

"The Good Samaritan" sculpture in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, United States

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) A Service of the Word

13 July 2025 • 10:30 AM

# The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Who is my neighbor? The neighbor was the Samaritan who approached the wounded man and made him his neighbor. The neighbor ... is not he whom I find in my path, but rather he in whose path I place myself, he whom I approach and actively seek."

— Gustavo Gutiérrez (1928 – 2024), Peruvian Catholic philosopher, theologian, and Dominican priest, a founder and leading voice in Latin American liberationist theology

# GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey, accompanist



## 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.

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 Ross Shearer, diaconal ministries student

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

Many: But to presence, and abundance,

and grace in our struggle.

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us, Many: and trusts in us, and abides with us.

One: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, Many: but will be beside us every step of the way.

\* Hymn 찬송 — "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"

Voices United #665

\* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

One: Let us pray.

Many: Divine Judge,

you framed the earth with love and mercy

and declared it good;

yet we, desiring to justify ourselves,

judge others harshly,

without knowledge or understanding.

Keep us faithful in prayer

that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will,

and not ignore or pass by another's need,

but plumb the depths of love in showing mercy. 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

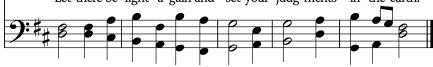
### God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Psalter 시편 — Psalm 82

The Book of Psalms (Presbyterian Ch. in Canada, 1995)

The refrain is first played through, and then all sing. Then, all sing where indicated.





One: God is seated in the divine council;

and in the midst of the gods holds judgment:

Many: "How long will you judge unjustly

and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan;

maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

One: They have neither knowledge nor understanding,

they walk around in darkness;

Many: all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

REFRAIN

One: I say, "You are gods,

children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any prince."

Many: Rise up, O God, judge the earth;

for all the nations belong to you!

REFRAIN

The Early Word 어린이 설교

ending with The Lord's Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

enaing with The Lord's Prayer 외공기도와 구기고 Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven, 하늘에

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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,

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,

이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며, 나라이 임하옵시며,

들으시오며, 다다이 넘아답시다. 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이

당에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날

우리에게 일용할 양식을

주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리

죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를

but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고, 다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개 나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.

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.

\* Hymn 찬송— "Forgive us, Lord, for passing by"

Then Let Us Sing! #120

First Reading 성경봉독 — Amos 7:7-17

pew bibles OT p. 855

Amos, a shepherd from the southern village of Tekoa, is called by God to preach against Israel, the Northern Kingdom, in a time of economic prosperity. Today's reading illustrates how Amos's stinging criticism of Israel alienated him from those in authority, including King Jeroboam and the priest Amaziah.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — Luke 10:25-37

pew bibles NT p. 71

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

IN ENGLISH after the reading:

IN KOREAN after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

One: 아멘 (Amen).

Many: Thanks be to God.

Many: 아멘 (Amen).

**Sermon** 설교—"This is <u>Not</u> an Episode of Mister Rogers" a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

\* Hymn 찬송 — "When a Poor One"

Voices United #702

\* Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 신앙의 고백: 우리 신소

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, 우리는 홀로가 아닙니다. 하나님의 세계에서 삽니다.

우리는 하나님을 믿습니다.

만물을 창조하셨고, 지금도 창조하시며, 화해시키고 새롭게 하기 위하여, 말씀이몸을이룬예수님 안에 오셨으며, 우리와 남들 안에서 성령으로 역사 하십니다.

우리는 하나님을 신뢰합니다.

우리는 교회를 이루라고 부름받았습니다. 하나님의 임재를 찬양하고, 우주 만물을 존중하며 살고, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 남들을 사랑하며 섬기고, 정의를 추구하며 악에 항거하고, 십자가형을 당하시고 살아나셔서, 우리의 심판자와 희망이 되신 예수님을 선포하라고 부름받았습니다.

삶에서, 죽음에서, 죽음을 넘는 삶에서 하나님이 우리와 함께 하십니다.

우리는 홀로가 아닙니다. 하나님께 감사드립니다.

# RESPONSE 응답

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

## Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

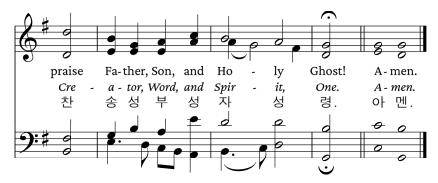
**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 

Tim Bailey

**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.





\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION 감사기도

Many: We thank you, O God, for your hand that cares for us, your word that fills us with hope, your heart that beats to the rhythm of our life, and your breath that fills us with love.

Open our lives to the unexpected compassion alive in the world, and use all we have to offer to sculpt and shape this world more closely to your realm of goodness. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

# SENDING 파송

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

\* Hymn 찬송—"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

Voices United #688

\* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도



May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

## \* Dismissal 예배로 부름

One: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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: Sydney MacPherson

ushers/greeters: Bev Siggs, Ursula Maxwell-Lewis digital ushers: Jamie Brown, Doug Sowerby

fellowship time hosts: Muriel Grossman, Christine Stueckl

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.



**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.



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.

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### Serve

### Join our Cloverdale Community Kitchen Team: New MONTHLY Schedule

Did you know that our congregation, together with our siblings at Northwood United Church in Fleetwood, has a volunteer team that serves at the



Community Dinner program at Cloverdale Community Kitchen / Storehouse (https://www.mycck.ca/)? Our next serving opportunity is coming up this Friday, July 18. Volunteers start arriving around 4:00 pm to begin meal preparation and are typically finished with post-meal clean-up between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. We're beginning a trial run of **monthly** serving opportunities, so if this one doesn't work out for you, mark your calendars for one of these upcoming "3rd Fridays": August 15, September 19, or October 17.

Want to be a part of this great opportunity to express your discipleship to Jesus in a concrete, hands-on ministry of mercy-making and service? Please email Bev Woods (a congregant at Northwood) at woodsb@hotmail.com and she'll add you to the email list. Each time we serve, the crew for that particular night is made of up a different subset of the larger team list, based on who's available and interested for that date... don't shy away even if you only want to try it out once!

## Celebrate CUC at Cloverdale Market Days: August 23

We're looking forward to being a visible, engaging, active presence in our community once again this summer at Cloverdale Market Days, the once-amonth arts and entertainment street festival on the "main street" of Cloverdale's historic "downtown". For 2025, we're focusing on a single Market Days appearance: August 23.



In order to pull off this important ministry of community visibility, welcome, and witness, we need a solid crew of volunteers: 6 to 8 booth staffers (in shifts of no longer than 2 hours), along with a couple of volunteers to assist with setup, teardown, and transport of materials between the church and the market

Sign up NOW for shifts by going to

https://tinyurl.com/CUCmarketdays2025. Deadline for volunteer sign-up is **Sunday, August 10th**, but there's no reason to wait... sign up *today*!

For more information, contact Rev. Matt: matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

## **Pray**

New this week...

- For the peoples and ministries witnessing to Christ through Gilmore Park
  United Church in Richmond, Anspayaxw Pierce Memorial United Church
  in Kispiox, Augsburg/Mackenzie United Church in Bella Coola, Becoming
  Church in New Westminster, Bethany-Newton United Church in Surrey,
  and Bowen Island United Church (from The United Church's regional council
  prayer cycles).
- For Eritrea and Ethiopia in thanksgiving: for the long centuries of Christian history in Ethiopia and Eritrea; for the current witness and work of Orthodox, Catholic, and Evangelical churches amid difficult circumstances; for those who have provided humanitarian aid, especially during times of drought and hunger; and for those who have worked for peaceful relations between Eritrea and Ethiopia... and praying for: victims of human rights abuses; greater understanding and respect among the many ethnic groups; lasting peace and reconciliation between Ethiopia and Eritrea; and the emergence of more democratic governance that respects human rights and furthers justice for all ethnic groups and minorities (from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle).

## Ongoing...

- For **Dianne**, sister of Joyce, who recently suffered a fall and is facing significant resulting pain.
- In thanksgiving for the life of **Thelma** Smidt, who died July 1... and for God's peace to surround her husband Gerry, daughters Carolyn and Jennifer, and all who mourn Thelma's passing.

- In thanksgiving for the life of **Julian** Douglas Sean Scott, who died June 22... and for God's peace to surround his family including mom Kathy, step-father Aaron, and sisters Melissa, Hazel, and Jolie who, like Julian, were all previously active in the life of our congregation.
- For **Gabi**, friend of Dianne, being treated for cancer.
- For Cathy, sister-in-law of Dianne, dealing with a recurrence of cancer.
- For Lilly, as she settles into a new home.
- For **Debbie**, facing challenging circumstances
- For the peoples of Iran and Israel-Palestine, in the wake of the recent military strikes.
- For members of the LGBTQ+ community, facing a rising tide of prejudice especially due to recent political and cultural shifts in the United States.
- For all living with **mental illness**, and for all who care for them.
- For those facing the ravages of **wildfires** or recovering from them, here in British Columbia, across Canada, and elsewhere.
- For immigrants, migrants, and refugees in all places.
- For those of our congregation who are homebound, incarcerated, in long-term nursing care, or otherwise unable to be with us regularly, including: **Lorraine**, **Pauline**, **Eileen**, **Joyce**, **Gerrit**, **Brenda**, and **Roy**.

Additions to the prayer list are always welcome! The list is updated based on prayer request carts submitted during worship as well as other petitions sent to Rev. Matt or the office. Submissions received in the office by 9:00 am Thursday morning will appear in the Sunday bulletin. Petitions regarding specific individuals or circumstances will only be retained on the prayer list for 3 weeks at a time (but can be renewed if changes in the situation warrant).



## Introducing CUC's Prayer List Have a Minute? Food for Thought on the Journey of Faith

Those who have been able to join together in worshipping together the past couple of weeks may have noticed a new section in the news-and-notes portion of the printed worship bulletin: "Pray" (to

go along with our other major sections, "Learn", "Serve", and "Meet"). In the "Pray" section, you'll find a prayer list for our community of faith, so that you can better continue to be a part of our congregation's ongoing ministry of prayer throughout the week. Whether it's something for which you're thankful or feeling joy about, or a plea-to-God for healing or hope for yourself or someone else, it is a privilege and a joy for us together to hold before God our collective prayers.

Curating such a prayer list is, admittedly, a bit more of an art than a science... there are no hard-and-fast regulations about what's appropriate or not appropriate to include, or about how long a specific prayer petition should stay on the list. Pastor Matt's general guideline is that petitions for specific individuals or situations will only stay on the list for 3 weeks at a time, but can be lifted up again if changes in circumstances warrant. New additions to the list will typically come from among prayer requests lifted up during Sunday morning worship (those

purple prayer request cards and the things Zoom worshippers put into the chat), along with other specific prayer needs send to the office or about which the church office becomes aware. And the list will be fleshed out as appropriate with concerns from the broader world, as our hearts open ever more toward the expansiveness of God's heart.

How might you go about using our CUC Prayer List? Well, by praying, of course! The list is not simply a news-sharing bulletin board, but rather an invitation for you to join your heart and spirit with those of the great cloud of witnesses lifting their praises and pleas to God. So take that bulletin home with you (or even tear out the specific page[s], if that's better for you) and put it somewhere that will invite and encourage your acts of praying. There's no right or wrong way to pray, and no right or wrong way to pray for the joys and concerns of our community together.

(Please note that as we try to balance the enabling of our communal ministry of prayer against appropriate stewarding of privacy concerns, we are only sharing the fullest version of the prayer list in the printed worship bulletins handed out to in-person worshippers. A redacted version of the prayer list, with certain identifying information reduced or removed, is included on the PDF version of the bulletin linked from the This Week @ CUC weekly eNews and the CUC website, and the prayer list will not be included in the main body of the This Week @ CUC emails. CUC members and adherents can contact the church office to be sent the full version of the prayer list upon request.)

### Other news and notes

Staff Doings — week of July 14, 2025: Beginning Monday, July 14, Rev. Matt will be away on vacation, through August 3rd. While Rev. Matt is away, coverage for pastoral emergencies will be handled by pastors of our neighbouring Communities of Faith at Northwood, Peninsula, and United Churches of Langley. For this week, July 14 - 20, Rev. Scott Turnbrook from Northwood is oncall; to reach him, you can telephone the Northwood United Church office at 604-581-8454, email him at sturnbrook@northwoodunited.org, or phone / text message his cell phone at 604-992-1033.

staff DOINGS

Next Sunday, July 20, worship will be led by recent Vancouver School of Theology grad and candidate for Ordained Ministry in The United Church, Youngsun Cheon, whom we had the privilege of welcoming to our pulpit back at the end of January for VST Sunday.

As Lily Lee, our office administrator, recovers from surgery on her Achilles tendon. She had her stitches removed this past Thursday and has transitioned to an air boot. There's still some pain, so it may take a few more days to fully heal. For the rest of July, she plans to be in the office once a week—mostly on Fridays and will continue working remotely during her regular hours (Tues-Thurs, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). She can still be reached at the church phone (604-574-5813) or by email (office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca). Her first rehab session is scheduled for early next week, and if all goes well, she hopes to increase her in-person hours soon. We continue to pray for her full and speedy recovery!

# God's Mission, Our Gifts



Words That Carry the Spirit: On June 8, during The United Church's Centennial Celebration at Gower Street United in St. John's, NL, a historic moment unfolded. A newly translated Mohawk Bible was formally dedicated, a powerful act of spiritual continuity and cultural renewal. The Bible stands as a successor to the Union Bible that was prayed over when The United Church of Canada was formed in 1925. Now, nearly a century

later, this new translation was lifted in ceremony and celebration, symbolizing a deepening journey of reconciliation. *Learn more at:* <u>united-church.ca/stories/words-carry-spirit</u>



# **Call to a Special Meeting**

All members of the Cloverdale United Church are hereby called to a Special Meeting of the Community of Faith, to be held on the July 27, 2025, at approximately 11:30 am, following the Sunday morning worship service, both in-person and on Zoom. At least

20 full members of the congregation must be in attendance in order to conduct business. (Non-member adherents are also invited and encouraged to attend; however, non-member adherents are not included in the count of full members required to have a quorum.) The purposes of this Special Meeting shall be:

- 1.) To extend the privilege of voice and vote to non-member adherents in attendance.
- 2a.) To approve a revised Community of Faith Profile for our congregation, requesting to be approved as a Supervised Ministry Education (SME) site for a 2-year period, including our affirmation of the 6 requirements for SME sites; and
- 2b.) To approve the position description for an SME Associate Minister position, and request approval of the same by the Pacific Mountain Regional Council.
- 3.) To take action on a recommendation of the profile/search committee of a candidate to be appointed for 2-years to the SME Associate Minister position, and request the approval of the same by the Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

An Informational "Town Hall" Meeting regarding this Special Meeting of the Congregation—and, moreover, the opportunity we've been given to have a Candidate for Ordained Ministry serve among us for 2 years as Associate Minister in fulfilment of their Supervised Ministry Education requirement—will be held today (July 13), immediately following worship. Plan to stick around for this brief presentation and conversation on this exciting possibility!

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

elcome to Cloverdale United Church!

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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