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*"Rubble" by Carmelle Beaugelin  
inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14*

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**A Service of the Word**


26 March 2023 • 10:30 AM


**W**elcome 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 usually celebrate Communion 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

“Renewal of faith beyond grief or loss is not a matter of simple words about God’s will. A loving God does not will death and loss. Faith in new life comes out of and beyond a struggle of questions, anguish, and confrontation. ... Martha’s faith was not a simple one. She came to it out of her seeking. Our faith today, in a world filled with human trauma, cannot be a simple one either. In prayer and worship, we bring our suffering, our losses, our confusions, and our sense of overwhelming responsibility to God.”

— Mary Zimmer

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.**

**Call to Worship** 예배로 부름

*One:* Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**Many:** **Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

*One:* Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**Many:** **Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

*One:* If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God’s house. Hope lives here.

**Many:** **So, come. Rest your weary bones.**

*One:* Let us worship Holy God.

**\* Hymn 찬송** — “What Wondrous Love Is This”

*Voices United #147*

**Confession and Forgiveness** 죄의 고백과 용서

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 고백으로의 초청

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 죄의 고백

**Many:** Jesus of Nazareth,

I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.

I forget that you, too, have wept.

I forget that you, too, have lost.

I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,

have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.

Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.

Forgive me for all the times I create distance,

imagining that you could never feel what I feel.

Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones

to be a sea of space between us.

Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart.

Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you.

*Quiet is kept for personal confession and reflection.*

PRAYER FOR MERCY: THE KYRIE

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS 용서의 선언

**One:** ... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**Many:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE 평화의 인사

**One:** 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 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*

**Anthem** — “Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love” Fauré, arr. Petker

*The Choir*

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, what wondrous love, O my soul,  
 Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die, that Thou, for me, shouldst die.

Holy Lord, Lord of Grace, what match less love, what O my soul. Matchless love, O my soul.

Loving sacrifice for me. Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice, Thou loving sacrifice for me.  
 Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful, man, guilty and condemned, Thy death is surely mine.  
 Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet Love it bids me stay, O my soul.  
 Can it be the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee? Died for me.  
 Lamb of God, Thou died for me. Lamb of God, what wondrous love.

— Russell A. Kane and Allan Robert Petker

**The Early Word** 어린이 설교

Robyn Garland

ending with **The Lord's Prayer** 회중기도와 주기도

<p><b>Many:</b> 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.</p>	<p>하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,          이름이 거룩히 여김을          받으시오며, 나라이 임하옵시며,          뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이          땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날          우리에게 일용할 양식을          주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄          지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리          죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를          시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,          다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개          나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께          영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.</p>
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**Refrain** 찬송 — “Come to Me, O Weary Traveller”

AUSTIN



before the readings “Come to me, O wea-ry trav - eller; come to  
 after the readings “Rest in me, O wea-ry trav - eller; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -  
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.”  
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.”

**First Reading** 성경봉독 — Ezekiel 37:1-14

*pew bibles OT p. 806*

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

**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).

**Second Reading** 성경봉독 — John 11:1-45

*pew bibles NT p. 104*

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

*after the reading:*

*One:* Word of God, Word of Life.

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

**Refrain** 찬송 — "Come to Me, O Weary Traveller"

*see music above*

**"Rest in me, O weary traveller; rest in me and do not fear.**

**Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care."**

**Sermon** 설교 — "Can these bones live?"

*a time of quiet follows the sermon*

**\* Hymn** 찬송 — "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection" *Voices United #586*

## 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, through automatic monthly gifts via Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact the office to enroll), 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 page.



**Prayer Requests** — As the morning offering is collected:

- in-person worshippers can share prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) on the **purple-topped prayer request cards** found in the pew racks and place them the offering plates as they are passed.
- live-via-Zoom online worshippers are welcome to submit prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) in the **Zoom "chat"** feature.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Emma Rui-Xuan Shi*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
 be; set your seal up-on my heart, and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart, and live in me." The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION* 감사기도

**Many:** Holy God, giver of life,  
 we thank you for raising us up  
 and joining us together as one people, your people,  
 flesh and bone in the body of Christ.  
 As you have delivered us from death,  
 use our lives to proclaim the good news  
 of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

**SENDING 파송**

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

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

*Voices United #326*

\* An Affirmation of Faith 신앙의 고백

*One:* We believe that God loves us—  
**Many:** God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.  
*One:* We believe that God does not give up on us—  
**Many:** breathing new life into tired bones.  
*One:* We believe that God returns to us—  
**Many:** always seeking us when we are lost.  
*One:* We believe that God holds hope for us—  
**Many:** so we hold onto hope as well.

\* **Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도

\* **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

**About today's cover art:** "*Rubble*," conté crayon, charcoal, acrylic, paprika paste, cinnamon, by Carmelle Beaugelin, inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14. *Artist's statement:* It has been over a decade since my family in Haiti experienced the most traumatic earthquake in the nation's history. If you were to Google, "Haiti" and "earthquake," images of collapsed concrete and rubble would emerge. The most disturbing images are those of survivors, covered in white and gray ash and rubble, reaching out for rescuers to salvage them from collapsed buildings. Endless images are found on the internet of arms stretched out, identity-less faces of horror covered in soot, and faces frozen into expressions of despair by the spectating photographer's lens.

When I think of Ezekiel and the story of the dry bones, I think of those images. I've often heard sermons where pastors position God's people as the prophet to call the world into life, but what about God's people who are, as the bones, facing the despair of death? Their suffering is theologized away by those who consider themselves the righteous "Ezekiels" of the world, whose privilege weighs heavy on the bones of the suffering, like the concrete rubble in Haiti.

*Rubble* speaks to the realities of being made alive and yet not being allowed to live—a nameless multitude of God's people resurrected yet still bearing the scent of burial spices on their bodies.

Who are we in this story? Are we the bones seeking life? Do we perceive ourselves as spectators of suffering? Or will we choose to be participants in healing as active agents of God's resurrecting power out of the rubble?

### Many thanks to today's ...

**readers:** Dianne Nichols, Christine Connal, Lily Flather.

**ushers/greeters:** Sydney MacPherson, Maureen Franklin

**digital ushers:** Wookjong Lee, Jamie Brown

**fellowship time hosts:** Junghee, Seunghee.



## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

- **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 am: Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
*The service opens with a Palm Processional for all worshippers—beginning outside on the church grounds, weather permitting (worshippers with mobility concerns are welcome to begin inside the sanctuary as usual).*
- **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship Service**  
*Enter into the Supper and the Shadows as we commemorate the Last Supper and institution of the Lord's Supper and look toward the looming cross of Good Friday.*
- **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon: Good Friday Worship Service**  
*Remember the mystery and majesty of Christ's self-offering for us as we join in prayer and reflection around the foot of the cross.*
- **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am: Easter Sunday Worship Service**  
*Celebrate God's victory over death with our Festival Service of Word and Feast for the Resurrection of Our Lord! The morning opens with an Easter Egg Hunt for children and youth on the church grounds, prior to worship, accompanied by light Easter breakfast foods, coffee, and more for all, as we gather in festivity and fellowship—we'll also be doing our "flowering" of the cross on the front lawn as worshippers arrive.*



**Recording and streaming in use:** Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our worship services, and that the resulting content may be transmitted over Zoom, YouTube, or other platforms. Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the sanctuary, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area at the rear centre of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

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## Serve

**You Serve with your Stewardship:** *To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:6).* Sometimes stewarding the soul is as simple as "setting your mind the Spirit," leaning into our faith and taking steps toward life and peace.

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## Learn

**Mark your Calendars: Inquirers' Sessions coming up after Easter!** *Selected Sundays in Eastertide (April 16 – May 21), following worship, starting around 12:00 Noon.* Are you interested in learning about Cloverdale United Church, about The United Church of Canada more broadly—our particular faith perspective, our history, and more—or about basics of Christian faith in general? Might you consider saying a fuller “Yes!” to God and this particular community by becoming a full member of Cloverdale United Church? If either or both of these are the case, then **Inquirers' Sessions** are for you! The sessions will meet 4 times on Sundays between Easter and Pentecost (precise dates T.B.D.), starting around 12:00 Noon and lasting 45 minutes to an hour, and will be led by Rev. Matt. For anyone interested in becoming a full member of the congregation, our next New Member Joining will happen during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in (or even just intrigued by) the Inquirers' Sessions, or otherwise might be interested in full membership (including membership via transfer from another congregation), please let Rev. Matt know so that he can make sure you're included in these plans: [matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca) or 604-574-5813.

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## Meet

**Palm Sunday Potluck:** *Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, following Sunday morning worship.* Join fellow CUCers for a time of food and fellowship at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Palm Sunday Potluck! After the gray and isolation of winter, this will be an excellent opportunity to reconnect. The event organizers (a team led by folks from our wonderful UCW unit) will arrange for beverages and make available plates and cutlery... and the rest will be up to you: a true potluck! Main dish options, salads, side dishes, desserts—whatever the Spirit leads you to want to bring to contribute to the feast. We hope to see you!

**Easter Egg Hunt:** *Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:45 am.* Come one, come all to our Easter Egg Hunt here on the grounds of Cloverdale United Church! Young or young-at-heart, enjoy fun and friendship on Easter Morning. In addition to the Egg Hunt itself, there will be light Easter breakfast nosh available for participants and spectators alike and the opportunity to share in the flowering of the cross for Easter. *Questions? Contact Robyn Garland ([robyn@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:robyn@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca))*

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## Cloverdale UCW (United Church Women) News

### Spring Update

Spring is just around the corner and with it come numerous opportunities for participation in UCW activities. The UCW (United Church Women) at Cloverdale United Church is an intergenerational and intercultural organization dedicated to fulfilling the mission of our church. All are invited to participate.

Thank you to all who participated in **The Friendship Gathering Fundraiser** on March 6. *Your donations are appreciated throughout the year. Contact Christine Connal or Bev Siggs.*

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**Friendship  
Gathering  
Monday, April 3  
10:00 a.m.  
CUC Upper Hall**

**Easter Egg Extravaganza**  
Join us for fun and fellowship as we paint, dye, colour...  
eggs and celebrate the good news of Easter.  
Come and learn:  
Why are coloured eggs an Easter tradition? Where and  
when did this practice begin?

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**Pacific Mountain  
UCW Gathering and  
AGM. Friday &  
Saturday, April 21 –  
22. Squamish, BC**

Be prepared to be inspired. The theme for this event is  
“Don't Worry, Be happy” with dynamic guest speaker  
Rev. Debra Bowman. Applications and car-pooling  
information are available from Lori Brown or Kim  
Forbes.

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**Annual Mother's  
Day Plant Sale  
Saturday, May 13**

Beautiful and healthy plants will be available for  
purchase to plant in your flower beds, gardens, and  
patio pots. For further information contact Jamie  
Brown and Heather Becker. Order forms are attached  
to the bulletin, or you can fill the form online.

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### Can You Help?

Three traditional annual events urgently need a coordinator(s) and a planning committee if they are going ahead in 2023: Mother's Day Tea and Bake Sale, May 13; Thank Offering Service, June; Apple Pie Fundraiser, September and/or October

### Mark Your Calendars

- April 3: Friendship Group gathering.
- April 5: Sunshine Group gathering
- April 21/22: Pacific Mountain UCW Gathering and AGM, Squamish
- May 13: Plant Sale

For further information contact: Kim Forbes, UCW President [blueforbes@icloud.com](mailto:blueforbes@icloud.com) or [office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).

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## Other news and notes



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

**Seasonal Devotionals for the 2nd Half of the Season:** A devotional booklet with scripture, commentary, poetry, visual art, hymns, and written reflections that coordinate with each week's themes and scriptures are available at the church. The booklets we had available at the beginning of Lent only covered the 1st half of the season... so, ***pick up the new copies available now, for coverage for the rest of the season***, through the week of Easter Sunday! (Sorry, for

copyright and licensing reasons, we cannot post these resources on the CUC website; we can, however, direct you privately to digital versions if you contact the church office at [office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."  
—Jesus, in Matthew 25:35

### **Let's step up to help the Meya Family clear the final hurdle:** *An update from the Refugee Committee.*

If you've been around CUC for a few years, you may remember Charlotte and Alphonse Meya—our Refugee Committee was helping them to bring their extended family members to Canada, with the help of Iris Challoner and MOSAIC, a refugee sponsorship programme.

After seven long years of waiting and unimaginable red tape, the three siblings, their spouses, and their children have finally passed their intake interviews and medicals, and they hope to be coming to Canada very soon. They have been living in a refugee camp in Zambia since fleeing the Congo. Across these intervening years, some changes in the family's situation mean that a last-minute additional \$3,000 is required to complete the process, over and above the tens-of-thousands they've already gathered.

We as a church have the opportunity to embody the extravagant welcome of our faith and of our community by helping them raise this final \$3,000 to go along with our original commitment to supply donations of clothing, household items, and furniture when they arrive. Through our generosity, brother Teddy and wife Hugette and their four children (7, 9, 11, and 13 y.o), sister Adele, and brother Remi and former wife Nita and their three children (13, 16, and 17 y.o.) will finally have a warm embrace and safe home here in Canada.

Let's make the new life of Easter take flesh for them! To take part in this campaign, you can send funds to CUC in any of the usual ways (cash or cheque in the Sunday offering plates or brought to the church office, eTransfer from your bank account, credit card donation through CanadaHelps via our website); simply make a clear indication on the contribution that it's for "Refugee Resettlement".

Questions? Contact Bev Siggs ([bevsiggs@gmail.com](mailto:bevsiggs@gmail.com))

### Your Belief and Support Make All the Difference



We all need someone who believes in us. Someone who supports our dreams. Here's one story of how your belief and support make all the difference.

In 2017, Arwa was a Palestinian refugee who had just arrived in Montreal. She had made a harrowing journey, travelling from Saudi Arabia through New York City with three children in tow. "It wasn't easy for me. I was a single mom in a new country with new people. I was struggling for housing and looking for a job. It wasn't easy at all," she says.

Arwa sought help at Montreal City Mission, an outreach ministry your Mission & Service gifts support. There, her whole family found a place to belong. Arwa's children made friends, and she benefited from training programs and events.

It wasn't long before Arwa gathered a group of women together to form a catering cooperative called Women Weaving Their Dreams, which specializes in homemade Middle Eastern meals. The group was going strong and the women were becoming more financially secure when COVID-19 struck.

No stranger to hardship, Arwa was determined to help others through the pandemic. She initiated a sewing circle to make masks. In a relatively short period of time, the women of this sewing group made over 2,000 cloth masks for unhoused people and people with low incomes in their community. "I was so happy to help people," says Arwa, whose extraordinary leadership skills landed her a full-time job at Montreal City Mission.

"I consider myself a lucky person that I got to know this organization. It has become not only my full-time job, not only my provider. It has become my home. I hope to see more and more women getting the same chance to have this better life for their families," she says. "I wanted a country that could hold me and hug me my whole life long. I found it in Canada."

Your Mission & Service gifts support people's dreams for a better life—amazing people who make their communities and our country stronger.



# Mothers Day Plant Sale

13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

We invite you to support the Church by ordering some colourful plants for your home. There will be mixed variety hanging baskets for sunny spots, fuchsia baskets for shady spots and spectacular gerbera patio planters. There will also be a varied selection of 4-1/2" & 6" potted annuals for the gardening enthusiasts who want to do it themselves. If you would like specific colours, please make a note of what you would like, and we will do our best to please you, if they are available. Place your order now.

We welcome your online orders from now until Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. We will also have an 'In-Person' sale day after church on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Palm Sunday) so all can pay in person, or pay with the square or cheque.

Pick up day will be on **Saturday May 13th, 2023.**

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