



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

CLOVERDALE  
UNITED CHURCH



*"Crucifixion"*  
painting by F.N. Souza, 1959

**Christ the King Sunday**  
**(The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
**A Service of the Word**

23 November 2025 • 10:30 AM

## Christ the King: The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus’ originality does not lie in his spiritualization of the kingdom, but rather in the fact that he saw the true fulfilment of its earthly hopes in a more radical way than many of his contemporaries. He did not see the struggle against injustice and oppression primarily as a holy war against the Romans. This does not mean that deliverance from oppression did not include deliverance from the Romans. But Jesus looked deeper than the oppression of Israel by Rome to the fundamental roots of oppression itself. He sees this as the love of prestige, power, and wealth that causes people to seek domination and to lord it over each other. Unless this fundamental lust for domination is overcome, a successful war of liberation will only replace one domination with another.”

— Rosemary Radford Ruether (1936-2022, United States), Roman Catholic feminist theologian

### GATHERING 모임

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

**Prelude** 전주

*Tim Bailey*

**Gathering Chorus (Introit)** 찬송 — “Be at Rest”

*by Gord Johnson*

Be at rest once more, O my soul.

Be at rest once more, O my soul,

for the Lord has been good, oh, the Lord has been good,

oh, the Lord has been good, to you.

**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:* In this present time, no matter what passes before us,

**Many:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*One:* As earth shakes and nations are in an uproar,

**Many:** God is present with us and is our refuge in times of trouble.

*One:* As the world trembles in fear and worry,

**Many:** May we find stillness and peace, knowing God is God of all.

## \* Hymn 찬송 — “The God of glory / 주께서 왕위에”

this bulletin, pg. 10

## \* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

Ross Shearer

*One:* Let us pray.

**Many:** Gracious God, our shepherd, our guide, our sovereign,  
you reach out to gather us to you in so many different ways,  
showing us over and over how your realm of grace and love  
differs from the power and principalities of our own age,  
which we witness in our daily lives.

Open our eyes, that we may see Christ more clearly;  
open our hearts, that we may love Christ more dearly;  
open our lives, that we may follow Christ more nearly—  
yes, Christ our King, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## \* The Peace 평화의 인사

Rev. Matt

*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 교회 소식

Rev. Matt

## WORD 말씀

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

## Anthem — “In Christ Alone” arr. by Benjamin Harlan

The Choir

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;

Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

In Christ alone I place my trust and find my glory in the power of the cross.

In ev'ry victory let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

In Christ alone I place my trust and find my glory in the power of the cross.

In ev'ry victory let it be said of me, my source of strength, my source of hope is Christ alone.

## The Early Word 어린이 설교

Pastor Youngsun Cheon

ending with The Lord's Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

**Many:** Our Father, who art in Heaven,   하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,  
hallowed be thy name,   이름이 거룩히 여김을  
thy kingdom come,   받으시옵며, 나라이 임하옵시며,  
thy will be done   뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이  
on earth as it is in heaven.   땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날  
Give us this day our daily bread,   우리에게 일용할 양식을  
and forgive us our trespasses   주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄  
as we forgive those   지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리  
who trespass against us.   죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를  
And lead us not into temptation,   시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,  
but deliver us from evil,   다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개  
for Thine is the Kingdom,   나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께  
the power, and the glory,   영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Children grades 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s)  
to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.

## First Reading 성경봉독 — Jeremiah 23:1-6

pew bibles OT p. 725

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading 성경봉독 — Luke 23:33-43

pew bibles NT p. 89

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and King, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and King is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised criminal to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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 — "A Curious King is Crowned"

Rev. Matt

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,  
 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a -  
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in  
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re -  
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of  
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by



mong us in - to hu - man time,  
 weak - ness; emp - tied, you draw near,  
 ject - ed; scorned, you hold us fast,  
 fol - ly: God the cru - ci - fied,  
 dy - ing, dy - ing for your friends,



and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
 and we be - hold your pow - er.  
 and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
 and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
 and we be - hold your liv - ing.

\* Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed* 신앙의 고백: 사도신경 Rev. Matt

I believe in God, the Father almighty, 전능하사 천지를 만드신  
 creator of heaven and earth.

하나님 아버지를 내가 믿사오며,

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,

그 외아들 우리 주 예수

그리스도를 믿사오니

이는 성령으로 잉태하사 동정녀

마리아에게 나시고,

본디오 빌라도에게 고난을 받으사

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<sup>†</sup> Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(† in the Creed, "catholic" refers to the church universal and speaks of its wholeness;  
it is not a reference specifically to the Roman Catholic tradition)

십자가에 못박혀 죽으시고,  
장사한 지 사흘 만에 죽은 자  
가운데서 다시 살아나시며,  
하늘에 오르사 전능하신 하나님  
우편에 앉아 계시다가,  
저리로서 산 자와 죽은 자를  
심판하러 오시리라.

성령을 믿사오며,  
거룩한 공회와  
성도가 서로 교통하는 것과  
죄를 사하여 주시는 것과  
몸이 다시 사는 것과  
영원히 사는 것을 믿사옵나이다. 아멘.

## RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Rev. Matt

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Choir

"Come, Let Us Worship the King" by Crane & Nolan

Come, let us worship, come, let us sing; shouting for joy to the Lord, our King.

Lifting our hearts as our praises we bring. Come, let us worship the King.

Come, let us worship, praises resound; raising our voice with a joyful sound.

Sing hallelujah, let glory abound! Come, let us worship the King.

Come, let us worship; fall on our knees, humbly believe.

Come, let us worship. Come, let us sing. Come, let us worship the King.

O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful, wonderful love.

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with glorious praise.

Worship the King! Worship the King! Come, let us worship, fall on our knees,

Humbly believe. Come, let us worship. Come, let us sing. Praise to the King.

Come, let us worship the King. Worship the King! Worship the King!

Worship the King! Worship the King!

### 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  
 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:** Lord God, Heavenly King,  
 we offer these our gifts  
 as a sign of love, devotion, and praise.  
 Through these, as through our praises,  
 we acknowledge that you are our Lord  
 in every realm of our lives. Amen.

# SENDING 파송

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

\* **Hymn** 찬송 — “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Voices United #211*

\* **Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도

*Rev. Matt*

\* **RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — “Since we are surrounded” *Then Let Us Sing! #154*



Since we are sur - round-ed by a great cloud of  
wit-ness-es, we will not lose heart!

\* **Dismissal** 예배로 부름

*Pastor Youngsun*

*One:* Go in peace. Give God glory in all things.

**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

**Today we mark Christ the King Sunday** (also known as Reign of Christ Sunday). On this final Sunday of our annual worship cycle, before a new liturgical year begins next week with the First Sunday of Advent, our journey through the life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus culminates in a celebration of his ultimate lordship over all. The observance also serves as a transitional day leading *into* the season of Advent that is ahead: the emphasis today on the final and ultimate majesty and rule of Christ leans into Advent's expectation of Christ's coming *again* at the culmination of all time—an expectation that will take centre stage especially in the early weeks of Advent, before our attention turns toward the remembrance of Christ's first coming that we mark at Christmas.

**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed:** During November, a stretch of Sundays beginning with All Saints Sunday's focus on our being surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses—all those who have gone on before us, the communion of saints—and ending with Christ the King Sunday's celebration of Christ's ultimate rule and reign, we choose to use the words of the "Apostles' Creed" as our communal affirmation of the faith around which we gather. The Apostles' Creed is one of the most ancient and universal Christian statements of faith, with roots dating back to the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. This creed is especially connected in Christian tradition with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, as the symbol of the faith into which each Christian is baptized. In our faith tradition within The United Church of Canada, where we hold together multiple statements from diverse times and contexts as authentic witnesses to the faith around which we gather, we recognize that any of the creeds or confessions of faith we affirm in corporate worship—from the ancient and broadly-ecumenical Apostles' Creed to The United Church's own beloved statement from 1968, *A New Creed*—serve as *testimonies* of faith, not *tests* of faith. In joining our voices to their witnesses, our confession is not one of unquestioning intellectual agreement with each and every word but rather one of profound faith and trust in the God of whom these things are said, the God to whom the faithful witnesses point.

**Many thanks to today's ...**

**readers:** Jeonggu Lim

**ushers/greeters:** *names unavailable at the time of printing*

**digital ushers:** Taewon Joh and Glennys McFarlane

**fellowship time hosts:** *names unavailable at the time of printing*

**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.





1 The God of glo - ry goes up to the throne.  
 1 주 - 께 - 서 왕 - 위 - 에 오 - 르 - 신 - 다.  
 2 God's arm is might - y in jus - tice and peace.  
 2 정 - 의 - 의 오 - 른 - 팔 처 - 드 - 신 - 다



Why do you trem - ble and why do you fear?  
 무 - 서 - 워 숨 - 는 - 자 그 - 누 - 구 - 냐?  
 Why do you trem - ble, and why do you fear?  
 두 - 려 - 워 떠 - 는 자 그 누 - 구 - 냐.



Our hearts and spir - its are danc - ing for joy:  
 우 - 리 의 마 - 음 - 은 춤 을 춘 다  
 Hills, clap your hands;— let val - leys re - joice:  
 산 - 천 - 아 초 - 목 - 아 노 - 래 - 하 - 라:



God is our sov - ereign on high.  
 주 - 께 - 서 왕 - 이 - 사 - 라.  
 God is our sov - ereign on high.  
 주 - 께 - 서 왕 - 이 - 시 - 라.

*Refrain*



Hal-le-lu - jah,  
 할 - 렬 - 루 - 야,  
 Hal-le-lu - jah,  
 할 - 렬 - 루 - 야,



Ho - ly God of glo - ry, won - der - ful and might - y,  
 얼 - 씨 - 구 - 나 좋 - 다 지 - 화 - 자 좋 - 네



**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.

#### Acknowledgements:

- Cover art from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tennessee; <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59073>; used by permission (CC BY-NC 2.0).
- Gathering Chorus (Introit) – “Be at Rest”: Words, based on Psalm 116:7, by Gord Johnson, 2008. Music by Gord Johnson, 2008; accomp. By Anneli Loep Thiessen, 2019. ©2008 Gord Johnson. All rights reserved; used under OneLicense.net #A-606025. Reproduced from *Voices Together*, ©2020 MennoMedia, #532.
- Call to Worship from Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, “Today: Service Prayers for Reign of Christ Sunday”, *Worship Ways: Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ*, ©2025 United Church of Christ.
- Hymn – “The God of glory / 주께서 왕위에”: Words and music by Ryu Hyung Sun; English trans. Andrew Donaldson; ©2013 World Council of Churches. All rights reserved; used under OneLicense.net #A-606025. Reproduced from *Then Let Us Sing!*, ©2025 The United Church of Canada, #41.
- Prayer of the Day adapted by Matthew Emery from material in *Prayers for All Seasons: Based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year C*, ed. Michael Schwartzentruber & Ellen Turnbull, Seasons of the Spirit Collection, ©2015 Wood Lake Publishing, Inc.
- Scripture introductions from *Sundays and Seasons*, Year C 2025, ©2024 Augsburg Fortress.
- Hymn – “Holy God, Holy and Glorious”: Words by Susan R. Briehe; ©2002 GIA Publications, Inc. Music by Robert Buckley Farlee; ©2001, admin Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved; used under OneLicense.net #A-606025. Reproduced from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, ©2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress, #637.
- Presentation of our gifts – “The Doxology”: Words by Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; public domain; alt. Music from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; public domain. Reproduced from *Voices United: The Hymn and Worship Book of The United Church of Canada*,

- Offertory Prayer of Dedication adapted by Matthew Emery from a prayer in *The Worship Sourcebook*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pub. 2013 Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Faith Alive Christian Resources, and Baker Books, © admin. Faith Alive Chr. Res.
- Benediction response – “Since we are surrounded”: Words, adapt. fr. Hebrews 12:1 & 3, by William S. Kervin. Music by William S. Kervin; arr. Alan Wiseman, adapt. Deborah Park. All rights reserved; reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-606025. Reproduced from *Then Let Us Sing!*, ©2025 The United Church of Canada, #154.

**Women’s Advent Service:** Peninsula UCW will once again be holding an Advent Service on *Monday, November 24*.

Gathering with a group of women is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts to celebrate the Christ in Christmas.

Please note that parking is limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. If you would like a ride or can offer one, please contact **Lorrie Brown at 778-593-7410**.



## Meet

### CUC Christmas Potluck

**Dinner:** Join us for a joyful Christmas Dinner at Cloverdale United Church on Saturday, December 13th at 5:00 PM!

We’ll gather for a potluck dinner, sing Christmas songs together, and enjoy a fun gift exchange.

Everyone is welcome!

**What to Bring:** A dish to share for the potluck and a family gift (around \$30 value) for the gift exchange

If you have any questions, please contact **Chohee Won** at [chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca). Come celebrate the season with good food, music, and community. We can’t wait to see you there!



### CUC’s Annual Community Christmas Concert

*Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM*

Join us at Cloverdale United Church for a joyful evening of music, laughter, and community spirit!

Celebrate the wonder of Christmas with beautiful performances, heartwarming sing-alongs, and the warmth of fellowship as we gather to share the season together.

Admission by donation to our Hamper Fund — your generous gifts (cash, cheque, or e-transfer) help bring comfort, warmth, and hope to families in need this Christmas.

Let’s make the season brighter — together!



## Serve

**You Serve with your Stewardship:** *"Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10a).* How busy are you? Do you have time for the things you value most? Many people chronically feel rushed. God invites us to stop our busyness and take some minutes be refreshed by God's presence. Stewardship is not only how we use our money, but also how we use our time.

### Serve on the PMRC Investment

**Advisory Council:** The Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada is seeking **two new members** to join our **Investment Advisory Council** — a volunteer group that provides stewardship and guidance for more than **\$70 million** held in trust to support the mission and ministries of our Region and many United Church communities.

This is a unique opportunity to use your gifts in financial stewardship to support the life and work of the church now and for future generations. Our investments help fund ministry, social impact initiatives, property development, justice work, and community outreach across our Region.

### We're looking for individuals who:

- Have **experience or strong interest in investing or financial stewardship**
- Can offer thoughtful leadership rooted in United Church values
- Care about responsible, ethical, and mission-aligned investing
- Are able to attend **four virtual meetings per year (about 2 hours each)**

You do not need to be a finance professional — familiarity with investing and a desire to learn and contribute are what matter most.

If you feel called to this ministry, or know someone who might be a good fit, we'd love to connect. Please reach out to Houston Mo, Director of Finance & Property, at [hmo@united-church.ca](mailto:hmo@united-church.ca) to learn more or express interest.

We also invite you to **share this opportunity within your networks** — your support in spreading the word is deeply appreciated.

Let us steward our shared resources faithfully and boldly, for the church we are called to be.



**Poinsettias for Advent & Christmas:** Would you be interested in purchasing a Poinsettia to be placed in our Sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons?

Orders are due today **November 23rd** so that we have plants placed in our Sanctuary throughout the latter weeks of Advent and into Christmastide. Purchasing a plant is a great way to make an offering in memory or honour of someone special. These dedications will be printed in the bulletins for our Christmas Eve services. ***The cost of each plant is \$10.00.***

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form included in this Sunday's worship bulletin. Or, you can contact the office with name, email, phone number, number of plants to order, and dedication information ("in memory of" and/or "in honour of"). Please forward your payment (cash, e-transfer: [cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com](mailto:cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com) or cheque payable to Cloverdale United Church) at the time of order.



---

## Pray

*New this week...*

- Bring healing, Holy One, upon **Donna** as she recovers from a trip-and-fall accident that resulted in dislocation and fractures to her shoulder, and give her patience and peace in the waiting.
- Surround **John** with your presence and your power of healing, good Lord, as he journeys in Surrey Memorial Hospital through treatments for his spine and other health challenges, and pour out your peace within Pat as she walks alongside him.
- We lift into your light and love, O God, **all those who have recently received challenging news or an un-hoped-for word.**
- Thank you, God, for the work of **Days for Girls International**, as they mobilize to increase access to menstrual products and vital health information for women and girls around the world.
- We give you thanks, O God, for the witness to Christ made through the peoples and ministries of **Chown Memorial and Chinese** United Church in Vancouver, **Ladner** United Church, **First** United Church in Ladysmith, **Lakeview Multicultural** United Church in Vancouver, the **Longhouse Council** of Native Ministry in Vancouver, **Lumby** United Church, and **Lynn Valley** United Church in North Vancouver. (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*)
- For the nations and peoples of **East Timor** (Timor Leste), **Indonesia**, and the **Philippines**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the vital witness of churches in this region; the diversity of ethnicities, cultures and religious beliefs, and especially those in Indonesia who have built bridges between them; those who have resisted bravely and worked for human rights, justice, peace and reconciliation, especially the National Council of Churches in the Philippines;

and those who protest exploitative mining, deforestation and other environmental damage. *And we pray to you, O God, for:* governments in Indonesia, the Philippines, and East Timor, that they will eradicate corruption, establish justice and peace, and work effectively for the wellbeing of all their people; victims of violence, torture, drug and human trafficking, and human rights violations, that those responsible might be held accountable; all those affected by earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters, and for the rebuilding of communities afterwards; ecumenical and interfaith cooperation to bring justice, peace and sustainability to these lands. *(from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle)*

*Ongoing...*

- Gracious God, shield, strengthen, and heal **Gurpal**, husband of occasional CUC worshipper Michelle, as he recovers from surgery to remove a kidney that had a cancerous tumor; and give strength also to Michelle and their whole family.
- O Lord, we lift up into your presence **Kaden**, grandson of Ursula, as he is deployed to Latvia as a part of the Canadian Armed Forces; protect, guide, strengthen, and inspire him in his time of service there, we pray.
- We give you thanks, O God, for the life of **Fred**, Donna's brother, who died recently. Pour out your comfort and peace within Donna, her family, and all who mourn this passing.
- Bring your healing on **Sebastian**, grandson of Christine.
- Bring help and hope, O God, to all **those facing food insecurity**.
- Hold in your heart, O God, all **those journeying with dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of cognitive decline**, and pour strength into those who find themselves as caregivers.
- Lift up, defend, protect, and comfort the people of **Gaza**, good Lord, as they continue facing the violence, starvation, and devastation that has been wrought upon them.
- 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! Submissions received in the office by 9:00 am Thursday morning will appear in the 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).*

---

## God's Mission, Our Gifts

**Together in Prayer and Solidarity:** Through Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada accompanies global partners who bring compassion and courage to some of the world's most difficult places. Today, we hold in prayer our partners in Gaza, where the situation remains catastrophic.

*Read more here.. <https://united-church.ca/stories/together-prayer-and-solidarity>*



# 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.*

## CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH

17575 58A Ave., Surrey, BC V3S 1N1 | 604.574.5813 | [cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](http://cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

### Ministers

*Lead Minister*

*Associate Minister*

*Office Administrator*

*Children & Youth Ministries Leader*

*Director of Music Ministries*

*Intercultural Ministry Coordinator*

*Church Council Chair*

### All of the Congregation

Rev. Matthew Emery – [matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Youngsun Cheon – [youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Lily Lee – [office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Ross Shearer – [ross@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:ross@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Dr. Emma Rui-Xuan Shi (*on maternity leave*)

Chohee Won – [chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Daniel Ariss – [arissd135@gmail.com](mailto:arissd135@gmail.com)