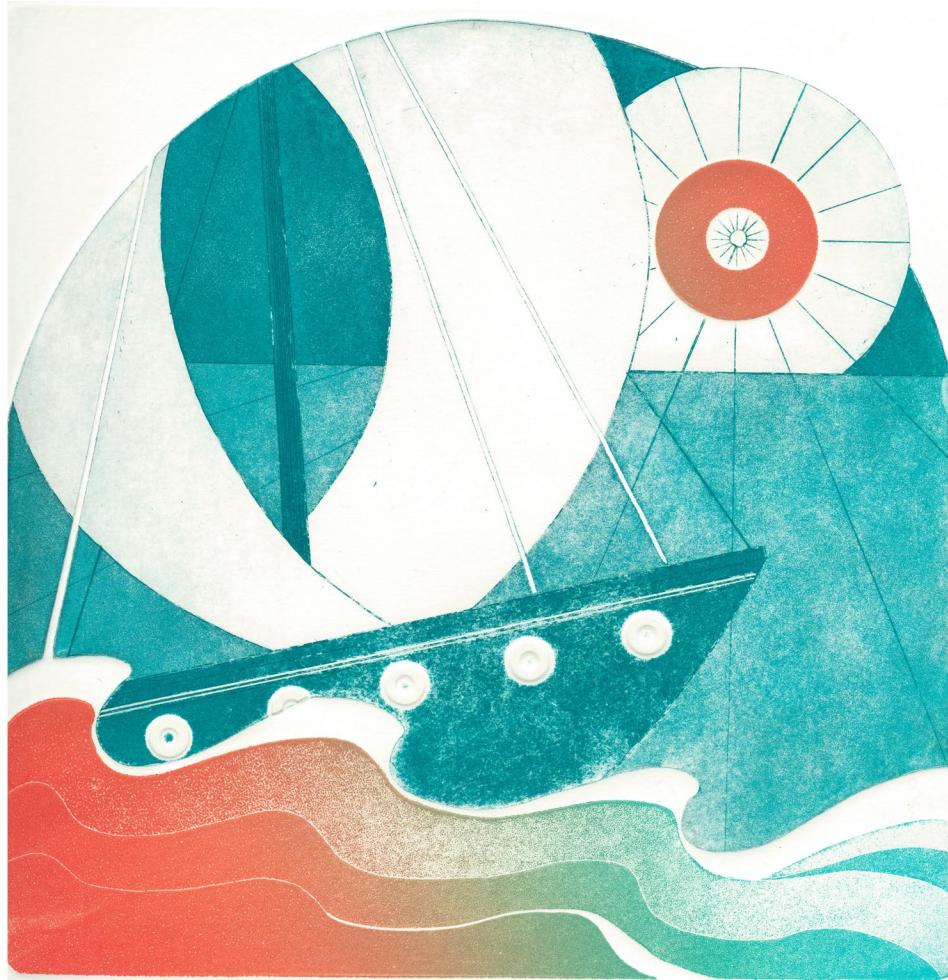




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“Trim your Sail and Set your Sight; Chart your course towards his light”
print by Edie Mae Herrel, 1986

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Season after Epiphany
A Service of the Word

25 January 2026 • 10:30 AM

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Dying to self is a progressive journey and I have come to believe that it is travelled only through praise.”

— Merlin R. Carothers (1924-2013), author and evangelist

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 — “Far Above the Noise of Life” GENTLE VOICE

Far a - bove the noise of life, there's a voice that is
gently call - ing. "Leave be - hind your
cares and strife. Come to me. I will give you rest.
Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your
an - ger and bring your wor - ry."
Do you hear the voice of Je - sus, gen - tly

call - ing, "Come un - to me"? Gen - tle voice, so
 full of love. Gen - tle words so rich in mer - cy.
 "You are my be - love - ed child.
 Come to me. I will give you rest."

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

Pastor Youngsun Cheon

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

Pastor Youngsun

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

Many: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Let us praise the Lord together.

Many: The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
 nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

One: for the Lord will be our light,
 and our God will be our glory.

Many: The Lord will be our everlasting light,
 and our days of sorrow will end.

One: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning)”

More Voices #28

* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

Pastor Youngsun

One: Let us pray.

Many: Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy
of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

전능하신 하나님, 오직 은혜로
주께서 우리를 부르시고
주님을 섭길 수 있도록
하셨습니다. 주님의 영으로
우리에게 힘을 주시고 우리로
주님의 부르심에 합당한 사람이
되게 하소서. 이제와 영원토록
성부와 성령과 함께 한
하나님으로 살아 계시고 다스리실
우리 주 예수 그리스도의
이름으로 기도합니다. 아멘.

* The Peace 평화의 인사

Pastor Youngsun

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 Emery

WORD 말씀

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

Anthem — “Ask, Seek, Knock” by Pepper Choplin

The Choir

Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find.

Knock, the door will be opened to you. It will happen, if you try.

Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find.

Knock, the door will be opened to you. It will happen, if you try.

If you ask, seek, knock, you'll find.

If your child said, “Could I have some bread?” would you give your child a stone?

If he brought his dish and asked for a fish, would you give him a serpent?

No, how disturbin’! If you give your children on earth all the good gifts you can bring,

How much more will your loving Lord come and bless you with wonderful things.

Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find.

Knock, the door will be opened to you. It will happen, if you try.

Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find.

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Knock, the door will be opened to you. It will happen, if you try.

If you ask, seek, knock, if you ask, seek, knock, you'll find. You'll surely find.

Psalm 73 is testimony to God's goodness that arises out of a dramatic conversion of perspective that occurred in the sanctuary. The psalmist was converted dramatically from a perspective of embittered jealousy at the wealth, prestige, and ease of life of so many godless people to a perspective of contentment and trust.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

after the reading:

One: Amen.

Many: Amen.

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Rev. Matt

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
받으시오며, 나라의 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.

At the end of the refrain that follows, children in grade 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s) to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.

Refrain 찬송 — “God calls you good”

by Paul M. Vasile

1 God calls you good, be - lov - ed child. You are a
 2 God calls me good, be-love-ed child. I am a

tre - sure deep - ly prized. And you can say to ev -
 tre - sure deep - ly prized. And I can say to ev -

every doubt-ing voice, "God calls you good, be-lov-ed
 every doubt-ing voice, "God calls me good, be-lov-ed
 child." "God calls you good, be-lov-ed child."
 child." "God calls me good, be-lov-ed child."

Sermon 설교 — “Living Centred in an Age of Stimulation”

Soeun Yoo

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Voices United #341

*** Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed** 신앙의 고백: 우리 신소 *Pastor Youngsun*

We are not alone, 우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.
 we live in God's world. 하나님의 세계에서 삽니다.

We believe in God: 우리는 하나님을 믿습니다.

who has created and is creating, 만물을 창조하셨고,
 who has come in Jesus, 지금도 창조하시며,
 the Word made flesh, 화해시키고 새롭게 하기 위하여,
 to reconcile and make new, 말씀이 몸을 이룬 예수님 안에 오셨으며,
 who works in us and others 우리와 남들 안에서 성령으로
 by the Spirit. 역사 하십니다.

We trust in God. 우리는 하나님을 신뢰합니다.

We are called to be the Church: 우리는 교회를 이루라고 부름받았습니다.

to celebrate God's presence, 하나님의 임재를 찬양하고,
 to live with respect in Creation, 우주 만물을 존중하며 살고,
 to love and serve others, 남들을 사랑하며 섬기고,
 to seek justice and resist evil, 정의를 추구하며 악에 항거하고,
 to proclaim Jesus,십자가형을 당하시고 살아나셔서,
 crucified and risen, 우리의 심판자와 희망이 되신
 our judge and our hope. 예수님을 선포하라고 부름받았습니다.

In life, in death, 삶에서, 죽음에서,
 in life beyond death, 죽음을 넘는 삶에서 하나님이 우리와
 God is with us. 함께 하십니다.

We are not alone. 우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.

Thanks be to God. 하나님께 감사드립니다.

RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Pastor Youngsun

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tim Bailey

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 blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: 드리고 저 천사여 찬송하세

만복의 근원 하나님 온백성 찬송

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION 감사기도

Many: Gracious God, we give our best,

lest in gaining the world we lose life itself.

As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way.

Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do

with all that you have entrusted to our care:

our wealth, our time, our loves, our skills,

our passions, our perspectives, our whole lives.

As we contribute to the needs of your people,

we present ourselves as living sacrifices;

through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Matt

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult”

Voices United #562

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

Soeun Yoo

* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — “God Be with You till We Meet...” V.U. #422 – v. 2

Music for harmony singing is available in the hymnal



2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; un-seen wings pro-tek-ting hide you,
2 우리 다 시 만날 때 까지 하나님 이 함 께 계 셔



dai - ly man-na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
간 데 마 다 보 호 하 며 양 식 주 시 기 를 바 라 네



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je-sus' feet;
다시 만 날 때 다시 만 날 때 예수 앞에 만 날 때



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.
다시 만 날 때 다시 만 날 때 그 때 까지 계심 바 라 네

* **Dismissal** 예배로 부름

Pastor Youngsun

One: Go in peace.

Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Holy One.

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: Judy Johansen

ushers/greeters: Sharon McBain, Christine Stueckl

digital ushers: Glenys McFarlane, Taewon Joh

fellowship time hosts: Jo-Ann Brown, Maureen Franklin

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.



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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).



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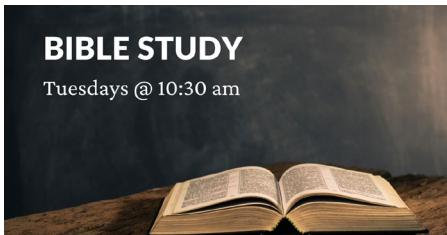
Ross Shearer invites you to participate in the Prayer Circle meeting every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

This gathering offers a quiet and reflective space for mindfulness, prayer, and the study of scripture, with an opportunity to thoughtfully explore its meaning and relevance in our lives. This Prayer Circle is part of Ross Shearer's field placement project, and all are warmly encouraged to attend.



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. Usually led by the preacher for the coming Sunday, 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.*



Meet

Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith—

February 1, 2026: *In accordance with the provisions in section B.5 of the Bylaws of The United Church of Canada, found in The Manual, 2025 edition... All members of the Cloverdale United Church are hereby called to the Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith, to be held on February 1, 2026, at approximately 11:45 am (following the Sunday morning worship service) in the CUC Lower Hall.* The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes reporting on the life of the Community of Faith over the past year, looking ahead at plans and visions for the coming year, approving the Church Council's proposed budget, electing new Church Council members or other officers, and other matters pertaining to the business and governance of our Community of Faith.



At least 20 full members of the congregation must be in attendance in order to conduct business. Adherents (regular participants in our congregation's life who have not [yet] become members) are also invited and encouraged to attend; we customarily vote to extend the privilege of participation and voting in the meeting to adherents when permitted.

For this year's meeting, we'll have the joy of gathering in fellowship over food, too, as the meeting will take place together with a luncheon prepared by congregants active with our community of faith's United Church Women unit.

Attendance and participation in the Annual Meeting will also be available for remote participants via Zoom, at the same Zoom link as is used for CUC worship services. (Alas, the luncheon aspect will only be available to in-person participants, as we have yet to figure out how to pass along food over Zoom Meetings... sorry!)

The Annual Report covering the year 2025 will be distributed via a separate all-church email this weekend, and a limited number of printed copies will be available at the church on Sunday.

Save the Date – Haydn’s “Seven Last Words” performance at CUC: Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Mark your calendars for a very special musical performance for the Lenten season. The sacred oratorio “The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross” by Joseph Haydn will be presented by professional-level soloists, choristers from Vancouver’s Vivaldi Chamber Choir, and accompaniment by a double string quartet of professional-level instrumentalists, on Sunday, March 22nd, beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be \$20 (discounted tickets available at \$10), with proceeds above costs supporting one of our mission-and-ministry partners or projects. More information yet to come... but mark your calendars now!

Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: *“And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’” (Matthew 4:19)* Listen! Can you hear Jesus calling you to deeper discipleship? Don’t worry; you will be equipped to steward God’s amazing gifts, even as you cast your net of faith and share the good news. In order for you to grow closer to God and follow Jesus, what do you need to lay aside?

Pray

New this week...

- For **David**, brother of Mary, recently in hospital in England with a brain bleed, having contracted a blood disorder after COVID.
- For all **political leaders, elected officials, and civil servants**, municipally, regionally, provincially, federally, and internationally.
- For **Bill**, husband of Glenys, continuing to face surgeries and recovery following a severe eye injury last year.
- In thanksgiving for the witness to Christ that happens among the people and ministries of **Revelstoke** United Church, **Richmond Chinese** United Church, **Richmond** United Church, and **Robertson Memorial** Church in Nakusp.
(from The United Church’s regional council prayer cycles)
- For the nations and peoples of **Cyprus**, **Greece**, and **Türkiye**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the 2,000-year presence and witness of the church in Asia Minor (now Türkiye, Cyprus, and Greece)—the region in which St Paul and other apostles first planted the seeds of the Christian faith—and for how Greek culture influenced the early church; the Church Fathers who came from this area, along with many men and women who were Christian martyrs, and where seven ecumenical councils were convened; the pioneering work of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in quest of Christian unity and for protection of the environment; and those who have reached out to assist people who have fled to, and through, these lands... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* the healing of memories and wounds inflicted by early 20th century genocides of Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian communities, and for current tensions in these lands; enhanced respect for all minority groups and their

claims; those who work for justice and reconciliation; the people who struggle because of economic and political crises in these countries; and more stable democratic governments that further the good of all. (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*)

Ongoing...

- For the **people of Iran**.
- For those being targeted in the flood of **extortion**-linked shootings and violence.
- For **Pam**, friend of Carole, fighting pancreatic cancer.
- For **our world community** in the midst of what feel like unprecedented global geo-political stressors.
- In thanksgiving for the life of **Renee** Nicole Good, the Minneapolis resident shot dead by a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent on January 7, and for strength, justice, courage, and truth to prevail among all in the United States.
- In thanksgiving for the life of **Tyler**, nephew of CUCer Debbie, even amidst all of its challenges, in the wake of his death over the New Year's holiday... And for God's comfort and peace-surpassing-all-understanding to surround Tyler's parents **Rob** and **Shelley** as they grieve his passing away.
- God of grace and courage, we lift up to you **all those facing the scourge of addiction**, in all its forms. Pour out your power and help them join with you in breaking the bonds that keep them captive.
- 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).

Where Neighbours Meet: In Halifax, NS, Brunswick Street Mission is a steady presence for people who need support, connection, and dignity. Every day, neighbours come through its doors to find a place where they are seen and valued.

Every weekday morning, the Mission serves a hot breakfast. For many, it's the most reliable meal they will have that day. Staff serve eggs, protein, toast, fruit, juice, and coffee, and they do so with care and connection. Some enjoy breakfast in the dining area, while others take their meal to go. Either way, the meal offers nourishment, but also a sense of stability and welcome.

The Mission's café offers a warm, safe space to land. People gather around puzzles, books, and quiet rest areas, sharing moments of calm that are often hard to find elsewhere.

The food bank continues the spirit of dignity and choice. Community members shop with a grocery cart, selecting items that fit their cultural traditions, dietary needs, and personal preferences. Gluten-free, vegetarian, and other specialized options are available whenever possible.

Staff walk alongside people navigating difficult systems—from housing and health care to replacing lost documents—always recognizing that the people they serve are the experts of their own lives. They listen, they support, and they create pathways where obstacles once felt insurmountable.

Support from [Mission and Service](#) helps Brunswick Street Mission keep doors open, meals hot, and spaces safe. Together, we walk alongside the Mission and its community, ensuring that it remains a place where people can rest, connect, and find small but meaningful ways to thrive.



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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