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The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
A Festival Service of Word & Feast

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“Come, then, people of every nation, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness[, says the risen Christ.] I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will lead you to the heights of heaven. I will show you the eternal Father. With my right hand I will raise you up.”

— from an Easter homily by Melito of Sardis (circa AD 100-180), early Christian bishop in the western part of modern-day Turkey

GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

The Rev. Matthew Emery, lead minister

One: Early in the morning,
fearful but faithful,
dubious and doubting,

Many: We came to the garden...

One: We expected only silence

Many: but we heard the voice of angels.

One: We did not understand

Many: but we found our hope rekindled.

One: We came to attend to a corpse

Many: but instead we encountered Life!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Hymn 찬송 — “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2 Love's re-deem - ing work is done, Hal - le - lu - jah!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,

All cre - a - tion, join to say;
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 where, O death, is now your sting?
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,

raise your joys and tri - umph high;
 Lo, our sun's e - clipse is o'er! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Once he died, our souls to save:
 Made like him, like him we rise,

sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply:
 Lo, he dwells in death no more! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

*** Acclamation & Greeting 인사**

Youngsun Cheon, associate minister

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Pastor Youngsun

One: Let us pray.

Many: **O living Lord,**

**on the first Easter Day you stood in the midst of your disciples
as the conqueror of sin and death and spoke to them your peace.
Come to us, we pray, in your risen power
and make us glad with your presence,
and so breathe your Holy Spirit into our hearts
that we may be strong to serve you
and spread abroad your good news,
for the glory of your great name. Amen.**

*** Song of Praise: Gloria 찬송** — “Glory, glory, glory to God” *Then Let Us Sing! #9*

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est,
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, to God be praise!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회소식

Pastor Matt

WORD 말씀

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

Anthem — “Crown Him!” by Mary McDonald

The Choir

Behold the cross, Behold the Lamb. Behold the sacrifice of God’s salvation plan.
The Son of God, He came sin of man to claim.
Crown Him, Crown Him! Savior, Lord, Most Holy.
Crown Him, Crown Him! Christ, the Lord of all.
Rejoice, the King! Rejoice, the Savior. Sing high the praise of God in Christ,
Jesus, the Son. Whose death on Calvary was victory!
Crown Him, Crown Him! Savior, Lord Most Holy.
Crown Him, Crown Him! Christ, the Lord of all.
Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna to the King!

*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 — Jeremiah 31:1-6

pew bibles OT p. 733

God’s final word is always “Yes.” Because God’s love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — Matthew 28:1-10

pew bibles NT p. 33

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

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 — “Shaken by Hope”

Pastor Matt

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Because You Live, O Christ”

Voices United #178

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

Pr. Youngsun

**Many: The Risen Christ lives today,
present to us and the source of our hope.**

**In response to who Jesus was
and to all he did and taught,
to his life, death, and resurrection,
and to his continuing presence with us through the Spirit,
we celebrate him as
the Word made flesh,
the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined,
the transformation of our lives,
the Christ.**

**Grateful for God’s loving action,
we cannot keep from singing.
Creating and seeking relationship,
in awe and trust,
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Pastor Youngsun

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

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

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

Invitation to the Feast

Pastor Matt & Pastor Youngsun

Gathering the Gifts and Preparing the Table 봉헌

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tim Bailey

* **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS** 경배 찬양 — Festival Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures



here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ whose



pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*** The Great Thanksgiving** 성찬 감사기도

Pastor Matt & Pastor Youngsun

One: The Lord be with you.

***Many:* And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

***Many:* We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Many:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with all the faithful of every time and every place,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, rais'd from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness;



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

One: Creator of the cosmos, Breath of heaven, Lover of us all,
 you are our praise, our life, our joy.
 You are there
 through desert wanderings and wilful murmurings,
 rebellious running and tears of complaint.
 You are there
 when sorrow becomes our daily food;
 you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing.
 Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord,
 you are there
 in stable and temple, river and hillside,
 cross and tomb
 and even beyond the grave.
 You are there in shining glory,
 overcoming death and welcoming us to life.
 You meet us in the breaking of bread,
 you pour out the wine of salvation;
 you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.
 By your Spirit, make these gifts be to us
 the body and blood of Christ.
 By your Spirit, make us one with you and with each other,
 Christ's body for others.
 By your Spirit, make us strong
 that we might share your love
 with all your blessed and broken world.
 Fount of mercy, Fire of justice, dearest Friend,
 bind us to you and send us out to seek and serve and sing your praise,
 until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song.

Many: Amen.

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are *all* guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to *all* – including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God’s people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a *joyful* feast for *all* the people of God.

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Toutes les personnes sont les bienvenues et invitées à la fête de la communion !

ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੰਗਤੀ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ!

欢迎所有人参加圣餐节!

We receive communion at stations in the front of the church. You will come forward via the centre aisle to one of the stations to receive a piece of bread and a cup. Partake of these and return to your seat via the side aisles.

성찬을 위한 분병과 분잔은 본당 앞쪽에서 진행됩니다. 성찬에 참여하는 성도님들은 앞으로 나오셔서 개인별로 빵과 컵을 받고 자리로 돌아가시면 됩니다.

Anyone with mobility concerns may simply signal an usher or communion server to be brought the sacrament at your seat. All cups have **non-alcoholic grape juice**, and all bread is **gluten-free**.

거동이 불편한 분들이 계시다면 안내원이나 봉사자들에게 알려주십시오. 자리로 가져다 드리겠습니다. 모든 성찬 포도주는 클로버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION:

Hymn 찬송 — “Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!”

More Voices #121

Hymn 찬송 — “Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks”

Voices United #179

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: Glorious Lord of Life,

may we, who share in Christ’s body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and
2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its
4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has a -
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re-deem-er burst from the
strength by God was dis-persed. He who gives life did death un - der
ris - en this world to save. Je - sus’ re-deem-ing la - bours are
ia, to him prais-es be. Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all

tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
go, and in its con - quest his might did show,
done. Ev - en the bat - tle with sin is won.”
sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death’s fear-ful

sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,

al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*** Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도

Pastor Matt

One: ... Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***Many:* Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

***RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 —*fr.* “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

♪ Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia! ♪

*** Dismissal** 예배로 부름

Pastor Youngsun

One: Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Many:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*** 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 ...

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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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Worship next Sunday, April 12: 3rd Annual “Instant Sermon”

Next Sunday is the opportunity we know you’ve all been waiting for: it’s your turn to stump the chump... errr... we mean, **stump the preacher!**

In worship next week, we’ll have our 3rd annual Sunday-after-Easter “**instant sermon**” based on **your** questions about God, Jesus, faith, the Bible, worship, life, and more.

What’s that faith question that’s always been nagging at you, but you never had the chance to ask? Or that thing you’ve always thought, ‘Well, I know what I myself believe about this, but what would Rev. Matt say?’ It could be something huge, like “Why do bad things happen to good people?”, or a bit more ordinary, like “Why do some churches use wine for Communion, and others (like ours) use grape juice?” Or whatever... God, Bible, faith, prayer, Jesus, liturgy, living out your discipleship... it’s all fair game for this “instant sermon”.

There’ll be time early in the service for you to write and submit your questions, and then when we get to the sermon time, Pastor Matt will try to address what he can... and he acknowledges that there are most definitely things he can’t!

Learn

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!

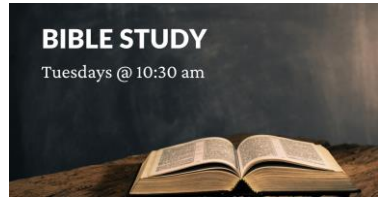
클로버데일 연합교회, 더 넓게는 캐나다 연합교회에 대해, 우리의 특별한 신앙 관점과 역사 등에 대해 알고 싶으신가요? 클로버데일 연합교회의 정회원이 되어 하나님과 이 특별한 신앙 공동체에 더 완전한 '예!'를 하고 싶으신가요? 이 중 하나 또는 둘 다 해당된다면, 맷 목사님께 알려주시기 바랍니다. 목사님께서 함께 적절한 다음 단계를 결정해 드릴 것입니다. 지금이 회원 가입이 적합한 시기라고 결정하신 분들을 위해, 우리는 부활절 다음 주일인 4월 12일에 새로운 회원이 합류하기를 기대하고 있습니다. 오늘 바로 matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca 로 맷 목사님께 연락해 주세요!



Tuesday AM Bible Study

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, in-person in the CUC Lounge and online via Zoom. No session on April 7th; resumes April 14th.

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 online via Zoom (Meeting ID 881 7265 4719, Passcode 859456)! *For more information, contact Rev. Matt: matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca.*



Serve

Join Our ELL Teaching Team: We are looking for volunteer teachers to serve in our ELL (English Language Learning) classes. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and before the Sunday worship service. Volunteers may choose one of the three days to serve, based on their availability.

If anyone is interested in serving, please scan the QR code and complete the Volunteer Registration Form. If you have any questions, please reach out to Yumi Park at yumi@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca



Storehouse Cloverdale Community

Kitchen Team: Next serving

opportunity: April 17



Our congregation, together with our siblings at Northwood United Church in Fleetwood, has a volunteer team that serves monthly at the Community Dinner program at the Cloverdale Community Kitchen, now part of the Storehouse Community Hub Society (<https://www.storehousesociety.ca/programs/cloverdale-community-kitchen>).

We serve on the 3rd Friday of each month, so the next serving opportunity is **Friday, April 17**.

Volunteers simply show up around 4:00 pm to the Pacific Community Church building ([5337 180 Street, Surrey, BC V3S 4K5](#)) to begin meal preparation and setup. The team typically finishes up with the post-meal clean-up between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.

Each time we serve, the crew for that particular night is made of up a different subset of the larger team list, based on who's available and interested for that date... don't shy away even if you only want to try it out once!

To keep informed about this great opportunity to express your discipleship to Jesus in a concrete, hands-on ministry of mercy-making and service, just email Bev Woods (a congregant at Northwood) at woodsbe@hotmail.com and she'll add you to the team's email list.

Pray

New this week...

- For **airline and air-travel-related workers** all around the world, facing the stresses of those roles, especially in the face of military activity and in the wake of accidents.
- For **power and new life visible and active within our church...** locally here at Cloverdale United Church, within The United Church of Canada nationally, and throughout all of Christ's Body, the church throughout the world.
- For the nations and peoples of the **The Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the rich legacies that this area has long embodied; those who kept both the people and their faith alive during years of repression; those pursuing peace and reconciliation between the different ethnic and religious groups; the resurgence of the ecumenical witness of churches in recent years. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* a continual healing of historic memories and pains that have been mutually inflicted; those who continue to experience marginalization and injustice, especially the Roma; religion to be a means of healing rather than of further separation and exploitation; the nurturing and sustaining of pluralistic societies in the Balkans. *(from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle)*

Ongoing...

- 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 of **Rowland**, great nephew of Debbie.
- In thanksgiving for the life of **Priscilla**, 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, their young twin daughters, Dorothy, and all others who mourn Priscilla's passing.
- 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

Ohhhh, Canada!

A Spring Community

Music Concert

Saturday, May 9,

2026, 7:00 pm

The Cloverdale

United Church

choir, other in-house musicians, and other friends connected to our community will come together on May 9th to share in a just-for-fun evening of music and merriment. An amateur-variety-show-style programme, with repertoire primarily from *outside* the realm of “sacred” music, this year’s spring community music concert will highlight selections that are rooted in or celebrate Canada in one way or another. Full-chorus pieces, solos, small ensemble numbers... contemplative, colourful, or even comedic... one never knows what to expect at a CUC spring concert! Watch our website at cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca for more information soon...



Camp Spirit Registration is Open:

This year, Camp Spirit will partner with 22 United Church Communities of Faith across the Pacific Mountain Regional Council to bring fun, creative, and meaningful experiences to children, youth, and families in communities across the region. Help spread the word and invite children and youth to register for Camp Spirit and Level Up Youth programs. Check out all our locations and sign up here,

<https://www.campspirit.ca/summertime-camps.html>



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.



Rooted and Rising: The stone was rolled away in a small, overlooked place. Not in the centre of power, or a crowded city. Across Canada, in small towns and rural communities, churches continue to be places of discovery and renewed life.

In Fort Nelson, British Columbia, Hillcrest United Church has stood on the northern landscape for more than 60 years. In a place shaped by distance and long winters, the church gathers neighbours in prayer, in song, and in everyday acts of care. Traditions are honoured, new life is welcomed, and everyone is invited in.

In Chipman, New Brunswick, volunteers at Chipman United Church prepare meals for neighbours who need them. Young people help lead worship. When some members could no longer attend in person, the church carried worship online—and discovered thousands of people joining to be part of that circle of prayer.

At Tobermory United Church, the building hums with life throughout the week. Community groups gather and space is shared with neighbouring congregations. Down the road, their thrift shop offers affordable goods—and when someone needs help, those items are tenderly given.

This is rural ministry. Creative, determined, and deeply rooted in community. These churches are not fading away. They are adapting, experimenting, and opening their doors in new ways so faith and community can continue to flourish.

At Easter, we proclaim that new life can break through even when the future feels uncertain.

Through Mission and Service, we help make that possible. Together, we strengthen communities that continue to serve, welcome, and care in places across this country.

This Easter, please [give generously](#) to Mission and Service. We are helping to ensure that hope continues to rise—in rural communities across Canada, and around the world.



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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