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GOD
DELIGHTS
IN OUR
GOODNESS.

The 5th Sunday in Lent
A Service of Word & Feast

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“Only the passion and death of Jesus can reconcile those two apparently irreconcilable truths: that God is in love with us, and that at some point in our lives we all experience suffering, pain and dereliction.”

— Michael Mayne (1929 – 2006), Church of England priest

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Gathering Chorus (Introit) 찬송 — “Stay with Me”

Voices United #950

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

The musical score is written for voices in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: "Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

the refrain is freely repeated, for as long as the Spirit moves us

Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간

We together hold an intentional period of quiet, during which worshippers are invited to centre themselves and prepare for the worship of God.

Confession and Forgiveness 죄의 고백과 용서

CALL TO CONFESSION 고백으로의 초청

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 죄의 고백

Many: God of mercy, You delight in goodness and judge sin.
 Give us open and honest hearts
 to recognize the ways we have turned:
 from You,
 from our own belovedness,
 and from one another.

We see the world through our lens of scarcity
 instead of Your lens of abundance.

We see people as us and them
 instead of one body in You.

We participate in the brokenness of the world,
 committing acts of our own choosing
 but also caught in webs far beyond
 our own individual choices of right and wrong.

Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God,
 and draw us into Your forgiveness and wholeness.

Through Your divine love,
 transform us and all that threatens to destroy
 the good that You have created.

Quiet is kept for personal confession and reflection.

PRAYER FOR MERCY: THE KYRIE

adapt. fr. St. Bridget Setting by John Bell

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff is for the Cantor and the All. The second staff is for the Cantor and the All. The third staff is for the Cantor and the All. The lyrics are: Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

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!

One: O Lord, open our lips,
Many: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

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.**

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

One: Let us pray.

Many: **Extravagant God,
lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:
inspire us to give without reserve
and to lose life that we might find it again,
so the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love;
through Jesus Christ, in whom you pour out yourself for us.
Amen.**

*** 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 — “Lord, Is It I?” by Martin

The Choir

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus broke the bread.
He shared it with His chosen ones and they all were fed.
He spoke of His betrayal and they began to cry.
Through bitter tears they asked Him, “Lord Jesus, is it I?”
They looked at one another, ashamed of what they saw.
Each of them had failed Him and betrayed the Lord of all,
Judas for the silver, and Peter for his pride.
Yes, all of them were asking, “Lord Jesus, is it I?”
As we gather at the table and contemplate God’s love,
We hold His broken body and drink the sacred cup.
And in the wine’s reflection, it comes before our eyes,
And we must ask the question, “Lord Jesus, is it I? Lord Jesus, is it I?”

The Early Word 어린이 설교

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

Many: **Our Father, who art in Heaven,** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,
hallowed be thy name, 이름이 거룩히 여김을
thy kingdom come, 받으시옵며, 나라이 임하옵시며,
thy will be done 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이
on earth as it is in heaven. 땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날

Give us this day our daily bread, 우리에게 일용할 양식을
 and forgive us our trespasses 주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄
 as we forgive those 지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리
 who trespass against us. 죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를
 And lead us not into temptation, 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,
 but deliver us from evil, 다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개
 for Thine is the Kingdom, 나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께
 the power, and the glory, 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Children grades 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s) to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level, as we sing the following response:

Refrain 찬송 — “To the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

NA-UI DO-UM



To the hills I lift my eyes long - ing to know
 내 가 산 을 향 하 여 눈 을 드 니



where, O where will my help come from? Where, O where?
 나 의 도 움 이 어 디 서 오 는 가



My help comes from the Lord, who made heav'n and earth.
 나 의 도 움 이 천 지 를 지 으 신



God the Cre-a-tor will keep my life. God is my help.
 여 호 와 하 나 님 에 게 서 오 - - 네

First Reading 성경봉독 — Isaiah 43:16-21

pew bibles OT p. 672

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — John 12:1-8

pew bibles NT p. 106

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

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 — “Unbroken: God Delights in Our Goodness and Judges Sin”

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “To My Precious Lord”

by Chung Kwan Park



To my pre-cious Lord I bring my flask of fra-grant oil;
내 게 있 는 향 유 옥 합 주 께 가 져 와



kneel-ing down, I kiss his feet, a - noint them with the oil.
그 발 위 에 입 맛 추 고 께 뜨 립 니 다



- 1 Je - sus who for my sake walked the road to Cal - va - ry,
나 를 위 해 험 한 산 길 오 르 신 그 발
- 2 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,
주 님 다 시 이 땅 위 에 임 하 실 그 때



with each step has marked the im - print of his love for me.
걸 음 마 다 크 신 사 랑 새 겨 놓 았 네
Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.
주 의 크 신 사 랑 으 로 날 받 아 주 소 서

* **Affirmation of Faith: from *A Song of Faith* (2006) 신앙의 고백**

Many: Evil does not—cannot—

undermine or overcome the love of God.

God forgives,

and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings
with honesty and humility.

God reconciles,

and calls us to repent the part we have played
in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other.

God transforms,

and calls us to protect the vulnerable,
to pray for deliverance from evil,
to work with God for the healing of the world,
that all might have abundant life.

We sing of grace.

Grateful for God's loving action,

we cannot keep from singing.

Creating and seeking relationship,

in awe and trust,

we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. Amen.

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — “At the Table of the Lord” by Althouse

The Choir

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.

We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: “This is my body,” He said.

At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured.

We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.

At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.

For wherever we are gathered, There our Lord will be, there our Lord will be.

At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord, At the table of the Lord we shall be free.

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.

The Prayers of the People

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

Refrain 찬송 — “Bread of Life, Feed My Soul”

More Voices #194 – v. 5

Invitation to the Feast

The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Extravagant God,
you poured out your life in your covenant with your chosen people,
and you poured out your life-blood
in the ministry and death of your Son Jesus Christ.

You meet our meanness with your grace,
our scarcity with your abundance,
and our suspicion with your generous trust.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with all the faithful of every time and every place,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

거룩 거룩 거룩하신 여호와 전능하신
하나님, 하늘과 땅이 주님의
영광으로 충만하나이다. 호산나!
가장 높은 곳에서 주님을
찬양하나이다.

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

주님의 이름으로 오시는 이를
송축하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은
곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다.

One: Sharing God,
in Jesus you attended a meal to celebrate Lazarus's resurrection,
and so we gather today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection,
in faith that even now you are preparing a feast
to celebrate our resurrection with you.

Sanctify us, that even as our flesh and blood decay,
our hearts are made ready that we may meet you face to face.

Send down your Holy Spirit,
that this bread of sustenance and cup of joy
may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ—
he who at supper with his disciples took bread,
gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to them saying,
“Take, eat: this is my body, given for you;
do this for the remembrance of me”;

and who after supper took the cup
again gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this, as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

One: Abundant God,

when we know the price of everything and the value of nothing
 remind us by this meal of the limitless joy you take in us.
 When we are full of criticism of others and hatred of ourselves,
 by this sacrifice show us the goodness you see in us all.
 Bless all our touching, that we may touch your gifts and one another
 as if we were touching your body and blood.
 Bless all our desire, that in every craving and longing
 we may discover a deeper yearning for you.
 Renew the hearts of all your people,
 that your whole church, seeking together the justice of your kingdom,
 may discover in the stranger the gifts that only come from you:
 through whom, and with whom, and in whom
 come all honour and glory, almighty and ever-living God, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

Remembering the Stories & Sharing the Feast 성찬에의 참여

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

Tim Bailey

We receive communion at stations in the front of the church. You will come forward via the centre aisle to one of the stations to receive a piece of bread and a cup. Partake of these and return to your seat via the side aisles.

성찬을 위한 분병과 분잔은 본당 앞쪽에서 진행됩니다. 성찬에 참여하는 성도님들은 앞으로 나오셔서 개인별로 빵과 컵을 받고 자리로 돌아가시면 됩니다.

Anyone with mobility concerns may simply signal an usher or communion server to be brought the sacrament at your seat. All cups have non-alcoholic grape juice, and all bread is gluten-free.

거동이 불편한 분들이 계시다면 안내원이나 봉사자들에게 알려주십시오. 자리로 가져다 드리겠습니다. 모든 성찬 포도주는 클버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are *all* guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all –including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God’s people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a *joyful* feast for *all* the people of God.

열린 식탁! 우리가 성찬식을 거행할 때, 우리는 예수님이 주인인 식탁의 모든 손님입니다. 우리는 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 우리의 합당성 때문이 아니라, 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 그렇기 때문에, 이 성찬식은 그리스도의 임재와 하나님의 백성의 공동체를 알고자 하는 모든 사람에게 열려 있으며, 이 교회나 교단의 구성원에게만 국한되지 않습니다. 그리고 여기에는 아이들도 포함됩니다. 이것은 하나님의 모든 백성에게 즐거운 잔치입니다.

Toutes les personnes sont les bienvenues et invitées à la fête de la communion !

ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਗਤੀ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ!

欢迎所有人参加圣餐节!

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: You have fed us, Lord, and we are grateful.
Allow us to respond this day, and in the days to come,
with hearts made ready,
eyes made open,
hands made strong,
and feet made willing
to do your will in this place
and in all the places to which you call us. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Voices United #147

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” WALK WITH ME

I want Je - sus to walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney, Lord,

I want Je - sus to walk with me.

* Dismissal 예배로 부름

One: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude 후주

Tim Bailey

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

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Dianne Nichols, Sunggyu Kim

ushers/greeters: Allan and Judy Sanders

digital ushers: Taewon Joh, Laurel Zulke

fellowship time hosts: Donna Lynch, Joanne Morden

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 enrol), by free eTransfer from your bank (to cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com), or by credit card via CanadaHelps (service fees apply). Want to give now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR → to be taken to CanadaHelps.



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!” Children are encouraged to stand and sing with the songs, partake in communion, read and pray along when they can, and join in for the “Early Word”—a time at the front with conversation just for them near the beginning of the service. Most Sundays September through June, we have “**Children's Church**” activities during the latter two-thirds of the service in our Upper Hall, to which any pre-school through grade 5 aged child is welcome! For those accompanying infants or toddlers who need a spot to ‘escape’ to during the worship service, feel free to make use of the “**Quiet Room**” off the side of the sanctuary, near the piano, where there you will find comfortable seating, toys, and a changing table all while being able to hear and see the worship service.



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Washrooms can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).



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The **Affirmation of Faith** we are using through the season of Lent this year is assembled from two brief snippets of *A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada*. Adopted in 2006, *A Song of Faith* seeks to provide a verbal picture of what The United Church of Canada understands its faith to be in the historical, political, social, and theological context of the early 21st century. In 2012, *A Song of Faith*, together with the *Statement of Faith* of 1940 and *A New Creed* from 1968, was given place alongside the original Twenty Articles of Doctrine found in The United Church’s 1925 *Basis of Union* as one of our denomination’s official “subordinate standards”—that is to say, the confessions-of-faith we recognize as the authoritative statements of our belief, albeit with authority *subordinate* to that of Biblical scripture itself. The entire text of *A Song of Faith* can be found at united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements/song-faith-2006



Mark your calendars: Holy Week & Easter Sunday Worship

- **Sunday, April 13th @ 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 17th @ 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 18th @ 12:00 Noon: Good Friday Worship Service**
Remember the mystery and majesty of God's self-offering for us in Christ as we join in prayer and reflection around the foot of the cross.
- **Sunday, April 20th @ 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** at 9:45 am 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.*

Learn

Pacific Mountain Regional UCW Gathering – April 25 & 26: It's *now* time to register for the Annual Pacific Mountain Regional Conference UCW conference, which will be held here at CUC. Friday, April 25, 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm, and Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. In celebration of The United Church of Canada's centennial anniversary year, the cost is subsidized: only \$10 for the two days!

Must register *no later than April 13* to the office and *no later than April 7* through Canada Post as we need numbers for the caterer.





Elections Are The Time To Use Our “Outside Voices”

As the country goes to the polls on April 28, The United Church of Canada urges you to vote with your values. In this video <https://united-church.ca/news/elections-are-time-use-our-outside-voices>, General Secretary, the Rev. Michael Blair, emphasizes the importance of advocating for equity, inclusion, diversity, and care for vulnerable communities, particularly the marginalized and those displaced or

suffering due to global crises like escalating wars. This election, we encourage voting with compassion, equity, and the pursuit of justice. Let's foster bold belonging and contribute to God's dream of justice and peace. Read the full news story and statement <https://united-church.ca/news/elections-are-time-use-our-outside-voices>.

Other news and notes

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Be Our Guest: *Join Us for Our Anniversary Musical Celebration!*

Join us on **Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM** at **Cloverdale United Church** for an unforgettable night of uplifting music and joyful celebration. Admission is \$15, children 16 and under are free.

Presale Tickets Available Now! Contact the church office or see any choir member to secure yours today.



The Next Century: Youth Leading the Way

“100 years from now, I definitely see the church being a diverse and open space for all because of the program boards that are being put in place.”

These are thoughts from Mariana Muhumuza, one of The United Church of Canada's Youth Forum Leadership Animators, on her vision for the next 100 years of the

United Church of Canada. More of Mariana's thoughts on the United Church's Centennial can be found on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RupgsIszECU>.

In July 2024, Mariana was among eight passionate youth from across Canada who gathered in Calgary. Together, they worked to lay the foundation for 100 young people under the age of 30 to attend The United Church of Canada's General Council 45 in 2025, coinciding with the church's Centennial commemorations.

This group of talented and diverse youth is committed to developing leadership among their peers. After their time in Calgary, they returned to their local communities and regions to work on learning goals and projects for four weeks, and to remain engaged throughout the year.

The group focused on building leadership and guiding their peers as they explore their roles in the church. Their placements in local and regional communities are designed to help them grow and prepare for the future.

Your gifts to Mission and Service support youth as they inspire communities and engage in leadership. Thank you.

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!

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.

Cloverdale United Church recognizes that we worship, live, work, and play in traditional and unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples: primarily the Katzie, the Kwantlen, the Semiahmoo, the Snokomish, the Stolo, the Tsawwassen, and the Wsanec. We give our thanks to them and for them; we offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We seek to live with respect in this piece of Creation; we seek peace and justice among all who have called this land home.

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