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*"A Mother's Love Holds the World"*  
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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**A Service of the Word**

1 March 2026 • 10:30 AM

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Boundless is thy love for me,  
Boundless then my trust shall be.

— Robert Seymour Bridges OM (1844–1930), British poet

### 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

More Voices #29

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Better Is One Day)”



1 How love - ly is your dwell - ing place,  
(2 One) thing I ask and I would seek:



O Lord al - might - y. For my soul longs  
to see your beau - ty, to find you in



and e - ven faints for you. For here my heart  
the place your glo - ry dwells. One thing I ask



is sat - is - fied with - in your pres - ence.  
and I would seek: to see your beau - ty,



I sing be - neath the shad - ow of your wings,  
to find you in the place your glo - ry dwells.

Refrain



Bet - ter is one day in your courts, bet - ter is one day in your house,

bet-ter is one day in your courts than thou-sandselse-where.

Bet-ter is one day in your courts, bet-ter is one day in your house,

bet-ter is one day in your courts than thou-sands

else-where, than thou-sands else-where. 2 One

else - where.

**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.*

**Confession and Forgiveness** 죄의 고백과 용서

*The Rev. Matthew Emery*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 고백으로의 초청

*One:* Friends, as it is written, “If we say that we have no sin, 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8-9  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”  
In humility and in faith, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** 죄의 고백

**Many:** Lord Jesus, it seems impossible  
that anyone would give what you did to save ones like us;  
but, you gave yourself freely for our sakes.  
It seems unimaginable that anyone could love the way you did,  
including outcasts, rebels, and even your persecutors—  
refusing to strike back—  
but, you loved so much that you laid down your life for our sakes.  
It seems inconceivable  
that anyone would offer the forgiveness that you did  
even as nails pierced your flesh  
and the cross was stained with your blood,

but, you did not hold our sin against us,  
 and took our suffering onto on yourself.  
 Forgive us, that we have allowed greed and violence,  
 pride and deceit, bitterness and coldness,  
 to have a place in our hearts.  
 Fill us again with your immeasurable grace,  
 your inexhaustible love,  
 and your unconquerable life,  
 that we may be changed,  
 and live solely for you and your glory.

*Quiet is kept for personal confession and reflection.*

**PRAYER FOR MERCY: THE KYRIE** (setting by Lisa Waites) *Then Let Us Sing! #80*

*sung 3 times*

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**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!**

\* **Hymn 찬송** — “O Praise the Gracious Power”

*Voices United #397*

\* **Greeting 인사**

*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.**

**Opening Prayer** 오늘의 기도

**Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together** 교회소식

## WORD 말씀

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

**Anthem** — “Way Maker” by O.Okoro, arr. L.Larson

*The Choir*

You are here moving in our midst, I worship you, I worship you.

You are here working in this place, I worship you, I worship you.

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness; my God, that is who you are.

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness; my God, that is who you are.

You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship you, You are here healing ev'ry heart,

I worship you, I worship you. Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness;

My God, that is who you are. Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness;

My God, that is who you are, that is who are you, that is who you are,

You are here turning lives around, I worship you, I worship you.

You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship you, I worship you.

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness; my God that is who you are.

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness; my God that is who you are.

You are here moving in our midst, I worship you, I worship you, I worship you.

**The Early Word** 어린이 설교

*ending with* **The Lord's Prayer** 회중기도와 주기도

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

*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.*

**First Reading** 성경봉독 — Ruth 1:8-18, 22 *pew bibles OT p. 241*

As her story opens, Ruth, a widowed Moabite woman, goes above and beyond the call of duty to accompany Naomi, her widowed Israelite mother-in-law, to a new life back in Israel. In loving and tender words, Ruth pledges to stay with Naomi and to adopt Naomi's land and God as her own.

*after the reading:*

*One:* Word of God, Word of Life.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** 성경봉독 — John 19:23-27 *pew bibles NT p. 114*

In John's account of the crucifixion of Jesus, after the Roman soldiers had completed their nailing Jesus to the cross, the soldiers are off counting the spoils of their supposed victory over him, while four women stood near the cross. Words from Jesus unite his mother and the beloved disciple in a new way.

**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.**

**Sermon** 설교 — “The Word of Relationship”

*Rev. Matt*

*a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon*

\* Hymn 찬송 — “Come In, Come In and Sit Down (Part of the Family)” V.U. #395

\* Affirmation of Faith: from *A Song of Faith (2006)* 신앙의 고백

*Many:* By becoming flesh in Jesus,  
God makes all things new.  
In Jesus’ life, teaching, and self-offering,  
God empowers us to live in love.  
In Jesus’ crucifixion,  
God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.  
In Jesus’ resurrection,  
God overcomes death.  
Nothing separates us from the love of God.

## RESPONSE 응답

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

A Time of Prayer

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tim Bailey

\* PRESENTING OUR GIFTS 경배 찬양 — “Take, O Take Me as I Am” *More Voices* #85

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart, and live in me.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION 감사기도

**Many:** Christ Jesus, you were faithful unto death  
so that we might be faithful unto life.  
Your last command was that we might love one another:  
one family together from every tribe and nation,  
a new creation united through your sacrifice,  
redeemed by your blood, healed by your love,  
and united by your covenant of peace.  
By your Spirit, bless us and all that we offer,  
and empower us to live into such a calling  
ever more faithfully, this day and in each tomorrow. Amen.

## SENDING 파송

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

\* Hymn 찬송 — “The Church’s One Foundation”

Voices United #332

\* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

\* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — from “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” V. U. #142



Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre-cious foun-tain,  
십 자 가 로 가 까 이 나 를 이 끄 시 고



free to all, a heal-ing stream, flows from Cal-vary’s moun-tain.  
거 기 흘 린 보 혈 로 정 케 하 옴 소 서



In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,  
십 자 가 십 자 가 무 한 영 광 일 세



till my rap-tured soul shall find rest be-yond the riv - er.  
요 단 강 을 건 너 후 무 한 영 광 일 세

\* Dismissal 예배로 부름

**One:** Go in peace. Return to the Lord with all your heart.

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

**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:** Debbie Penn

**ushers/greeters:** Donna Lynch, Lewis Corkum

**digital ushers:** Daniel Ariss, Taewon Joh

**fellowship time hosts:** Sharon McBain, Mary Files

**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.



**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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 **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

The **Affirmation of Faith** we are using through the remaining Sundays in the season of Lent this year is a brief snippet from *A Song of Faith: A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada*. Adopted in 2006, *A Song of Faith* seeks to provide a verbal picture of what The United Church of Canada understands its faith to be in the historical, political, social, and theological context of the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. In 2012, *A Song of Faith* was, together with the *Statement of Faith* of 1940 and *A New Creed* from 1968, given place alongside the original Twenty Articles of Doctrine in The United Church’s 1925 *Basis of Union* as our denomination’s official “subordinate standards”—that is to say, the confessions-of-faith we recognize as the authoritative statements of our belief, albeit with authority *subordinate* to that of Biblical scripture itself. The entire text of *A Song of Faith* can be found at [united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements/song-faith-2006](https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/faith-statements/song-faith-2006).

**Things We Tell Ourselves:** March 11 - May 20, 2026, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET. After a century of established tradition, it's time to unpack the narratives we tell ourselves and align our ministry with the reality of today. The United Church of Canada invites you to **Things We Tell Ourselves**, a transformative ten-week series of learning sessions and workshops designed to bridge the gap between our history and a hope-filled, diverse future.

Whether you are a lay leader or a curious member, this program offers the chance to engage with expert instructors and new ideas and also build practical skills for an intercultural, multigenerational church.

Sessions include panels, small group planning, and deep-dive materials. Plus, every session you attend enters you into a draw for prizes including:

- Vinyl floor labyrinth for use in your church or home
- \$200 gift certificate to the United Church Bookstore (UCRD)
- A copy of **Celebrate God's Presence** book of worship services

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## Things We Tell Ourselves

Deconstructing modern-day myths about our church



## Meet

# JOSEPH HAYDN SEVEN LAST WORDS

Sunday, March 22, 2026 · 7:30 pm

Olivia Selig · Moriah Wax · Steve Froese · Jack Foster  
Ensemble Harmonia  
Vivaldi Chamber Choir  
Edette Gagné, Conductor  
Tony Lee, Producer



## Haydn's *Seven Last Words* Concert - March 22:

Join us for a superb performance of Joseph Haydn's *Seven Last Words* featuring professional soloists, accomplished guest choral singers, and a professional-level string ensemble.

*The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross (Die sieben letzten Worte unseres Erlösers am Kreuze)*, Hob. XX/2, is a contemplative oratorio written by Joseph Haydn in 1796 for Good Friday, based on his earlier orchestra-only work of the same name. 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.

For many, this oratorio may be a lesser-known masterpiece. This deeply moving composition explores profound themes of sacrifice, redemption, and the human experience. In his YouTube series, *The Ultimate Classical Music Guide*, music critic David Hurwitz offers an insightful introduction, explaining the work's distinctive structure, emotional depth, and its important role in Haydn's legacy and the sacred music of the Classical era: give it a watch if you're interested in learning more: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwOJm2BWD3Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EwOJm2BWD3Q)

This promises to be an outstanding evening both for classical music lovers and for anyone looking for a unique way to enrich their spiritual journey through the Christian religious season of Lent. One of four performances being offered in Metro Vancouver in March 2026, this will be the only performance taking place in the South-of-the-Fraser (Delta-Surrey-Langley) portion of the region.

The work will be **sung in English**, with narration and a moving visual image show providing the text in real time. The performance lasts just under one hour, and is offered without intermission.

**Olivia Selig, Moriah Wax, Steve Froese, and Jack Foster, soloists**

**Members of Vancouver's Vivaldi Chamber Choir**

**Ensemble Harmonia**

**Edette Gagné, conductor**

*Tony Lee, producer*

Net proceeds from ticket sales, after costs, will **benefit the Surrey Women's Centre**. The Surrey Women's Centre works in collaboration with the medical and justice communities for the safety and care of survivors and children escaping violence, empowering survivors and changing the definition of 'victim', with the goal of seeing gender-based violence diminish and one day disappear from our cultural lexicon. As the sufferings of Christ are remembered in this season, let us all work together to support and empower ones suffering from violence in our own midst.

## Pray

*New this week...*

- For **Emily**, recovering from surgery.
- For the peoples of **Iran**, as they face the onslaught of military action, and the peoples of other countries in the Middle East, as they face retaliatory actions.
- For **Seungan**, father of Pastor Youngsun, recovering from a duodenum perforation, and for Youngsun as he travels to South Korea to be with him.
- For our **Muslim** siblings and neighbours, continuing the journey through the holy month of Ramadan, that the fasting, prayer, reflection, and community of this time may lead to closer communion with God and fellow humanity.
- In thanksgiving for the witness to Christ happening through the peoples and

ministries of **St. Andrew's - Wesley** United Church in Vancouver, **St. Columba** United-Anglican Shared Ministry in Port Hardy, **St. David's by the Lake** United-Anglican Shared Ministry in Celista, **St. David's** United Church in West Vancouver, **St. George's** United Church in Courtenay, and **St. John - Gaubert** United-Anglican Shared Ministry in Port McNeill.

- For the nations and peoples of **Ireland** and the **United Kingdom** (including **England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales**). *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the many distinct cultures in these islands and how literature, music, dance, and other traditions rooted here, have enriched people around the world; the economic and other aid that consistently have come from the area to those in the world who are most in need; the many who have emigrated to other parts of the world, and in turn, the immigrants from these lands who are now turning the United Kingdom and Ireland into increasingly multi-ethnic, multireligious societies; and the positive contributions Great Britain has made in world history and that church leaders have played in the ecumenical and interfaith movements.... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* the healing of scars and memories that linger after times of colonization; overcoming barriers so that all might experience welcome as these countries become more genuinely multi-ethnic and multi-faith; resolving differences and political tensions over how Great Britain should relate to the rest of Europe; dealing with the challenges of increasing secularism and the emergence of new ways of expressing religion and spirituality. (*fr. World Council of Churches prayer cycle*)

*Ongoing...*

- Renewed prayers for healing and strength for **David**, brother of Mary, continuing in hospital in England for more than six weeks.
- For **Dianne**, following a hip fracture and resulting surgery.
- Renewed prayers for **Maya** Gebala, in hospital at BC Children's Hospital facing life-threatening injuries from the tragic shooting incident in Tumbler Ridge.
- 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, 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

**Shop & Support:** Support Cloverdale United Church by purchasing prepaid gift cards for a variety of retailers and restaurants through CUC's Shop and Support program. You can order online at <https://forms.gle/cXVZDdXzkZZ2xPMt9> until **March 9, 2026**, or give your order and payment to Judy Cook this Sunday. When the gift cards are ready for pickup, they can be collected at the church office during office hours or from Judy Cook on Sundays.

### Earth - Heart - Sky — A Vivaldi Chamber Choir performance:

*Saturday, March 21, 7:30 pm at Pacific Spirit United Church, Vancouver*

If you're willing to travel to Vancouver, you have the opportunity to hear Vancouver's accomplished Vivaldi Chamber Choir *twice* in one weekend: once on Saturday in Vancouver for their winter term concert "Earth - Heart - Sky", and then again on Sunday right here at Cloverdale United Church for Haydn's *Seven Last Words*.

For the Saturday performance, Vivaldi Chamber Choir presents *Earth - Heart - Sky*, a concert that explores the themes of earth, heart, and sky through music by multiple Indigenous composers alongside a selection of non-Indigenous composers. Artistic director Edette Gagné, together with collaborative pianist Karen Lee-Morlang, leads this fascinating program that features choral gems by Sherryl Sewapagaham, Andrew Balfour, T. Pat Carrabré, Stuart Beatch, Morten Lauridsen, Kim André Arneson, and Nicholas Fairbank.

Saturday, March 21, 7:30 pm, at Pacific Spirit United Church (2195 W. 45th Ave [at Yew], Vancouver [Kerrisdale]). Advance tickets: Adult \$40, Senior \$35, Student \$25, Under 16 Free. Purchase online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/earth-heart-sky-tickets-1981544865033>. Contact [info@vivaldichoir.org](mailto:info@vivaldichoir.org), 778-862-5691 or visit [www.vivaldichoir.org](http://www.vivaldichoir.org) for more information.

(Some CUCers will recognize that Vivaldi Chamber Choir is the ensemble with which our own Rev. Matt sings. He will be singing in the Saturday "Earth - Heart - Sky" performance. However, he is not part of the subset of the choir singing the Seven Last Words performances this year; for our concert at CUC on March 22... we will instead hear his voice as the narrator!)



**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 21, 2026**  
**7:30 PM**



### Earth - Heart - Sky

*featuring works by Indigenous Composers and guest violinist*

Artistic Director

**Edette Gagné**

Collaborative Pianist

**Karen Lee-Morlang**

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*Mother's day*  
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Our generosity supports partners as they show up, day in and day out, wherever there is need.

When wildfires displace families: they're there to open their doors in welcome.

When food prices rise beyond reach: they're organizing food distribution before cupboards are bare.

When storms wash away infrastructure: they're planting crops in soil made fragile by climate change.

When isolation presses in on communities: they're creating safe spaces for learning, healing, and belonging.

Every gift we give through Mission and Service is fuel for this response. Our collective generosity becomes groceries on a table, a workshop that shifts harmful beliefs, seeds planted in changing climates, and training for leaders.

This work is not theoretical. It's daily, practical, and faithful. And it grows because, together, we continue to help it grow.

Spring is coming. Let's make sure hope grows everywhere it's needed. Give to support Mission and Service today <https://united-church.ca/donate>; help love take root.



GOD, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME? I AM THIRSTY. IT IS FINISHED. GIVE ME YOUR HANDS TO COMFORT MY SPIRIT.

HERE IS YOUR SON.  
HERE IS YOUR MOTHER.



ARE DOING. THEY TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE. HERE IS YOUR SON. HERE

MY GOD MY GOD

HERE

IS YOUR MOTHER

# 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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