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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
(11th Sunday after Pentecost)
A Service of the Word

24 August 2025 • 10:30 AM

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Despair colors the way we look at things, makes us suspicious of the future, makes us negative about the present. Hope, on the other hand, takes life on its own terms, knows that whatever happens God lives in it, and expects that, whatever its twists and turns, it will ultimately yield good to those who live it well.

“When tragedy strikes, when trouble comes, when life disappoints us, we stand at the crossroads between hope and despair, torn and hurting. Despair cements us in the present; hope sends us dancing around dark corners trusting in a tomorrow we cannot see. Despair says that there is no place to go but here. Hope says that God is waiting for us someplace else. Begin again.”

—Joan Chittister OSB (b. 1936), US Benedictine nun, theologian, author, & speaker

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! #35 – v. 1

“Bless the Lord, O my soul (10,000 Reasons)”

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, wor-ship your ho -

ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul;

I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing;

it's time to sing your song a - gain. What -

ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

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

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: We have come to worship God, the living God,

Many: who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Many: who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Many: who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All: All glory be to God!

* Hymn 찬송 — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Voices United #220

Confession and Forgiveness 죄의 고백과 용서

CALL TO CONFESSION 고백으로의 초청

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 죄의 고백

Many: O Lord our God, you knew us before we were born
and call us to serve you faithfully.

**You deliver us from captivity
and provide abundantly for our needs.
Yet we forsake you.**

We abandon your way and follow false gods.

We are like cracked vessels that can hold no water.

We are skilled at doing evil and unable to do what is right.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Reshape us with your hand. Renew your covenant with us.

Put your law within us and write it on our hearts,

so that we may be your faithful people on

**as you have been our faithful God
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Quiet is kept for personal confession and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS 용서의 선언

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

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

THE PEACE 평화의 인사

One: 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

All are invited to share signs of Christ's peace with those around them.

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회소식

WORD 말쓰

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

Psalter 시|편 — Psalm 71:1-8

Psalms for All Seasons #71-C

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

Since my moth-er's womb, you have been my strength.
Ev - en in old age, you will be my strength.

One: In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

Many: In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

One: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

Many: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

REFRAIN

One: For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

Many: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

One: I have become a portent to many;
but you are my refuge and my strength.

Many: Let my mouth be full of your praise
and your glory all the day long.

REFRAIN

The Early Word 어린이 설교

ending with The Lord's Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.	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 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고, 다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개 나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.
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*Children grades 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s)
to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.*

Scripture Reading 성경봉독 — Jeremiah 1:4-10 *pew bibles OT p. 698*

The call of the prophet Jeremiah does not depend on Jeremiah’s abilities or age. God will give him the words to speak. Even before Jeremiah was born, God appointed him a prophet to the nations, to minister in the difficult years before the Babylonian exile.

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 — “Thus Saith The Lord: You Are Called”

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Loving Spirit”

Voices United #387

RESPONSE 응답

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Reception of a New Member:

세례예전 & 이명해 온 교인의 입교예식

Ernest Martin Berger

WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE & STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

One: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you, to the end of the age.”

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to Christ. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Sisters and Brothers, let us celebrate God’s gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

Many: There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

Many: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ’s body.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE 소개

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES 신앙 확인

*** CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT** *Laurel Zulke, CUC Church Council, sponsor*
Congregational Sponsor:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer God’s gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this

sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

Many: We promise our love, support, and care.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 고 백: *The Apostles' Creed* 사도신경

One: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith, in the words of the most ancient and ecumenical Christian affirmation, our shared baptismal symbol, the Apostles' Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER** 세례수를 위한 감사기도

THE ACT OF BAPTISM 세례

BLESSING — “May God Who Creates You”

Voices United #454

May God who creates you give you light;
may God who sustains you make you wise;
may God who protects you give you joy,
may God who surrounds you give you peace.

LAYING ON OF HANDS 안수기도

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

*** COVENANT COMMITMENT**

Pastor: By your baptism, you have made one with us in the body of Christ, the church, throughout the world. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community that has nurtured you along the way, and we celebrate your presence now in *this* household of faith.

Congregational Sponsor (to the candidate):

Will you join with your sisters and brothers in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

Resp.: I will, God being my helper.

One: (to the congregation) Dear friends in Christ, do you pledge to this person your continued support and care?

Many: **With God's help, together with them we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.**

*** PRAYER** 입교하는 이들을 위한 기도

*** WELCOME** 환영의 인사

One: Today, you have been received into the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become a member of the household of God, and now have covenanted with us to serve Christ together with us in this particular community of faith. We welcome them to this ministry.

Many: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for in him we are all one.**

*** Hymn 찬송 — “Baptized in Water”**

BUNESSAN



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for-
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith-ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
giv - en, thank-ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.

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
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.

* *PRAYER OF DEDICATION* 감사기도

Many: Holy God,

you knew us before we knew ourselves.

You consecrate us even now to be your servants.

Create in us hearts worthy to be your prophets

that we might go where you send us,

and speak the Word that you give us.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,

place your words upon our lips

and your grace upon our hearts

so that all that we are and all that we offer

will be fitting symbols of generosity—both yours and ours;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

SENDING 파송

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

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)” *Voices United #509*

* **Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도

* **RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — “Guide My Feet”

1 Guide my feet while I run this race,

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race,

(Yes, my Lord,)

guide my feet while I run this race, For I

don't want to run this race in vain. (race in vain.)

*** Dismissal** 예배로 부름

One: Go in peace. Proclaim the Word of the Lord.

***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: (names not available at time of printing)

ushers/greeters: Muriel Grossman and other(s)

digital ushers: Doug Sowerby and other(s)

fellowship time hosts: Intercultural Ministry participants

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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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

You Serve with your Stewardship: *When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'*” (Luke 13:12) We don’t know the exact diagnosis of the crippled woman, yet we know Jesus heals her and sets her free. Jesus desires to free us from all our dis-eases: crippling debt, misplaced priorities, mass consumerism, and all the related disordering of our lives caused by believing “the lie of more.” Are you ready and willing to be healed?

Help Set-Up for the Anniversary Gala: We’re looking for some extra hands!

On Friday, September 13th at 10:00am, we’ll be setting up for the Anniversary Gala. If you’re available to help, please contact **Daniel Ariss** at arissd135@gmail.com.
Thank you so much for your support!



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!

CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH 

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in Cloverdale and Surrey

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 (gluten-free)
- Brie, prosciutto, and asparagus stuffed Chicken Breast (gluten-free)
- Roasted vegetarian Frittata (may contain gluten)

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...

- In thanksgiving for the life of **Penni**, sister of Daniel, who passed away this past Tuesday, August 19.
- In thanksgiving for the sign and seal of God's grace in the sacrament of Holy **Baptism**, and for workings of the Spirit that have led **Ernest** to his profession of faith.
- For the peoples and ministries witnessing to Christ through the **Lumby** United Church, **Cloverdale** United Church in Surrey, **Como Lake** United Church in Coquitlam, **Comox** United Church, the **Courageous Community Centre** in Port Alberni, **Cranbrook** United Church, and **Crossroads** United Church in Delta (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For **Liberia** and **Sierra Leone** — *in thanksgiving for*: the natural resources in these countries, that they might benefit the peace and welfare of all; the diverse ethnic and religious groups who long have lived together in peace and harmony, especially the Muslims and Christians in Sierra Leone; democratic election of leaders who have brought political stability and accountability; how diseases such as Ebola have been brought under control.... *and praying for*: the churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and for interfaith cooperation with others; the majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health; more just governance, free of corruption, accountable to the people, and that manages resources in ways that benefit all (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*).

Ongoing...

- For healing for **Heather**, now in treatment for a cancer recurrence.
- 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 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

Chrysanthemum for Anniversary Gala: Would you like to purchase a potted Chrysanthemum for our Anniversary Gala Dinner?

We invite you to take part in this special event by purchasing a potted Chrysanthemum to be placed in Upper Hall during the Gala. Chrysanthemum may be dedicated in memory of, or in honor of, someone special. All dedications will be printed on a place card displayed in front of the potted Chrysanthemum.

Small potted Chrysanthemum: \$12 | Large potted Chrysanthemum: \$24
The deadline to place your order is Sunday, September 7th.

To participate, please complete the form here,

<https://forms.gle/eLuNLsfRqrtiX2ra9>



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!



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!

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DOINGS

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 features a light blue background with a white sun icon in the top left. The title 'INTERCULTURAL FAMILY RETREAT' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it are three lines of text in different colors: '異文化家族リトリート' (pink), '다문화 가족 휴양' (orange), and '跨文化家庭度假' (green). To the right is an illustration of two cartoon figures, one orange and one pink, on a seesaw. Below the title are three more illustrations: a purple figure with a blue cross above its head, a small blue figure with a yellow megaphone and musical notes, and two figures (one orange, one blue) holding hands with a green heart above them. At the bottom, a dark purple banner contains the text 'REGISTRATION IS OPEN' in pink.

INTERCULTURAL FAMILY RETREAT

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CAMP FIRCOM
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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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



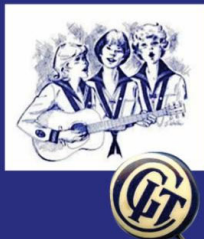
110th Anniversary Reunion

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
please contact Diann Boyd 250-549-0724 (talk or text)
or email diannboyd@yahoo.com
or zionunitedchurchinfo@gmail.com

Framed by Creation: Waterton United Church rests in the heart of Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, where wind brushes the tall grass and mountains rise like blessings above the lake. Surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty, the church is a place of welcome, wonder, and worship. A sanctuary within a sanctuary.

The United Church has had a presence in the park since 1955. The current building, dedicated in 1961, was thoughtfully designed to honour its setting. Architect George Watson positioned the sanctuary's great cathedral window to frame Mount Vimy, inviting creation into every service.

"People who aren't involved in the church but just stop to visit look out, captivated by the view of the mountain over the lake," says Carol Watt, Secretary. "It's a special thing that happens. It touches something deep within."

Your gifts through Mission and Service help keep the church open year-round for youth group sleep-overs, weddings, meetings, occasional workshops, and retreats. In the summer, guest ministers and musicians arrive weekly to lead worship from late June through September, filling the sanctuary with inspired voices and music that echoes across the valley. The church hosts youth retreats, weddings, and spiritual gatherings, and with a small room and kitchenette tucked behind the sanctuary, it also welcomes leaders seeking quiet and renewal.

"Providing space for reflection and retreat is an important aspect of the ministry we offer," Watt shares.

A newsletter captures the heart of it: "Waterton United offers a unique ministry to the wealth of summer visitors who flock happily into the national park and then find this gem of a United Church of Canada."

Thank you for supporting ministries that honour and care for community and creation. In places like Waterton, where land and spirit meet, your gifts help make sacred encounters possible.



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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