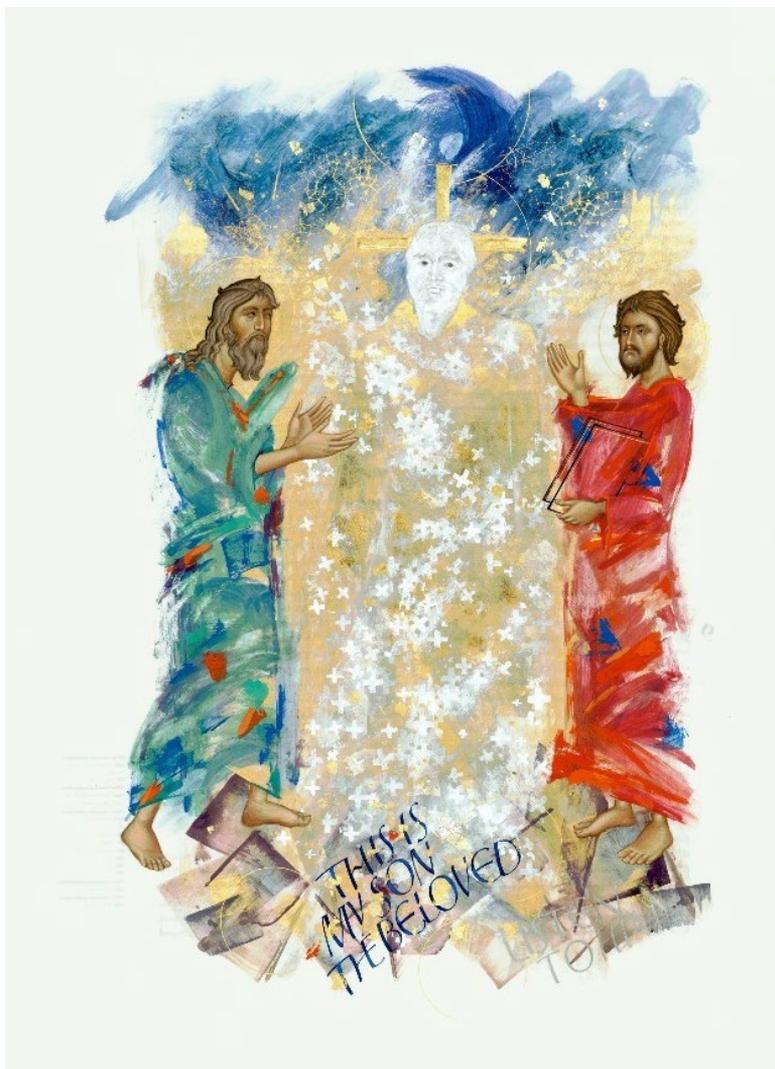




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"The Transfiguration"

*scripture illumination from The Saint John's Bible, 1998-2011
Donald Jackson, artistic director, with Aidan Hart, iconographer*

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Sunday in the Season after Epiphany
A Service of the Word

15 February 2026 • 10:30 AM

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

“Wholeness does not consist in removing a present source of travail; it demands a complete transformation of the person’s attitude to life, which in turn is an outward sign of a transfigured personality.”

— *Martin Israel (1927-2007), British pathologist, Anglican priest, spiritual director, and author*

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
gent - ly 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

In the ways we are able—in body or in spirit—we rise for those parts marked with an asterisk ^()*

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

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: Creativity and light belong to God

Many: Let all the earth rejoice

One: Justice and glory belong to God

Many: Let all the earth rejoice

One: Wisdom and wonder belong to God

Many: Let all the earth rejoice

One: When we get it amazingly wrong

Many: God loves us

One: When we get it superbly right

Many: God loves us

One: When we have no idea at all what is happening

Many: God loves us

One: When we walk with God

Many: We do not need to be afraid

* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

Ross Shearer

One: Let us pray.

Many: God of majesty and might,
you have blessed us with revelations of your glory.
Give us the gift of faith,
that we may hear your voice for ourselves
and see Jesus Christ revealed to us
that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

* The Peace 평화의 인사

Pastor Youngsun Cheon

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 Pastor Youngsun

WORD 말씀

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

Anthem — “Gospel Jubilee” arr. By Patti Drennan

The Choir

What can wash away my sin? Nothin' but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothin' but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! that precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
No other found I know; nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see, Nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this my plea, Nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, tell me how precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

There is no other found I know; nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

O for a thousand tongues to sing, blessed be the name of the Lord!

The glories of my God and King, blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Yes, there is pow'r, pow'r, wonder workin' pow'r in the blood of the Lamb.

Yes, there is pow'r, wonder workin' pow'r in the precious blood of the Lamb.

This is all my hope and peace; nothin' but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteous;
Nothin' but the blood of Jesus. Oh precious is the flow that makes me as white as snow.

There is no other found I know; nothin' oh, nothin', absolutely nothin', oh nothin',

Nothin' but the blood of Jesus.

Psalter 성경봉독 — Psalm 2

spoken responsively

Psalm 2 is a dramatic text, likely used for the coronation of a king. It speaks of the folly of human power and the importance of serving the Lord with fear. References in the middle section to the divine son describe God's anointed king of Israel.

Christians have long interpreted these verses as pointing toward Christ as Messiah. Despite the chaos and tension of multiple claims on authority, the psalm ends with God's authoritative kingship, in which all may repose.

One: Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Many: **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,
against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

One: Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

Many: **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**

One: Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

Many: **"As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

One: Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me,

Many: **"You are my son; this day have I begotten you.**

One: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

Many: **You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."**

One: And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Many: **Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;**

One: lest the LORD be angry,
and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Many: **Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

brief pause

One: Glory to God—Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

Many: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading 성경봉독 — Matthew 17:1-9

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Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

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**

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여, 이름이
거룩히 여김을 받으시오며, 나라이
임하옵시며, 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬
것같이 땅에서도 이루어지이다.
오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을
주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄 지은

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.

자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를
 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를 시험에 들게
 하지 마옵시고, 다만 악에서
 구하옵소서. 대개 나라와 권세와
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 있사옵나이다. 아멘.

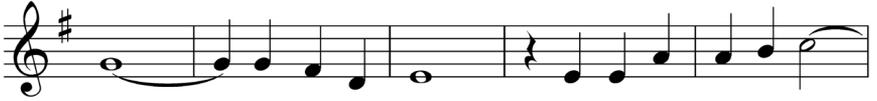
At the end of the refrain that follows, children in grade 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s) to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.

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



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



ery doubt- ing voice, “God calls you good, be- lov- ed
 - ery 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 — “Viewpoint”

Rev. Matt

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn 찬송** — “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long- ing for light, we wait in dark- ness.
 2 Long- ing for peace, our world is trou- bled.
 3 Long- ing for food, man- y are hun- gry.
 4 Long- ing for shel- ter man- y are home- less.
 5 Man- y the gifts, man- y the peo- ple,



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

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.
하나님의 세계에서 삽니다.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

우리는 하나님을 믿습니다.
만물을 창조하셨고,
지금도 창조하시며,
화해시키고 새롭게 하기 위하여,
말씀이 몸을 이룬 예수님 안에 오셨으며,
우리과 남들 안에서 성령으로
역사 하십니다.

We trust in God.

우리는 하나님을 신뢰합니다.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

우리는 교회를 이루라고 부름받았습니다.
하나님의 임재를 찬양하고,
우주 만물을 존중하며 살고,
남들을 사랑하며 섬기고,
정의를 추구하며 악에 항거하고,
십자가형을 당하시고 살아나셔서,
우리의 심판자와 희망이 되신
예수님을 선포하라고 부름받았습니다.

In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.

삶에서, 죽음에서,
죽음을 넘는 삶에서 하나님이 우리와
함께 하십니다.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.
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.

choose any version } 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: God of mountaintops and valleys,
 be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear,
 we faithfully add our gifts
 to those being given all around us.
 Bless these offerings
 that they, and we, may be transfigured
 into your presence in the world. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” *Voices United #210*

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도 *Rev. Matt*

* 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 - tect - ing hide you,
2 우리 다 시 만 날 때 까 지 하 나 님 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;
다 시 만 날 때 다 시 만 날 때 예 수 앞 에 만 날 때



till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ God be with you till we meet a - gain.
다 시 만 날 때 다 시 만 날 때 그 때 까 지 계 심 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: Melissa Sturko

ushers/greeters: Sharon McBain, Jo-Ann Brown

digital ushers: Glenys McFarlane, Taewon Joh

fellowship time hosts: Korean-speaking congregants, celebrating the Lunar New Year

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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Ash Wednesday

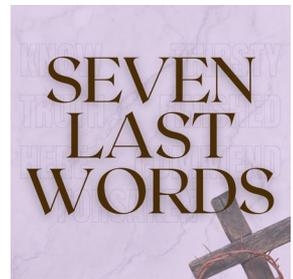
Wednesday, February 18, worship service at 7:00 pm.

The Season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday with the observance of Ash Wednesday. “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” With a solemn call to fasting and repentance and the beginning of our journey to the Easter mysteries of Christ’s death and resurrection, we acknowledge the unity we have with all of our ancestors who have preceded us. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty... and yet, what seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness. After all, the promise of God is that we are baptized not only into Jesus’ death but also into his resurrection (Romans 6:3). We are both/and people, in this season and in all of life.

Plan to begin your Lenten journey by taking part in worship on Ash Wednesday, a rich and deep worship experience not to miss.

Lent 2026 at Cloverdale United Church: The “Seven Last Words”

The Christian season known as Lent begins this week, kicking off with the Ash Wednesday observance on February 18th and the First Sunday in Lent following on February 22nd. Through the many centuries of Christian faith and practice, this stretch of time leading up to the annual celebration of Easter has borne a special weight of discipline and spiritual deepening. In the earliest centuries and, increasingly, in recent years, Lent serves



as the container for an intentional journey of self-reflection and preparation for those getting ready to become new Christians through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on Easter. In many eras and still today, Lent has held space for deep and significant reflection on the mystery, majesty, and meaning of the cross—of Jesus' suffering and death by crucifixion.

Here at Cloverdale United Church this year, our worship will be shaped by a series of statements made by Jesus while he was dying that are commonly referred to as his “seven last words from the cross”. Pieced together from across all four of the Bible’s gospel accounts, these sayings provide entry points and windows into the multiplicity of ways in which what God has and is accomplishing in the person and work of Jesus Christ truly acts *for us*, and stands as good news. As theological and preacherly luminary Fleming Rutledge writes in her 2015 magnum opus, *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*, “Christians do not simply look to the cross of Christ with prayerful reverence. We are set in motion by its power, energized by it, upheld by it, guaranteed by it, secured by it for the promised future because it is the power of the creating Word that ‘gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.’ (Rom. 4:17)” [p. 14].

Our framing of Lent this year, a departure from our usual adherence to the *Revised Common Lectionary* for our schedule of scripture readings for Sunday worship, is inspired in part by our hosting on Sunday, March 22, the 5th Sunday in Lent, of a wonderful performance of *The Seven Last Words of Our Savior from the Cross*, the 1796 sacred oratorio by Joseph Haydn (more information about that elsewhere).

- **1st Sunday in Lent – Feb 22:** “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34), Rev. Matt preaching
- **2nd Sunday in Lent – March 1:** “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43), Pastor Youngsun preaching, Holy Communion celebrated
- **3rd Sunday in Lent – March 8:** “Woman, here is your son. ... [Beloved,] Here is your mother.” (John 19:26-27), Rev. Matt preaching
- **4th Sunday in Lent – March 15:** “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34 & Matthew 27:46), Rev. Matt preaching
- **5th Sunday in Lent – March 22:** “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28), Pastor Youngsun preaching
- **Palm Sunday – March 29:** “It is finished” (John 19:30), Rev. Matt preaching
- **Good Friday – April 3 (12:00 Noon):** “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” (Luke 23:46), Rev. Matt preaching
(*Worship plans for Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, are still T.B.D.*)

Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: “When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’” (Matthew 17:6-7) Fear can keep us from living fully in God’s grace. In his response to his terrified disciples, Jesus gives us great insight. He tells them to “get up.” When fear keeps us from living, sometimes we just need to “get up” and get going.

Pray

New this week...

- In thanksgiving for the lives of **Shannda** Aviugana-Durand, **Zoey** Benoit, **Emmett** Jacobs, **Jennifer** (Strang) Jacobs, **Ticaria** Lampert, **Abel** Mwansa, **Ezekiel** Schofield, **Kylie** Smith, and **Jesse** Van Rootselaar, who all died in the tragic shooting incident in Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, on February 10.
- For **Maya** Gebala, in hospital at BC Children's Hospital facing life-threatening injuries from the tragic shooting incident in Tumbler Ridge.
- For all of the **families and friends of those who died in Tumbler Ridge**, for a comfort beyond comprehension and a strength beyond the senselessness of what has happened.
- For **the other students, teachers, staff, and others who were present** while the shooting incident in Tumbler Ridge took place, and now bear mental and emotional scars of which they will never be completely rid.
- For the whole of the Tumbler Ridge, BC, Canadian, and world communities **feeling the deep sorrow** this week.
- For all those facing strains to their **mental and emotional health** that seem unbearable.
- For **Mike**, in hospital recovering from heart surgery.
- For **Shelley-Ann**, facing medical uncertainties.
- For our province's **Legislative Assembly**, as it reconvenes for a new session this week.
- For the nations and peoples of **Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the quality of life that many in these countries enjoy and their commitment to provide for those in the world who are in need; the organizations located here that seek to increase ecumenical and interfaith understanding and work together for the common good of all people and creation; political and economic transparency in these countries; those who reach out to migrants and counter attitudes and practices that oppose them. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* environmental practices that preserve the natural environment, especially the Alps' melting glaciers; the work for justice, reconciliation, and peace pursued by the people and organizations here, seeking to shape globalization so that it benefits all; religious freedom, also for those from non-Christian traditions; overcoming the fear of, and welcoming the embrace of, those who are outsiders to the countries' historic, ethnic traditions. (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*)

Ongoing...

- For the **Minneapolis** community and all across the United States still facing and reeling from the actions of ICE agents, and for strength and courage to continue among all those working to resist the rise of authoritarianism.
- For **Jean** recently hospitalized.
- For those being targeted in the flood of **extortion**-linked shootings and violence.

- For **all those facing the scourge of addiction**, in all its forms, for God to pour out power and help them break the bonds that keep them captive.
- For all those **facing food insecurity or financial hardship**.
- For all those **journeying with dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of cognitive decline**, and for strength within those who find themselves as caregivers.
- For the people of **Gaza**, 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 Steele, 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).

Other news and notes

New Member Chort & Inquirers' Sessions

coming up: Are you interested in learning about Cloverdale United Church, The United Church of Canada more broadly, our particular faith perspective, history, and more? Might you consider saying a fuller “Yes!” to God and to this particular community by becoming a full member of Cloverdale United Church? If either or both of these are the case, then listen up! ***We are preparing for our next cohort of new full members to officially be received into the membership of our Community of Faith in worship on Sunday, March 1st.***



In preparation for the new member joining on March 1st, we are looking forward to a couple of brief “***inquirers sessions***” for interested participants. Rev. Matt is planning to offer such a session following Sunday worship on Sunday, February 22nd, if there are interested participants. Please let Rev. Matt know if you'd be interested in participating.

Now, to be absolutely clear, in The United Church of Canada and here at Cloverdale United Church, membership status is not a barrier to taking part in who we are and what we do. We welcome people into nearly all aspects of the life, mission, and ministry of our community of faith regardless of official membership status. Ours are open doors, an open table, and an open community. We give thanks for your presence, your prayers, your participation, and your passions. For many people, though, there is a special “something” to becoming an official full member of the congregation... a statement of covenant, a deepening of the commitment to live and work together in shared discipleship to Jesus Christ, and a public acknowledgment of your embrace of, and your being embraced by, the community of faith.

Whether you know you are interested in full membership (including membership via transfer from another congregation), or you are undecided and

simply intrigued about an opportunity to learn a little more via one of the Inquirers' Sessions, please let Rev. Matt know so that he can make sure you're included: matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca or 604-574-5813.

Coldest Night of the year Walk:

We're excited to share that CUC has formed our very own **Coldest Night of the Year** team! We'll be joining thousands of Canadians across the country to walk in support of individuals and families experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness right here in our community.



This year, we are fundraising for the **Surrey Cloverdale Storehouse Society**, an organization doing vital work to support those in need. There are so many ways to be part of this meaningful event — walk alongside us, cheer us on, or support the cause with a donation if walking isn't for you. Every step taken and every dollar given helps bring warmth, hope, and compassion to those who need it most. **Learn more and make a donation here:** <https://cnoy.w-ith.me/cucteam> Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this important cause. **Together, we can make a real difference**

Serve at the Cloverdale Community Kitchen!

Join our team, together with Northwood United Church, as we serve monthly at the Cloverdale Community Kitchen, part of the Storehouse Community Hub Society. We serve on the 3rd Friday of each month (**next date: February 20**), from 4–8 pm. Come once or join regularly—everyone is welcome! To get on the volunteer list, email Bev Woods at woods@hotmail.com



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!

Ursula Maxwell-Lewis has volunteered to help us solve this... she'd just like to grab a quick photo of you and/or your household for use in the upcoming directory. So, if you see Ursula offering some photo-taking time during coffee hour on an upcoming Sunday, please take advantage!



JOSEPH HAYDN SEVEN LAST WORDS

Sunday, March 22, 2026 · 7:00 pm

Tickets \$20, with \$10 discount tickets available

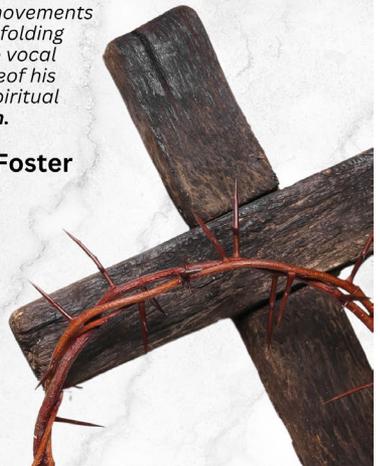
Proceeds to Surrey Women's Centre

*Joseph Haydn's The Seven Last Words of Christ is a contemplative oratorio written in 1796 for Good Friday. Each of the seven movements reflects one of Christ's statements spoken from the cross, unfolding through rich orchestral writing and featuring choral and solo vocal settings that bring the text to life. Regarded by Haydn as one of his finest works, the oratorio combines drama, reflection, and spiritual depth, a powerful and immersive experience. **Sung in English.***

Olivia Selig · Dinah Ayre · Steve Froese · Jack Foster
Ensemble Harmonia
Vivaldi Chamber Choir

Edette Gagné, Conductor
Tony Lee, Producer

More info & tickets:



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Tickets Now on Sale!

<https://buytickets.at/cloverdaleunitedchurch/2070296>

An Update to CUC's eTransfer Process: For many years now, we here at Cloverdale United Church have been able to receive money via the Interac eTransfer system directly from your bank or credit union account. We're excited to announce that we now are able to do so without the sender needing to set a security question and answer/password. In making this change, we have updated the email address to which eTransfer sends of money should be directed.

eTransfers for most purposes should now be directed to
[“ettransfer@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca”](mailto:ettransfer@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).

eTransfers specifically for United Church Women (UCW) related fundraisers or projects, such as our autumn Apple Pie sale, should be directed to **[“ucw@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca”](mailto:ucw@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).**

Both of these eTransfer recipient addresses now have auto-deposit enabled for incoming eTransfers to their respective accounts (church/general or UCW), and so you should not need to set a question and answer/password. *(Yay! This answer/password issue has been the main hassle in the past.)*

If you regularly send money to the church via eTransfer, or have ever previously done so, please make sure to update things in your credit union or bank account to reflect these new recipient addresses for CUC and the CUC UCW.

God's Mission, Our Gifts

Support That Grows with Families: Becoming a parent or guardian is a life-changing, complex experience that doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. As kids, we looked to adults for guidance as we navigated the world with fresh eyes. Now, as adults, we recognize that we're still figuring things out as we go, and there's always an opportunity to grow our skills and minds.

In London, Ontario, Mission and Service partners with the London Community Chaplaincy as they respond to parents and guardians who want to build a network of support, share the parenting journey, and develop new skills as they navigate raising children in a low-income setting. Together, these parents are working hard to build a positive future for their children and families.

Each week, London Community Chaplaincy provides a welcoming and safe social setting for adults to connect and grow as parents. Not only do they learn how to guide a child through critical stages of development, but also how to navigate being a parent or guardian while managing financial stress, food insecurity, housing complications, and more. Gathering with other adults in a similar situation allows participants to share their struggles and triumphs, further building a sense of community.

Your gifts (<https://united-church.ca/donate>) to Mission and Service support partnerships like the London Community Chaplaincy as they help empower parents along the parenting journey. Thank you.



Anti-Racism: Building Inclusive Community

Join us for an engaging + thought provoking conversation on anti-racism and begin the personal process of decolonizing self & community.

9 classes on Zoom starting

March 2, 2026
Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm MT

To register
email: contact@flourishingfoundation.org
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Our mission is to draw on our collective imaginations to envision what a *truly* post-colonial Canada could look like.

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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