we are using to determine whether suspension of in-person activities is warranted, given the changing nature of the disease as well as changes to



testing regimes and data. No decision was made, in order that further research can be done.

- Council authorized moving ahead with a new telephone system with a new service provider, which will save the church over \$2000 per year in bills.
- Council celebrated that the option for in-person worship attendance is resuming as of February 20th, and continued to give thanks for the quality systems we now have in place to carry out a good "hybrid" worship experience so that those who prefer (for whatever reason) to continue joining in worship online will still be able to do so.

God's Mission, Our Gifts



Support Canadian Families: In the last two years, visits to Canadian food banks have climbed 20 percent. Today, over 33 percent of foodbank users are children. For families already struggling, there's no relief in sight. Food prices are set to rise another 5 to 7

percent this year. Record numbers of families are turning to our Mission & Service partners for support.

That's why on February 21—as many provinces celebrate Family Day—Mission & Service is launching a special appeal to support Canadian families. Your gift of just \$25 will provide a family of four with a warm, nutritious meal. \$50 will support a family with two meals. \$175 will ensure a family can eat a good, healthy meal every day of the week.

Whether you are celebrating Family Day, Heritage Day, or if it's just another day, let's make February 21 a day of generosity. If you are able, please make a special gift to help families, and make sure your friends know there is an opportunity to give: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/70143/donation> With new variants, rolling school closures, lockdowns, fear, and uncertainty, families are more stressed than ever. It doesn't cost a lot to show we care.

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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