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*"The Eye of Providence"
19th-century painting*

**The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(9th Sunday after Pentecost)
A Service of Word & Feast**

10 August 2025 • 10:30 AM

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“They say that Abraham is a great example of faith. I sometimes wonder. It says that ‘he went out not knowing. ...’ I sometimes fancy that he had left faith far behind; that he was way away out on the edge of things, where only a sliver of hope sustains. When we can join him out there on that edge, in hope sacrificing hope—only then may we see light, and be satisfied.”

— Henry McKeating (1932-2005), British Methodist minister & Old Testament scholar

GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주

Grace Gauthier, guest accompanist

Gathering Chorus (Introit) 찬송

Then Let Us Sing! #151

“Holy One, may your presence here (Here in This Place)”



Ho-ly One, may your pres-ence here o-pen our minds,



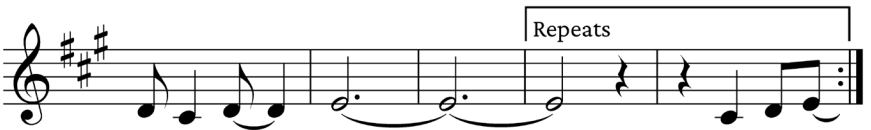
may your Spir - it a - mong us help us to find



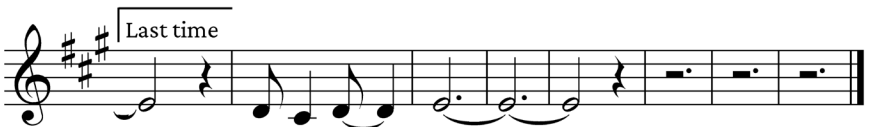
you are ris - ing up now like a foun - tain of grace



from the ho - ly ground here in this place,



here in this place. Ho - ly One,



(place) here in this place.

In the ways we are able—in body or in spirit—we rise for those parts marked with an asterisk “*”

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, lead minister

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: Our souls wait for the Lord;

Many: **God is our help and shield.**

One: Our hearts are glad in the Lord,

Many: **because we trust in God's holy name.**

One: The steadfast love of the Lord is with us;

Many: **all of our hope is in God.**

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “O God beyond All Praising”

Voices United #256

* **Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

One: Let us pray.

Many: **Gracious God,**
out of your good pleasure
you offer us your holy realm.
Take away worldly treasures.
Pry us loose from our possessions.
Give us open hearts and hands
and a spirit of humble service.
Make us ready to meet you—
even at an unexpected hour—
in the coming of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. 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

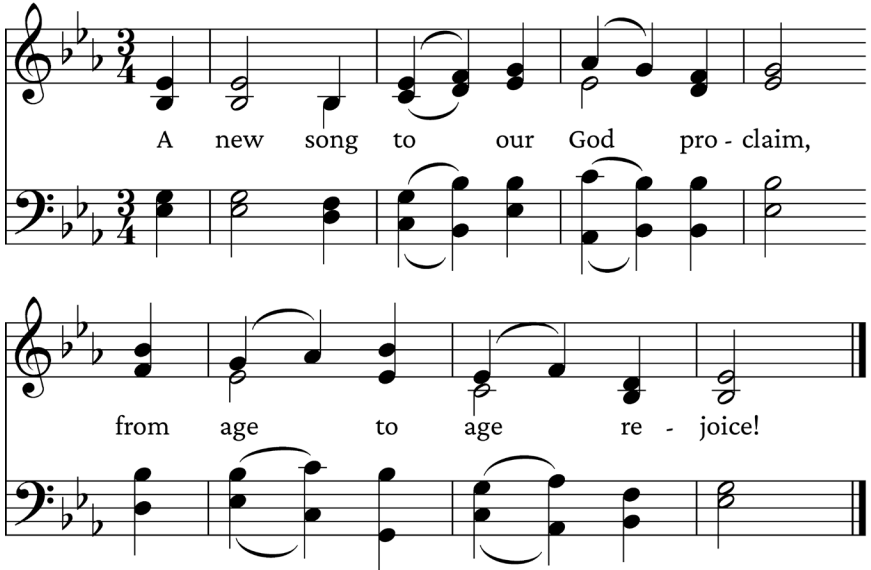
WORD 말씀

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

Psalter 시편 — Psalm 33:1-12, 21-22

Voices United pg. 760

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



A new song to our God pro-claim,
from age to age re-joice!

One: Shout to God for joy, you righteous!
Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

Many: Give thanks to God with the harp;
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.

One: Sing a new song to God;
play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

Many: For the word of God is true;
God's every deed is faithful.

REFRAIN

One: You love what is right and just;
the earth is full of your constant love.

Many: By your word the heavens were made,
the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.

One: You gathered the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;

Many: you stored the deep in cisterns.

One: Let all the earth fear you, O God,

Many: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

One: For you spoke and it came to be;
you commanded and it stood firm.

Many: You foil the plans of the nations,
and frustrate the schemes of the peoples.

One: Your counsel, O God, shall stand forever,
the purposes of your heart through all generations.

Many: Happy the nation who has you as God.
Happy the people you choose as your own.

One: Our heart rejoices in you, O God,
because our hope is in your holy name.

Many: Let your steadfast love be upon us
as we put our trust in you.

REFRAIN

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, 받으시오며, 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.*

First Reading 성경봉독 — Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *pew bibles NT p. 225*

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — Luke 12:32-40 *pew bibles NT p. 75*

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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).

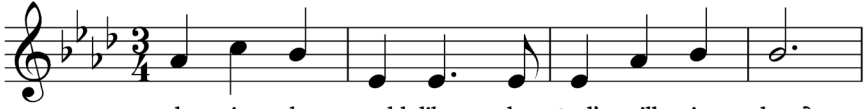
Many: 아멘 (Amen).

Sermon 설교 — “The Main Thing”

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn 찬송** — “What Is the World Like”

NEW WORLD



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
2 What is the world like whne God's will is done?
3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive;
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bour just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Grace Gauthier

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.

* **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS** 경배 찬양 — The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

choose any version } 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.

The Prayers of the People

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

* Hymn 찬송 — “For Everyone Born”

Then Let Us Sing! #23 – vv. 1-3



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For all who share life, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For those we ne - glect, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For all who have breath, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For you and for me, a place at the ta - ble,
6 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery-one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
though wound - ed and sore, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - our,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for all who share life, a sys - tem that's fair,
for those we ne - glect, the right to be - long,
for all who have breath, the chal - ice of grace,
for you and for me, a new way to live,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice
 and joy, com - pas-sion and peace:
 yes, God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice,
 jus-tice and joy!

Invitation to the Table

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: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise...

... So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

**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 찬양하나이다.
 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: All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! ...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

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

One: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power ...
... all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

Many: Amen.

Sharing the Feast 성찬에의 참여

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.

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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!

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 클로버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

Grace Gauthier

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: Almighty God, we give you thanks
for the gift of our Saviour's presence
in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal.
Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood
that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love
and that your universal church
may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “For Everyone Born” *Then Let Us Sing! #23 – vv. 4-6*
(see music above)

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — “May the peace of Christ” *Then Let Us Sing! #104*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

May the love of God dwell deep in your heart.

May the Spir - it en - light - en your way.

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

Grace Gauthier

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: Trixie Martyn

ushers/greeters: Muriel Grossman, Christine Stueckl

digital ushers: Dan Ariss, Taewon Joh

fellowship time hosts: Sharon McBain, Allan and Judy Sanders

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’ 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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Serve

You Serve through your Stewardship: How we spend our money reflects our priorities. It is not only voting with our wallets; where we place our treasure reflects our spiritual priorities too.

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-a-month 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

Join our Cloverdale Community Kitchen Team

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.myccck.ca/>)? Our next serving opportunity is coming up on **Friday, August 15**. 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 in a trial run of *monthly* serving opportunities, so if this one doesn't work out for you, mark your calendars for one of these other upcoming "3rd Fridays": September 19, October 17, or November 21.

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 woodsbe@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!



Pray

New this week...

- For the **45th General Council of The United Church of Canada**, meeting this weekend in Calgary: for the **commissioners** coming from all 16 regional councils, for our current Moderator the Rt. Rev. **Carmen Lansdowne** and the 5 nominees for Moderator for the next triennium, for the General Secretary the Rev. **Michael Blair** and for all of the staff-members of the General Council Office and the regional council offices.
- For the people of **Gaza**, facing starvation and devastation.
- For **Shakuntla** and her children.
- For **those seeking employment**.
- Renewed prayers for those facing the ravages of **wildfires** or recovering from them, here in British Columbia, across Canada, and elsewhere.
- For the peoples and ministries witnessing to Christ through the **Communities of Faith Pastoral Charge**, which worships at St. Andrews United Church in Rossland and the Trail United Church in Trail (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For **Cameroon**, the **Central African Republic**, and **Equatorial Guinea** — *in thanksgiving for*: the natural resources and diverse gifts that come from these countries, such as the distinctive music and dance of Cameroon; those who minister to victims of sexual violence, trafficking and other

human rights abuses; Christians and people of other faiths who courageously have pursued reconciliation and peace among those in conflict; and individuals and organizations who have provided for health clinics and schools in Cameroon and the Central African Republic... *and praying for:* just resolutions to the conflicts and violence among diverse groups and their leaders; refugees who flee to other countries, and for those who host them; economic developments that make it possible for all to rise out of poverty; stable democratic governments that effectively serve the common good (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*).

Ongoing...

- 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 **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 cards 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).

Other news and notes

Staff Doings: As **Lily Lee**, our office administrator, continues to recover from Achilles tendon surgery, she is still experiencing some pain and her full healing will take a bit more time. For the month of August, Lily plans to be on-site in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will also be working remotely during her regular hours on Wednesdays & Fridays (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Lily can be reached any time during normal office hours (Tues - Fri, 9 to 2) by phone at 604-574-5813 or by email at (office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca). We continue to hold Lily in our prayers and wish her a full and speedy recovery!

Please note that **Chohee Won**, our Intercultural Ministry Coordinator, is on vacation this weekend. Meanwhile, we welcome **Rev. Matt** back from vacation and **Ross Shearer**, our Children's Ministry Leader, back from a couple of weeks on Vancouver Island as part of the travelling staff for the regional council's Camp Spirit children-and-youth ministry program.

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DOINGS

Camp Spirit Summer Day Camp Offering in Surrey: At Camp Spirit we value listening to and experiencing Sacred Stories, enjoying times of creativity and science, moving to music, sharing a meal together, and fostering community and friendships! Camp Spirit proudly nurtures a setting that welcomes the fullness of God's diversity.

In our [Summertime Camps](#), Camp Spirit Campers (6-11 years), [Level Up Youth](#) (12-14 years), and [Youth Crew](#) (15-16 years) are encouraged to explore faith and leadership in creative and joyful ways!

Our staff and volunteers are screened and trained to provide safe, positive, affirming leadership and care.

Shop & Support Cloverdale United Church by purchasing prepaid gift cards for a variety of retailers and restaurants through CUC's Shop and Support program. You can order online at <https://forms.gle/2RWMSepne7CUaWtZ6> until **August 11th, 2024**, or put your order and payment on the office desk as Judy Cook won't be available this Sunday. When the gift cards are ready for pickup, they can be collected at the church office during office hours or from Judy Cook on Sundays.



Pacific Mountain Region Intercultural Family Retreat Registration is NOW OPEN! We are excited to welcome you for joy-filled time away at an Intercultural Christian retreat that delights in families of all makes, shapes, and sizes! This event supports racialized, indigenous, and equity denied families across the many diasporic communities of faith within The United Church of Canada. It will incorporate anti-racism, cultural sharing and have a relational focus. Join us for a fun weekend at Camp Fircom, filled with campfire time, fun games, and community.

October 10-13, 2025. Learn more and register at this link:
<https://www.firstthirdministry.ca/intercultural25.html>

The poster for the Intercultural Family Retreat features a light blue background with a white sunburst in the top left. The title 'INTERCULTURAL FAMILY RETREAT' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the event name is written in three languages: Japanese (異文化家族リトリート), Korean (다문화 가족 휴양), and Chinese (跨文化家庭度假). To the right, two colorful figures are on a seesaw. At the bottom left, a purple figure stands next to a glowing cross, and a blue figure plays a trumpet. At the bottom right, an orange and a blue figure are holding hands. The date 'October 10-13, 2025' and location 'CAMP FIRCOM CHÁ7ELKWNECH' are in the center. A purple banner at the bottom reads 'REGISTRATION IS OPEN' in pink letters.

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CGIT 110th Anniversary Reunion – Saturday, September 27, 2025

Location: Zion United Church Hall - 2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Armstrong,
B.C. Time: 10am MUG-UP to CAMPFIRE

This is our invitation for you to JOIN US for a full day of F.U.N. sharing stories, songs, skits, lunch, memories, worship, barbecue, cake, campfire, and more. All are welcome! More information and to register: please contact Diann Boyd (phone or text) at 250-549-0724 or email diannboyd@yahoo.com



110th Anniversary Reunion

This is our invitation to join us
Saturday, September 27th, 2025

Zion United Church
2315 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Armstrong BC

Who do you know that was in CGIT? or a Leader?
Please help us share the invitation.

We will celebrate with a full day of F.U.N. sharing stories, songs, skits, lunch, memories, worship, BBQ, cake, campfire, and more. From 10 am MUG UP to Campfire!



For more info and registration forms
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General Council 45: Every three years, something remarkable happens in the life of The United Church of Canada. People gather to listen, learn, worship, and make decisions that will shape the future of the church. It's called General Council, and it's more than a meeting. It's a moment of deep connection.

At the culmination of the 45th General Council in 2025, young adults, elders, ministers, lay leaders, and global partners will come together, some in person and others online, to imagine what's next for our church. They'll share stories from small rural congregations and vibrant urban ministries. They'll worship in many languages. They'll discuss bold questions about justice, faith, and the future. And at the heart of it all is a shared commitment to living out God's mission in the world.

Through [your gifts](#) to Mission and Service, General Council flourishes as more than a meeting. It becomes a gathering where young voices are amplified, where global partners are present, where accessibility matters, and where everyone has a seat at the table. Your support helps cover technology that connects distant regions, translation services that make space for everyone's voice, and travel support for those who otherwise couldn't attend.

When the church gathers in love, listens in faith, and decides with courage, something beautiful is born...a church ready to move forward, together.

Thank you for supporting the deep, connective work of Mission and Service. Thank you for helping the church gather, discern, and grow.



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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