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*“Entry into the City”
print by John August Swanson, 1990*

Palm Sunday 종려주일
A Service of the Word

29 March 2026 • 10:30 AM

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“The politics of the Holy Land are intractable. After centuries of hostility, it isn’t surprising. The basic need is trust. Once there is a basis of trust, there is hope; once there is hope, the talking can be constructive.

“God has placed us in a world where different aspirations, however deeply felt, can collide. The lesson we learn from Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday is that the proud war-horse the Jews were expecting their Messiah to ride turned out to be the humblest of creatures, a donkey. Pride does not inspire trust; humility does. Do I trust the person who is nothing but ‘I can do this and that and the other, look at me?’ Wouldn’t I rather incline to trust the person who says: ‘That’s a good idea of yours. Maybe you’re right. Tell me more.’?”

— *Rev. Maxwell Craig (1931-2009), Church of Scotland minister*
Written for Palm Sunday 2001. From 1999-2000, Mr. Craig served as Minister of the Church of Scotland congregation in Jerusalem.

GATHERING 모임

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

***The assembly gathers outdoors on the church grounds,
receiving palms as they arrive.***

* **Opening Acclamation** 예배로 부름 *Rev. Matthew Emery, lead minister*

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many: Hosanna in the highest!

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One: BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

Many: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

* **Processional Gospel Reading** 성경봉독 — Matthew 21:1-11

The long journey of Jesus and his disciples toward Jerusalem, capital of the territory and home of the Temple, culminates in an odd-yet-triumphal parade scene: mounted on a humble donkey and surrounded by the last and the least, Jesus enters to highest honours and acclamations

* **Blessing of the Palms** 기도 *Youngsun Cheon, associate minister*

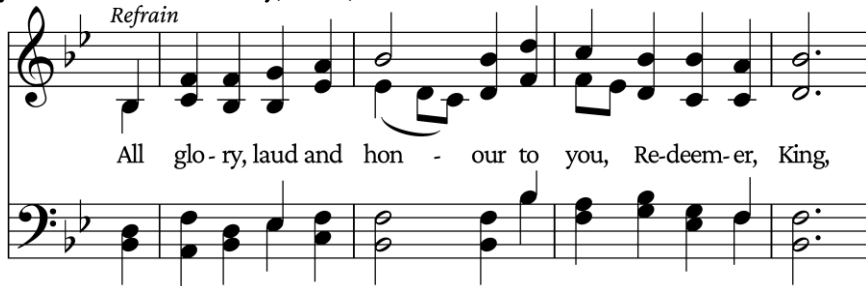
* **Procession** 교회로 행진

One: Let us go forth in peace,

Many: in the name of Christ. Amen.

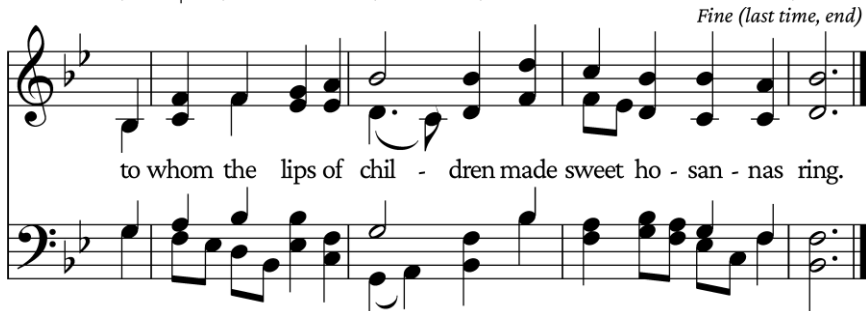
*Following the worship leaders, the assembly processes into the Sanctuary.
As the assembly arrives in the Meeting House, the hymn → will begin*

Refrain

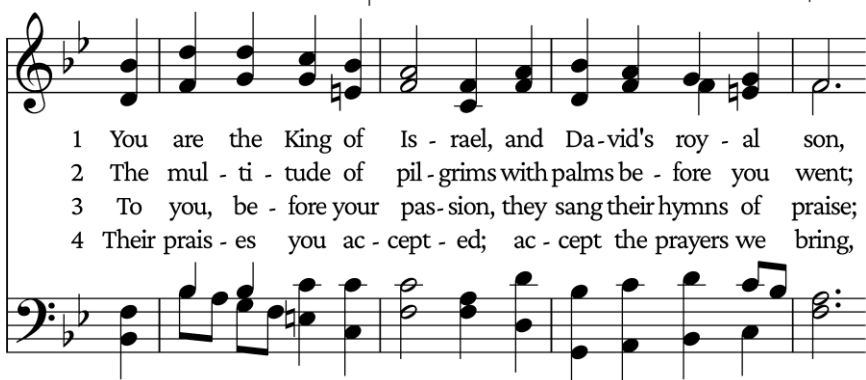


All glo - ry, laud and hon - our to you, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine (last time, end)

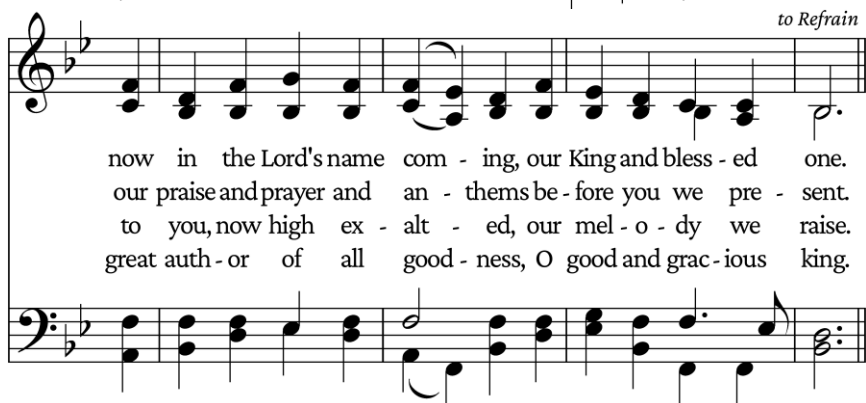


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da-vid's roy - al son,
2 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great auth - or of all good - ness, O good and grac - ious king.

* **Acclamations** 고백

Rev. Matt & Pastor Youngsun

One: We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

Many: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**
Hosanna in the highest!

One: Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

Many: *(louder)* **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**
Hosanna in the highest!

One: Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation.

Yet, within a few short days,
they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened,
unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

Many: *(softer)* **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**
Hosanna in the highest!

One: We, too, long to join the triumphal procession,
only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future,
reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

Many: *(softer)* **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**
Hosanna in the highest!

One: Yet this Palm Sunday, we receive palm branches,
a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus
as he travelled toward the cross.

Many: *(louder)* **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**
Hosanna in the highest!

One: Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago,
we take our palm branches and greet Jesus, shouting:

Many: *(very loud)* **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**
Hosanna in the highest!

* **Greeting & Prayer of the Day** 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.**

One: Let us pray.

God of our salvation,

Many: **we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who came in your name
and turned the lonely way of rejection and death
into triumph.**

**Grant us the steadfast faith
to enter the gates of righteousness,
that we may receive grace to become worthy citizens
of your holy realm. Amen.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
 Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
 Lift a song of highest praise! Wave the palms, prepare His way,
 for blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
 Hosanna, loud hosanna! The little children sang:
 Thro’ pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. Hosanna!
 “Hosanna, in the highest!” That ancient song we sing.
 For Christ is the Redeemer, the Lord of heav’, and King!
 O, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
 And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!
 Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

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

WORD 말씀

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

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Ross Shearer, children’s ministry leader

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, 나라이 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.

Scripture Reading 성경봉독 — John 19:29-30

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With “all things” having reached the appointed end, Jesus utters his final statement from the cross in John’s account—it is finished—a word not only of finality, but of fulfilment and completion. He then gives up his life.

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 Triumph”

The Rev. Matthew Emery

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Voices United #147

*** 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

Pastor Youngsun

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Pastor Youngsun

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F#4, C5), followed by a series of eighth notes: F#4, C5, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line: F#2, C3, G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.



* *PRAYER OF DEDICATION* 감사기도

Many: Grant us, gracious God,
 the courage to walk in your way of costly offering,
 where all our life is gratitude
 and all our work is generosity lavished upon your poor.
 Grant us, faithful God,
 the devotion to walk in your way of light,
 where all our words are blessings
 and all our deeds are a nourishment of the body, mind, and soul.
 Grant us, suffering God,
 the dedication to walk in your way of the cross,
 where all our thought is compassion
 and all our prayer an intercession for your people and your world.
 Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

- * **Hymn** 찬송 — “There in God’s Garden” *Voices United #346 – vv. 1-5*
- * **Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도 *Rev. Matt*
- * **RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — “There in God’s Garden” *Voices United #346 – v. 6*
- * **Dismissal** 예배로 부름 *Pastor Youngsun*
One: Go in peace. Return to the Lord with all your heart.
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: Trixie Martyn

ushers/greeters: Roselyne Muni, Christine Stueckl

digital ushers: Daniel Ariss, Taewon Joh

fellowship time hosts: Sharon McBain, Lorrie Brown.

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 eTransfer@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca), or by credit card via CanadaHelps (service fees apply). Want to give now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR → to be taken to CanadaHelps.





Children are welcome at all services! It is important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, “faith is caught, not taught!” Children are encouraged to stand and sing with the songs, partake in communion, read and pray along when they can, and join in for the “Early Word”—a time at the front with conversation just for them near the beginning of the service. Most Sundays September through June, we have “**Children's Church**” activities during the latter two-thirds of the service in the Lounge on the lower level, to which any pre-school through grade 5 aged child is welcome! For those accompanying infants or toddlers who need a spot to ‘escape’ to during the worship service, feel free to make use of the “**Quiet Room**” off the side of the sanctuary, near the piano, where there you will find comfortable seating, toys, and a changing table all while being able to hear and see the worship service.



Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our worship services, and that the resulting content may be transmitted over Zoom, YouTube, or other platforms.

Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the sanctuary, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area at the rear centre of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.

 **Washrooms** can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).

 Thank you for **silencing cell phones** and other devices, and for refraining from flash photography.

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Thursday, April 2nd — MAUNDY THURSDAY

Experiential Simple Supper Worship Gathering @ 5:00 pm, Lower Hall: As we enter into the “Great Three Days” remembering Jesus gathering with his disciples for a last meal before the events of his arrest, trial, torture and crucifixion, and death, we come together for a multi-sensory, experiential meal-and-worship gathering. Planned and led by diaconal ministries student Ross Shearer, working in collaboration with Pastor Youngsun, a mix of creative storytelling, ritual, simple song, and more will invite us to experience ordinary in the extraordinary and extraordinary in the ordinary. Worship includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Friday, April 3rd — GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Worship Service @ 12:00 Noon: *“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”*, with **Rev. Matt preaching:** the final in our series on the “seven last ‘words’ of Christ from the cross”. *Worship includes prayers around the cross and music from our choir.*

Sunday, April 5th — EASTER DAY

Community Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:45 am on the church grounds: The morning opens with an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am for children and youth on the church grounds, prior to worship, accompanied by light Easter breakfast foods, coffee, and more for all, as we gather in joy, festivity, and fellowship. Open to all from all around our community, regardless of plans to stay for the worship service following.

Festival Worship Service @ 10:30 am: Celebrate God's victory over death with our Festival Service of Word and Feast for the Resurrection of Our Lord! Rev. Matt preaching; worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Learn

The **Affirmation of Faith** we are using through 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 21st 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 found in The United Church's 1925 *Basis of Union* as one of 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.

Interested in Membership or simply Learning More?

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 want to say a fuller "Yes!" to God and to this particular community of faith by becoming a full member of Cloverdale United Church? If either or both of these sound like you, let Rev. Matt know, and he'll work with you to decide on appropriate next steps. For those who do decide membership is the right step for them at this time, we're looking forward to our next new member joining on April 12th, the Sunday after Easter. Drop Pastor Matt a note at matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca today! 클로버데일 연합교회, 더 넓게는 캐나다 연합교회에 대해, 우리의 특별한 신앙 관점과 역사 등에 대해 알고 싶으신가요? 클로버데일 연합교회의 정회원이 되어 하나님과 이 특별한 신앙 공동체에 더 완전한 '예!'를 하고 싶으신가요? 이 중 하나 또는 둘 다 해당된다면, 맏 목사님께 알려주시기 바랍니다. 목사님께서 함께 적절한 다음 단계를 결정해 드릴 것입니다. 지금이 회원 가입이 적합한 시기라고 결정하신 분들을 위해, 우리는 부활절 다음 주일인 4월 12일에 새로운 회원이 합류하기를 기대하고 있습니다. 오늘 바로 matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca 로 맏 목사님께 연락해 주세요!



Meet

Sunshine / Friendship: The Funshine meeting is on **Wednesday, April 1, at 1:30pm** in the Lounge. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: *“So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’” (Matthew 27:24)* When the enormity of the world’s problems – such as climate crises, war, hunger and refugees – becomes too much, it is tempting to do like Pilate, to wash our hands and do nothing. May we instead strive to be people of action who follow the example of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Pray

New this week...

- For **Mark**, injured in a recent fall, and for **Dianne**, needing to care for him while still recovering from her own recent fall and hip surgery.
- In thanksgiving for the life of the brother of Michelle who recently passed away, and for God’s peace and strength upon Michelle and all of their family.
- Renewed prayers for healing and strengthening for **Gurpal**, husband of Michelle, continuing a long journey of recovery from significant surgery late last year.
- In thanksgiving for the gift of new life made visible in the birth last Sunday of **Rowland**, great nephew of Debbie.
- For living signs of God’s presence and power to be manifest in new ways once again for Christians around the world observing the solemnities of **Holy Week and Easter** in these coming days, and in thanksgiving for God’s great work of salvation in the work of Christ’s death and resurrection.
- For the nations and peoples of the **Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the faithful witness of Christians here through the centuries, especially in times of occupation and persecution; the peaceful resolution of disputes; the distinctive cultural contributions and resources in these lands; and the religious freedom and ecumenical cooperation that is growing. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* greater respect for the Roma people and others who are marginalized and who lack adequate livelihoods in these lands; welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities; growth in spiritual as well as physical health; and democratic governance that advances God’s justice and peace for all. (*from the World Council of Churches’ prayer cycle*)

Ongoing...

- In thanksgiving for the life of **Priscilla** Anderson, daughter of CUC worshipper Dorothy Anderson, who died March 10th at the age of 39; and for God's peace surpassing all understanding to surround her fiancé O'Neal Bassra, their young twin daughters, Dorothy, and all others who mourn Priscilla's passing.
- For all those displaced by the recent fire at **Chartwell Carrington House** in Mission.
- In thanksgiving for successful cardiac surgery recently for CUC member **May**, and for God's continuing strengthening and healing.
- For **J.**, a neighbourhood secondary school student back in hospital following the rejection of the organ transplant received last fall, and for J.'s family facing a variety of needs arising from this journey.
- Continued and renewed prayers 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, and for us all as we face the ecological and psychological repercussions of war.
- 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 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

Mother's Day Plant Sale: We invite you to support the Church by ordering some beautiful, colourful plants for your home. Our plants will be supplied by Clearview Nursery, known for its healthy, long-lasting hanging baskets and bedding plants. All plants will come in **4½-inch pots**.

If you have a preference for specific colours, please include a note with your order. We will do our best to accommodate your request if those colours are available. *Please note that all orders are subject to availability.*

We welcome online orders from now until **March 31, 2026**. Payment can be made in person by **cash or cheque**, or by **eTransfer to **ucw@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca**.

Plant pickup will take place in the **church parking lot on Saturday, May 9, 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact: **Jamie Brown**, email: jamie.brown@telus.net | Phone: **604-514-3108**

Summer 2026 Possibilities for Youth:

Do you have a “youth” in your household? Is there a “youth” connected to your family somehow? Do you know any “youth” about whom you care? (Youth being a person roughly ages 12 or to 18, or middle- and high-school grades)

You should make sure they know about a couple of great opportunities for things to engage with this summer through The United Church of Canada:

1.) "YouthCrew" for the Pacific Mountain region's "Camp Spirit"

Youth in grades 8 through 11 are invited to sign up to be part of the Camp Spirit YouthCrew for the coming summer. If connecting with other youth, engaging in fun, active and creative programming with children, and gaining new leadership skills sounds like an amazing way to spend a week or two this summer – we would love to have you join us!

In person training takes place April 24-26 at Camp Fircom on Gambier Island, so get you name in!

If you live outside of Greater Vancouver, we cover all your travel costs to join us for training, but you **MUST** sign up by **APRIL 1st**.

Information about YouthCrew is available on the Camp Spirit website <https://www.campspirit.ca/youth-crew.html> and sign up is on our registration portal here <https://app.amilia.com/store/en/chinook-pacific-uccan/shop/programs/97661>. We look forward to you being part of Camp Spirit!



2.) **Collective 2026: (em)brace for Impact -- National youth gathering for The United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada**
Wed, Aug 12 - Sat, Aug 15, at Brock University, in St. Catharines ON



Are you ready to (em)brace for impact? Collective 2026 is a spirit-filled national gathering for youth, young adults, and their leaders from across Canada. Hosted by The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada, this groundbreaking ecumenical event is a space to grow in faith, dream boldly, and build authentic community.

What to Expect at #Collective2026

- Dynamic Streams: Specialized tracks for high school youth, young adults, and youth leaders (clergy and lay).
- Inspirational Worship: Interactive sessions featuring Rev. Shalini Rajack-Sankarlal and Rev. Jeffrey Dawn.
- Impactful Workshops: From Climate Motivators and Youth Advocacy, to Photography and Tie-Dye.
- Discipleship Groups: Small group spaces to wrestle with big ideas and share shared experiences.
- Epic Recreation: Big games, dance parties, energizers, and late-night lounge hangs.

Why "(Em)brace for Impact"?

We live in a world where we often feel "braced" for the next challenge. At Collective, we choose to embrace one another in care and authenticity, and embrace our power to create positive change (impact) in the name of Jesus.

For more information, to sign up for updates, and/or to Register: Visit the Collective 2026 website: <https://www.collective-gathering.ca/> Registration closes June 15, 2026.

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!



Steady Presence on the Northern

Landscape: In Fort Nelson, BC, where the landscape is vast and the seasons are bold, Hillcrest United Church has been a vibrant presence for more than 60 years.

Rural ministry carries its own rhythm—shaped by distance, resilience, and close-knit relationships. At Hillcrest, that spirit is tangible. Worship blends cherished hymns with newer songs. Faith is lived not only in the sanctuary, but in everyday acts of care and connection.

As a rural church, Hillcrest plays an essential role in community life—offering pastoral presence, encouragement, and a welcoming space where everyone belongs. Accessible and intentionally inclusive, it reflects the strength and generosity that define rural communities across Canada.

Hillcrest offers points of connection beyond Sunday services, inviting the community to Christmas and Spring teas, garage sales, and events peppered throughout the year.

Through Mission and Service, Hillcrest is part of a wider movement of hope. From northern British Columbia, their generosity supports ministries across the country and around the world—and they, too, are strengthened by this shared experience.

Hillcrest reminds us that rural congregations are vital expressions of faith—grounded, resilient, and forward-looking.

When we give to Mission and Service, we are standing with rural communities like Hillcrest—sustaining ministry, nurturing connection, and helping vibrant congregations continue to flourish in every part of Canada.



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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