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*"Jesus, the Fiery Prophet"*

*painting by Jyoti Sahi, Silvepura Village, North Bangalore, India, 2002*

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**  
**A Service of the Word**

*17 August 2025 • 10:30 AM*

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“Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing compared to love in dreams.”  
— Dorothy Day (1897-1980), US social activist and co-founder  
of the Catholic Worker Movement

GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주 — “It is Well with my Soul”, arr. Sallee Dianne Nichols, 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.

## 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

*One:* Sing to God! Praise the Lord!

**Many:** The afflicted are not forgotten; the helpless are not forsaken.

*One:* Sing to God! Praise the Lord!

**Many:** The needy are not neglected; the oppressed are not abandoned.

*One:* As smoke is swept away by wind, as wax is melted down before fire,

**Many:** wickedness perishes before the Lord!

*One:* O let the world be jubilant with joy;

**Many:** O let us exalt before our God!

## \* Hymn 찬송 — “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

*Voices United #688*

## \* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

*One:* Let us pray.

**Many:** O God, judge eternal,  
you love justice and hate oppression,  
and you call us to share your zeal for truth.  
Give us courage to take our stand  
with all victims of bloodshed and greed,  
and, following your servants and prophets,  
to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
your Son, our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
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

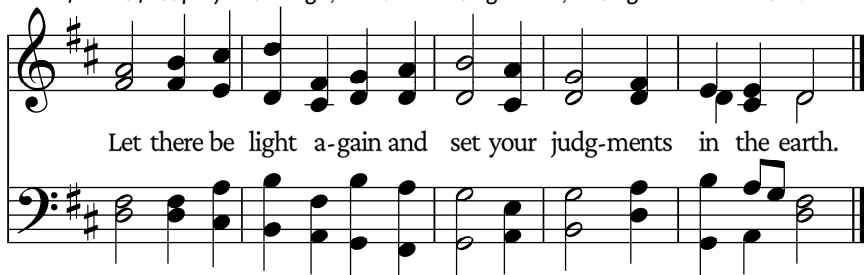
# WORD 말씀

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

**Psalter** 시편 — Psalm 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

<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,</p>	<p>하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여, 이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시옵며, 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</p>
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**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.

*There is no separate Children's Church programming this week.  
Worshippers of all ages are invited to continue in the sanctuary.  
The "PrayGround" area near the front is available.*

**First Reading 성경봉독 — Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*pew bibles OT p. 726*

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

*after the reading:*

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading 성경봉독 — Luke 12:49-56**

*pew bibles NT p. 75*

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

**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 — "Unpopular"**

*a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon*

\* Hymn 찬송 — “Heaven Shall Not Wait”

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT



- 1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
- 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
- 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
- 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um-phantly Hal - le - lu - jahs,



the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:  
the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:  
thoughts of com - pas - sion di-voiced from cries of pain:  
when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:



Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un - want - ed;  
Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's priv - ilege:  
Je-sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;  
Je-sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;



in him in - jus - tice con-fronts its time - ly  
to kneel and wash ser-vants' feet be-fore they  
his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose  
his power and love are for now and then for



end.  
feast.  
plain.

ev - er - more.

**\* An Affirmation of Faith 신앙의 고백**

*One:* It's easy to say "yes"

**Many:** **when it costs me nothing.**

*One:* It's easy to say "yes"

**Many:** **when I don't have to change a thing.**

*One:* It's easy to say "yes"

**Many:** **when everyone else is saying "yes," too.**

*One:* It is harder to say "yes"

**Many:** **when I have to give something up.**

*One:* It is harder to say "yes"

**Many:** **when I have to change a little.**

*One:* It is harder to say "yes"

**Many:** **when others look at me and shake their heads.**

*One:* It's really hard to say "yes"

**Many:** **when it might cost me everything.**

*One:* It's really hard to say "yes"

**Many:** **when I might suffer.**

*One:* It's really hard to say "yes"

**Many:** **when my friend denies me and turns away.**

*One:* And yet,

**Many:** **it is my God who gave me my everything.**

**And it is my God who promises to stand with me,  
no matter what.**

**And so, dear God, to you I say "yes."**

**Hear my word.**

**"Yes."**

## RESPONSE 응답

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

### Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** — "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring", arr. Carlson

**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.

choose any version } Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures  
 Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures  
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here be - low; praise God a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host:  
 high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:  
 드 리 고 저 천 사 여 찬 송 하 세

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.  
 Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it, One. A - men.  
 찬 송 성 부 성 자 성 령. 아 멘.

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 감사기도

**Many:** God of the ages,  
 surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
 we faithfully add our gifts  
 to those who have gone before us  
 throughout the generations.  
 Bless these gifts that they may yield an increase  
 for the spreading of your love,  
 your justice, and your truth  
 here in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**



# SENDING 파송

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

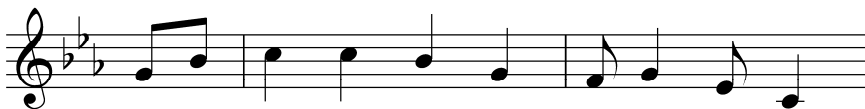
\* Hymn 찬송 — “God of Grace and God of Glory” *this bulletin, next page →*

\* 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 — “Little David, Play on Your Harp”, arr. Rocherolle

**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!

# "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church -'s  
 Sav-iour's ways, from the fears that long have  
 your con - trol. Shame our wan - ton self - ish  
 they may be ar-moured with all Christ - like  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal -



sto - ry; bring its bud to glo - rious flower.  
 bound us— free our hearts for faith and praise.  
 glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 grac - es, in the fight to set all free.  
 \_va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
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for the fac - ing of this hour,  
 for the liv - ing of these days,  
 let we miss your king-dom's goal,  
 that we fail not them nor thee,  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore,

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# Life at Cloverdale United Church

## Worship

**About today's cover art:** *"Jesus, the Fiery Prophet", painting by Jyoti Sahi, 2002.* "Fire is a frequently found image in Jyoti's painting. For, the works and words of Jesus are not only about healing and compassion; he is also the fiercely critical prophet of unjust ways that wound the poor, the vulnerable and those pushed aside from their God-intended place in the human community, their rightful share of earth's life. Jyoti quotes Jesus words: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled'. He is the burning bush, who speaks to Moses from the fire, declaring that he has seen the suffering of his people, and is about to act to set them free. Jesus is consumed with anger because he sees and feels all the evil of the world, and how creation needs to be transformed... In some tribal stories too there is going to be a great fire, a fire that will clear away the thorns and choking weeds of the forest, leading to re-generation of earth's life." (from the Jyoti Art Ashram blog)

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

**readers:** Judy Johansen

**ushers/greeters:** Brian Hadley, Doug Zulke

**digital ushers:** Dan Ariss, Ben Son

**fellowship time hosts:** Sydney MacPherson, Margaret Rose, Dianne Nichols

**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](mailto: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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## Learn

**Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath Elected and Installed as 45th Moderator:** On August 11th, the United Church of Canada joyously installed the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath as its 45th Moderator at Knox United Church in Calgary. Elected after three ballots at the 45th General Council (August 7–11), Rev. Heath is a long-time minister who has served Wall Street United Church in Brockville, Ontario since 2007.



The installation ceremony, which was livestreamed, included prayers in English, French, and Stoney Nakoda. Rev. Heath received several symbolic gifts and delivered a heartfelt reflection, encouraging the church to embrace its diversity and "bring out all of the flavours, all of the goodness." As the spiritual leader of the United Church, she will now serve a three-year term.

Congratulations to the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, the 45th Moderator of The United Church of Canada!

Learn more about this triennium's Moderator, as well as read the full news story and watch a recording of the livestream. <https://united-church.ca/news/45th-moderator-united-church-installed-calgary>

## Serve

**You Serve with your Stewardship:** *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).* The insatiable desire for more clouds our vision and impedes faithful and fruitful living. Who has modeled faithful resource management in your life? May the witness of others provide hope and encouragement for you to "stay the course" and say NO to "the lie of more."

### Volunteers Still Needed: Celebrate CUC at Cloverdale Market Days on August 23

Update: We still are in need of volunteers for helping staff our booth at the Cloverdale Market Days next weekend on Saturday, August 23. Sign up today!

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 ASAP!

For more information, contact Rev. Matt: [matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)



### CUC Anniversary Gala Dinner - September 13: Tickets Now on Sale!

Join us for a gourmet dinner and celebratory evening of story-sharing and fellowship-building at the Cloverdale United Church

Anniversaries Gala Dinner on

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, starting at 5:30 pm in our newly-refreshed Heritage Hall!

In 2025, our congregation is celebrating multiple milestone anniversaries:

- 75 years in our current church building and site on 58A Avenue;
- 100 years of The United Church of Canada, formed on June 10, 1925, as the union of Canada's Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregationalist denominations;
- 100 years as Cloverdale United Church, the coming together of Cloverdale Presbyterian Church and Cloverdale Methodist Church at the time of the national church union; and
- 150 years of our total mission, ministry, and witness in Cloverdale and central and southern Surrey, inclusive of the pre-church-union lives of Cloverdale Presbyterian Church and Cloverdale Methodist Church, each of which traced roots to activity starting in 1875.

Our catered dinner comes with 3 options for the main course:

- Rib Eye Steak, with au jus and horseradish
- Brie, prosciutto, and asparagus stuffed Chicken Breast
- Roasted vegetarian Frittata

*Each will be served with Yukon gold mashed potatoes and roasted vegetable sides.*

As we conclude our celebrations and observances, we're eager for this opportunity to share in community and connection together, celebrating all that has been and looking with hope and joy at what is yet to come, as we prepare to begin authoring another 150 years of new history!

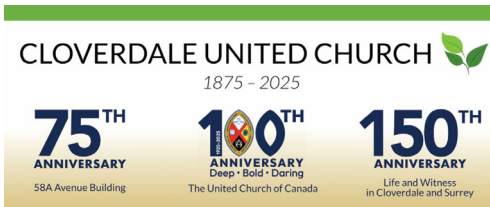
Whether you're a current part of the CUC community of faith, someone who has been a part of our congregation in the past, or a friend of our ministry from around the wider community, we hope you can come and celebrate with us!

**Tickets are on sale now! Buy yours today at:**  
<https://buytickets.at/cloverdaleunitedchurch/>

Tickets are \$60, plus a \$3.13 booking fee. You can pay directly online at the time of booking with a credit or debit card, or you can pay after booking by eTransfer, cash, or cheque (your charge is the same, regardless of payment method).

Please also know that through the generosity of a few anonymous donors, we have **a select number of complementary tickets available at no cost** for members of our CUC community who would not otherwise be able to afford to attend... we don't want anyone left out! Simply contact Rev. Matt to receive the access code to unlock the complementary tickets (as always, it will be completely confidential).

**Do you have friends or family, near or far, who've been part of the CUC community?** Pass the link along and invite them, too! It'd be lovely to see a real "reunion" across time and space!



## Pray

### *New this week...*

- For healing for **Heather**, now in treatment for a cancer recurrence.
- For **Ernest**, preparing to be initiated into the body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism next Sunday.
- For the peoples and ministries witnessing to Christ through **St. John's** United Church on the Sunshine Coast in Sechelt, **Central Saanich** United Church, **Cheam View** United Church in Chilliwack, **Chemainus/Crofton** United Church, **Chown Memorial & Chinese** United Church in Vancouver, **Christ Church** in Gabriola, and the **Church of St. Paul** in Barriere (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For the **Centre for Christian Studies**, the educational centre for diaconal ministries in both The United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada, located in Winnipeg (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For **Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger** — in thanksgiving for: the heritage of ancient trade routes, rich oral traditions and nomadic practices of people in the lands these countries now occupy; humanitarian work to improve food security and livelihoods, especially for women; pro-active efforts to preserve the environment in these desert lands; and welcome and provision for those who often must flee across borders... and praying for: those impoverished who lack basic needs and rights, that these will be met; desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved; effective response to the frequent droughts and hunger in this area; and more stable political rule in these countries to stem violence and provide for all (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*).

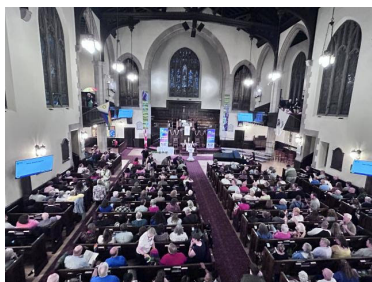
### *Ongoing...*

- 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 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, Gerri, 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



**Apology Offered by the United Church to 2S and LGBTQIA+ Communities:** On Friday, August 8, during a moving worship service at Knox United Church in Calgary, The United Church of Canada acknowledged and apologized for the many shortcomings and the harm the church has caused to the 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities. The church committed itself to radical love and affirming people of all

identities, strengthening its witness to justice and love in action.

The statement was prepared by an Apology Task Group appointed to draft an intentional living apology to move beyond statements to explicit action. The full text of the apology is available on [generalcouncil.ca](https://generalcouncil.ca) and read more here:

<https://united-church.ca/news/apology-offered-today-united-church-2s-and-lgbtqia-communities>

**Staff Doings:** Please note that **Ross Shearer**, our Children's Ministry Leader, is travelling again this weekend for this coming week's Camp Spirit being held in Victoria; there will be no separate Children's Church programming this Sunday, August 17.

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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](mailto:office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)). We continue to hold Lily in our prayers and wish her a full and speedy recovery!

**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>



**Welcoming Pastor Youngsun:** At the beginning of September, we're looking forward to welcoming Youngsun Cheon onto our staff team as our new Associate Minister, half-time for a two-year appointment. Many thanks to all of you from around our congregation who participated in the town hall conversation on July 13th and the special congregational meeting on July 27th to move things forward for our church taking advantage of this special opportunity.



Mr. Cheon completed his Master of Divinity studies at the Vancouver School of Theology this past spring, and is a candidate for Ordained Ministry in The United Church of Canada. His ministry among us—and learning from and alongside us—forms the final stage of his candidacy pathway toward ordination, his Supervised Ministry Education requirement. You might think of this as not altogether unlike a “residency” like what medical doctors complete following medical school. His being able to be in ministry among us for this phase of his journey has been made possible by the foresight and generosity of a number of others around our United Church community here in the Lower Mainland.

Pastor Youngsun already comes to us with significant church ministry experience, including being part of the ministry team at Becoming Church, one of the United Church new church start communities currently growing in New Westminster (a ministry role he will continue even as he starts with us) and a variety of both pastoral and lay ministry roles in his native South Korea. In Korea, he was affiliated with the Korean Methodist Church, and prior to his time at Vancouver School of Theology, also completed studies at Methodist Theological University in Seoul. Earlier, he also spent time in the Toronto area as an undergraduate at Seneca Polytechnic.

Youngsun begins on September 2, with his first Sunday sharing with Rev. Matt in worship leadership on September 7. While it will be a wonderful asset to have another native Korean speaker on our staff, it is important to emphasize that Mr. Cheon's position and ministry role won't be focused specifically on our Intercultural Ministry. Rather, Pastor Youngsun will be engaged in general pastoral ministry throughout our congregation alongside Rev. Matt, combined with some special programmatic emphases on community engagement and on faith formation among newcomers-to-Christianity.

### **Face Value... Gathering Photos for an updated CUC**

**Congregant Directory:** The time has come for creating a new, updated directory of our congregation's community, but we'll need *your* help! Thanks to our church database platform, *Realm*, we have the ability to easily produce a nice *photo* directory right in house. But here's the thing... we need the photos!

On selected weeks for the next little while, into the



early fall, Ursula Maxwell-Lewis will give opportunities during our after-worship fellowship time for her to take a quick photo of you and/or your household for use in the upcoming directory. Rev. Matt can do the same at other times (not on Sunday morning, please!), if you happen to be together. And, as we get closer to an anticipated first publication this fall, we'll also offer the opportunity for you to upload or submit a photo, a great option for those who may not be around in-person in the next little while to have your photo taken.

So, if you see Ursula offering some photo-taking time during coffee hour on an upcoming Sunday, please take advantage!

## God's Mission, Our Gifts



**Ladles of Love:** At Spring Park United Church in Charlottetown, PEI, the annual Soup Luncheon in support of Mission and Service has grown into something truly special—a celebration of community, compassion, and connection.

More than just a meal, it's a moment where people gather to enjoy hearty soup, delicious desserts, rich conversation, and the joy of being together. The Sunday

service sets the tone with powerful Mission and Service stories and guest speakers who remind us why this work matters so deeply. Each message connects to the wider church, and to people whose lives are being changed thanks to your generous support.

The luncheon also connects generations. Youth and adults alike enjoy laughter and connection, filling the space with energy and purpose. Mission and Service volunteer Joyce MacLeod adds a thoughtful touch by placing Mission and Service bookmarks and pens on each table, quiet reminders of the impact our shared generosity can have.

With over 20 dedicated volunteers offering their time and efforts, the Soup Luncheon is more than a tradition. It's a living expression of faith in action, showing how support of Mission and Service continues to nurture hope, build relationships, and change lives.

The response from the community? Overwhelmingly positive. Year after year, this event continues to strengthen the bonds at Spring Park United, offering a living example of how Mission and Service helps us grow in faith, friendship, and love. Thank you for being part of Mission and Service, making a difference locally, in Canada, and around the world.

**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!

***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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