



"A Potter" painting by Else Berg (1877 – 1942)

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) A Service of Word & Feast

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Human life gains the greatest part of its richness from the capacity for ecstasy, by which I do not mean the alleged experiences of the mystic, but any experience of stepping outside the taken-for-granted reality of everyday life, any openness to the mystery that surrounds us on all sides."

— Peter L. Berger (1929-2017), Austrian-American sociologist & Protestant theologian

# GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey, interim music leader





## Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간

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

Greeting 인사

The Rev. Matthew Emery

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

Ross Shearer, diaconal ministries student

One: Searched out, known, followed, surrounded: Many: God holds us, acquainted with all our ways.

One: Where can we go then from God's Spirit?

Where can we flee from God's presence?

Many: If we climb up to the heavens, God is there;

if we make the grave our bed, God is there also.

One: How deep the thoughts of the Lord, how great the sum of them!

Many: More than the sand, more than any end: God. Glory be!

\* Hymn 찬송—"The Living God Be Praised"

Voices United #255

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 prove 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 once more as you have been our faithful God always; 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 말씀

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

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, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, 우리에게 일용할 양식을 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.

이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시오며, 나라이 임하옵시며, 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이 땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날 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.

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 18:1-11

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God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter may destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.

IN ENGLISH after the reading: IN KOREAN after the reading:

Word of God, Word of Life. One:

아멘 (Amen). One: Many: 아멘 (Amen).

Many: Thanks be to God. **Sermon** 설교 — "Thus Saith the Lord: I Will Reshape You"

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon



#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** — "A Communion Meditation" by Besig & Price The Choir

The table is spread, the meal is now prepared. The Lord bids us come to join Him there. We know we are not worthy, but still He will forgive for He died that all of us might live. Come break the bread, Come take the cup. Receive the promise of God's great love.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us as Your blessing now we share. With Your blood and body feed us, Keep us in Your tender care.

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, with Your kindness we are filled. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Now we are fed, our hearts are joined as one. The work of the Lord must now be done.

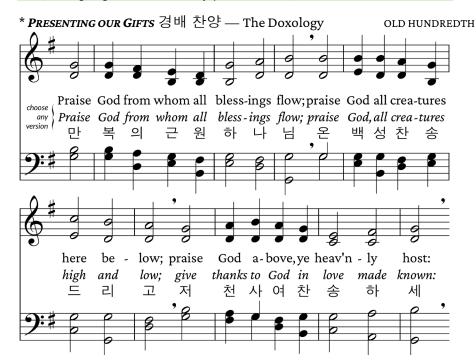
As we go forth to serve Him, He guides us with His truth;

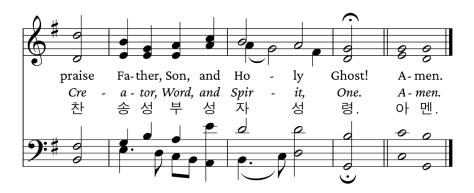
And our faith is strengthened and renewed.

We share the bread, we share the cup, we share the promise of God's great love. We share the bread, we share the cup, we share the promise of God's great love.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS** — As the morning offering is collected:

- in-person worshippers can share prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) on the purple-topped prayer request cards found in the pew racks and place them the offering plates as they are passed.
- live-via-Zoom online worshippers are welcome to submit prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) in the **Zoom "chat"** feature.

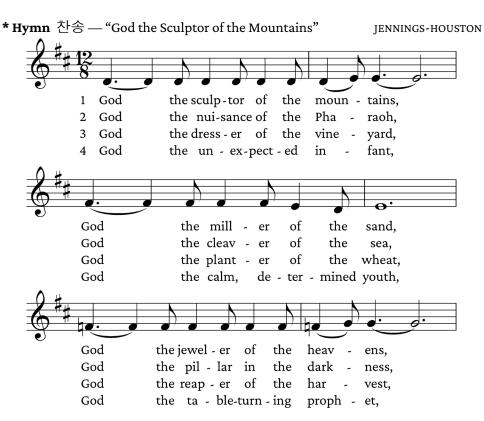


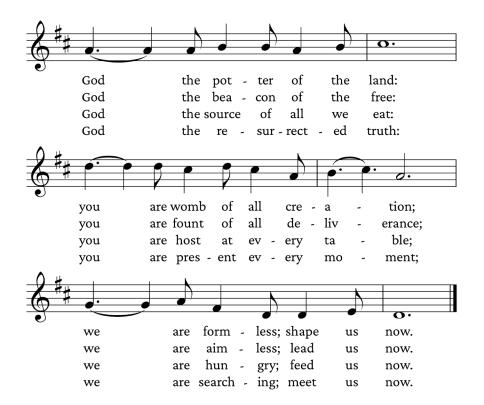


The Prayers of the People

# FEAST 성찬

## God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ





#### Invitation to the Table

Rev. Matt & Pastor Youngsun

# 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 충만하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은 곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다. Blessed is the One who comes 주님의 이름으로 오시는 이를 in the name of the Lord. 송축하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은 Hosanna in the highest. 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

**MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION** 

Tim Bailey

**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 <u>all</u> — including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God's people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a *joyful* feast for *all* the people of God.

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

Toutes les personnes sont les bienvenues et invitées à la fête de la communion ! ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਗਤੀ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ!

欢迎所有人参加圣餐节!

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. 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 — "How Firm a Foundation"

Voices United #660

\* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

\*RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — "Guide My Feet"

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\* Dismissal 예배로 부름

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

\* Postlude 후주 Tim Bailey

**Be Our Guest!** Come on down to the Lower Hall for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! Access to the Lower Hall is down the stairs outside the door at the front right of the sanctuary or via the elevator at the front left of the sanctuary. Follow the crowds on down, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!



# Life at Cloverdale United Church

# Worship

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Pat Payne

ushers/greeters: Sydney MacPherson, Carole Teather

digital ushers: Glenys McFarlane, Ben Son

fellowship time hosts: Margaret Rose, Judy Johansen

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 the Lounge on the lower level, 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

Tuesday AM Bible Study: Tuesdays, 10:30 am, in-person in the CUC Lounge and online via Zoom At the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, each week we learn about and discuss the bible reading(s) that will be featured in the coming Sunday's worship service. Sessions often feature a helpful bible background video



presentation, and always include wide-ranging conversation. All are welcome and invited; no previous knowledge or experience with Bible study required! Join us in-person in the Lounge on the lower level, or simply click here (Meeting ID 881 7265 4719, Passcode 859456) to join us online via Zoom! For more information, contact Rev. Matt: <a href="matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca">matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca</a>

# Fall 2025 English Conversation (ELL)

**Classes:** We are excited to announce that the Fall 2025 English Conversation Classes will begin. This will be the last regular session of the year.

## Thursday Class

- Dates: September 11 November 13 (10 sessions)
- Time: Thursdays, 9:30 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Upper hall

# **Sunday Classes**

- Dates: September 14 November 30
- Time: Sundays, 9:00–9:50 a.m. or 9:30–10:20 a.m. (varies by group)
- Designed for: Full-time students & full-time workers
- Small group format: Maximum 4 students per group, 5 groups available
  We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who have

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who have generously given their time and effort to make these classes possible.



## Meet

CUC Anniversary Gala Dinner on September 13: Final Weekend to reserve tickets!

DEADLINE for purchase is THIS WEEKEND (as we need to provide final numbers for the caterer)!









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!

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 enter the access code "Sept13Free"** during the ticket purchasing process to unlock access... we'll trust you "on the honour system"!

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!

#### Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: Jesus told his followers, "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." (Luke 14:33). Yikes! Give up ALL our possessions? The disciples were probably as stunned to hear Jesus say this as we are to read it. What does it mean for us? God calls us to look at our wealth and relinquish the power it has over us. What does it mean for you? After all, none of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, church, and the wider world. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not "ours," it is God's. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of God's goals.

Help Set-Up for the Anniversary Gala: We're looking for some extra hands! On Saturday, 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 <a href="mailto:arissd135@gmail.com">arissd135@gmail.com</a>. Thank you so much for your support!

# **Pray**

New this week...

- For God's power and grace in the midst of new beginnings of many kinds.
- For immigrants and immigrant-dominant communities in the United States.
- For the peoples and ministries witnessing to Christ through James Bay United Church in Victoria, Darby Memorial United Church in Bella Bella, Deer Lake United Church in Burnaby, Denman Island United Church, Duncan United Church, Eagle Ridge United Church in Coquitlam, and Edgar Memorial United Church in Klemtu (from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles).
- For **Benin, Ivory Coast**, and **Togo** *in thanksgiving for*: the beauty, natural resources, wildlife and different cultures in these countries; the produce that small farmers continue to grow amid environmental and other hardships; the spiritual vitality and growth of the churches and how they are cooperating with each other and those of other faiths and practices; the relative peace and stability that prevails after long years of civil war and political struggle... *and praying for*: more democratic governments that are free of corruption and that prioritize what the people most need; those working to alleviate the poverty, illiteracy and hunger that so many in these countries still experience; churches faithfully bringing the gospel to, and serving, all people with greater respect for how those of other faiths express their spirituality; emotional and physical healing, and restoring hope in people who are victims of conflict, disease and human rights abuses (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*).

## Ongoing...

- For **Debbie**, recently moved and adjusting to a new living situation.
- For healing for **Heather**, now in treatment for a cancer recurrence.
- For the people of **Gaza**, facing starvation and devastation.
- 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: **Roger**, **Lorraine**, **Pauline**, **Eileen**, **Joyce**, **Gerrit**, **Brenda**, and **Roy**.

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

## 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/eLuNLsfRgrtiX2ra9

**Sunshine / Friendship:** The group will meet on **Wednesday, September 10th** in the Lounge at **1:30 PM**. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

It's Apple Pie Time!!!: Fall is almost here and so is apple pie season. 2025 was a very successful year, we made 519 pies and had a profit of \$6,813. As always, it is a wonderful time of laughs and fellowship and we look forward to peeling, rolling and filling shells with you all again this year.

This year, Lori Presunka and Laurel Zulke will coordinate again, but both will be away at overlapping times in September & October. Lorrie Brown and Fay Torgeson have kindly offered to get things rolling — but they'll need lots of help! All helpers are welcome – all ages, genders, experienced or not.





If you're traveling to the Okanagan (mid-Sept to Oct), we'd love a box or two

of apples. Or, if you know of sources for free or low-cost apples, please let us know - No Macs or Red Delicious please. We will also be looking for donations of flour, sugar, cinnamon, cornstarch, baking soda and salt.

If your unable to donate supplies or your time/talent - cash donations are always welcome to assist in purchasing what doesn't get donated.

Hopefully we can start late September or early October depending on apple supplies. Order forms will be available soon.

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**Staff Doings:** *Lily Lee*, our office administrator, resumes her normal on-site office hours this week: Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 am to 2pm. This past week, we've welcomed Youngsun Cheon to his new role as Associate Minister for our congregation. As his position with us is half-time, he currently plans to be on-site with us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and (of course) Sundays. Be sure to give him a hearty welcome! He'll be looking to meet folks all around our congregation more personally, so feel free to invite him for coffee or lunch or your favourite pastime! Youngsun can be reached at the church phone number (604-574-5813) or CUC email youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

# staff DOINGS

## **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



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

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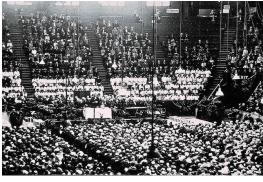


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## God's Mission, Our Gifts

## Our Past, Present, and Future:

For 100 years, people of The United Church of Canada have faithfully come together to follow Jesus and help others. Through Mission and Service, we have supported people in need across Canada and around the world—bringing food to the hungry, shelter to the vulnerable, justice to the oppressed, and hope to communities.



This is ongoing work. And as we look ahead, we know the needs we face will not disappear—they will deepen. Poverty, injustice, and the climate crisis will continue to challenge us, but so will our call to respond with love, compassion, and courage.

That's why we are invited to take part in something extraordinary: the Centennial Legacy Campaign. This is the most ambitious initiative our church has ever taken on. Its goal is to inspire legacy gifts that will strengthen local communities of faith, Mission and Service, and The United Church of Canada Foundation.

These gifts will honour our past, sustain our present, and ensure that our church will keep meeting the world's needs for the next hundred years—offering security, faith, and community for generations to come, and sharing God's love boldly, generously, and without hesitation.

When we give to the <u>Centennial Legacy Campaign</u> <u>https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/centennialcampaign/</u>, we are not only helping today; we are also planting seeds of hope for tomorrow. Together, we can ensure that this ministry continues to grow, adapt, and serve in a world where it is increasingly needed.

Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the hope you bring to the future of our church and the world.

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.

## **CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH**

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