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"Jesus Welcomes All"

Painting on mural, Sudan, 21st

The 4th Sunday of Easter
A Service of the Word

26 April 2026 • 10:30 AM

Acclamation & Greeting 인사

The Rev. Matthew Emery, lead 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.

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

Pastor Matt

One: Salvation belongs to our God,
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!

Many: We have come to fall on our faces
Before the throne
and worship the Lord with singing!

One: Together we say, "Amen!"

Many: Together we proclaim that blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honour and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!

*** Hymn 찬송** — "I Have Called You by Your Name"

More Voices #161

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Youngsun Cheon, associate minister

One: Let us pray.

Many: Tender of green pastures,
come and lie down with us,
for we yearn to rest in you.
Send your Holy Spirit to grant
us peace.
Soothe us with the stillness of
your waters,
for our souls need restoration
and relief.
Pour out your grace,
That we might dwell with you
Our whole lives long.
Amen.

푸른 초장의 주님,
우리과 함께 누워 쉬게 해주세요.
우리는 당신 안에서 안식을
갈망합니다.
성령을 보내어 우리의 마음에
평화를 주옵시고 고요한 물가의
잔잔함으로 우리를
어루만져주세요. 지친 우리
영혼이 회복과 위로를 얻기
원합니다.
당신의 은총을 부어 주시어
우리의 삶 동안 주님과 함께
거하게 하소서. 아멘.

*** The Peace** 평화의 인사

Pastor Youngsun

One: 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

All are invited to share signs of Christ's peace with those around them.

* 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 Youngsun*

WORD 말씀

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

Anthem — “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. by Brad Nix

The Choir

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
 We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the Guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.
 Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.
 Love us still.

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Pastor Matt

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

Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven, 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,
 hallowed be thy name, 이름이 거룩히 여김을
 thy kingdom come, 받으시오며, 나라이 임하옵시며,
 thy will be done 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이
 on earth as it is in heaven. 땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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*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 — Psalm 23

pew bibles OT p. 512

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

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

Second Reading 성경봉독 — John 10:1-11

pew bibles NT p. 100

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant 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 — “Yearning to Stay You”

Pastor Youngsun

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “The King of Love”

Voices United #273

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

Pastor Matt

***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.

RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Pastor Matt

A MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tim Bailey

PRAYER REQUESTS — As the morning offering is collected:

- in-person worshippers can share prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) on the **purple-topped prayer request cards** found in the pew racks and place them the offering plates as they are passed.
- live-via-Zoom online worshippers are welcome to submit prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) in the Zoom "chat" feature.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures
 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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION 감사기도

Many: Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us.

We offer you our gifts,

Signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts.

Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb,

that we may proclaim to all the world

your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Pastor Matt

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Voices United #120

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

Pastor Youngsun

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 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!

* **Dismissal** 예배로 부름

Pastor Matt

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 ...

readers: Trixie Martyn

ushers/greeters: Brian Hadley, Lori Presunka

digital ushers: Jamie Brown, Ben Son

fellowship time hosts: Maureen Franklin, 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 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.



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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).



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The **Affirmation of Faith** we are using throughout the season of Easter this year is assembled from brief excerpts of *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*, together with the *Statement of Faith* of 1940 and *A New Creed* from 1968, was 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

Learn

Free Korean Class: Join us for a free 8-week Korean language program held on Thursday mornings. Don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy learning **basic Korean and Korean culture!** **Class Schedule:** April 16 – June 11, 10:00–11:30 AM. **Registration/Inquiries:** Yumi Park, yumi@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca or 778-955-9569



Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: *“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people” (Acts 2:46-47a).* Now is a good time to take our cues from the early church, and choose new/ancient ways of being in community together for the sake of the world. How would you like to see this “new normal” unfold?

Pray

New this week...

- For the people who have been connected to the life of **Bethany-Newton United Church** here in Surrey over the years, as that congregation holds its final worship service today. The members still remaining there have chosen to join with Northwood United Church.
- For all those mourning the **people killed one year ago at the Lapu Lapu Day festival** in Vancouver.
- In thanksgiving for all who faithfully work quietly behind-the-scenes carrying out work necessary to enable our ministry and witness in this place... especially this week for **Doug Sowerby**, who among other things continues serving as our church's “tenant liaison”, interfacing with renters and outside users when there are beyond-the-normal inquiries or specific challenges that need to be addressed.
- In thanksgiving for the witness to Christ given through the peoples and ministries of **emerging United Church communities of faith among immigrant diaspora communities**, both here in our region and all across Canada.
- For the nations and peoples of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the long history of Christianity in these lands; Christians and Muslims who have witnessed to their faith during long years of repression and persecution; positive developments these countries have undergone since the end of the Soviet era; and those who pursue peace and reconciliation in the face of old suspicions and animosities. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* greater respect for the human rights of all the peoples living in

these countries; just changes for those living in situations of poverty and discrimination; the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred; a prophetic witness of the churches in relation to new challenges; and the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide. (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*)

Ongoing...

- For those facing **loneliness** or who feel they **lack purpose** in life.
- 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!

Admission: \$10 | Children 16 & under: FREE

Presale Tickets Available Now! Contact the church office or see any choir member to secure yours today.

Come celebrate with us and be part of this special occasion! We can't wait to see you there!

**Where is God in Our Suffering?
Have a Minute? Food for Thought
on the Journey of Faith**

Old Testament scholar and Lutheran pastor Dr. Rolf Jacobson was 15 when he was diagnosed with bone cancer and lost both legs. Decades later, his brother Karl and close friend Mike were diagnosed two weeks apart, and Rolf walked with them through treatment, remission, and in Karl's case, a death from meningitis not long after being declared cancer-free.

Out of that experience, he's co-authored a book that is equal parts memoir, theology, and pastoral handbook.

Most of us know we're supposed to show up for people in crisis. But the pull to say something helpful, to offer a reason, a silver lining, a fix, is almost irresistible. And most of the time, it backfires.

Watch On YouTube  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iURCOvkyePg>



The theology of the cross is a helpful reframe. If God shows up most fully in the places that look most like absence, our job isn't to explain the suffering. It's to enter it.

The good news, Rolf says, is that you're not responsible for bringing God into the room. The Holy Spirit is already there. You just go.

He also says to bring Cheetos. You'll understand why when you listen.

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.

God's Mission, Our Gifts

Room to Speak, Space to Listen: On Wednesday afternoons, a group of young people come together to do something simple and powerful. They talk. These gatherings are part of a mentorship and mental health program through the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCKK). For many of the youth who take part, it's one of the few places where they feel safe enough to share what they're thinking and experiencing.



Christine now leads these conversations as a mentor, but her journey to this moment began in a similar circle, as someone seeking support herself.

In Kenya, young people are expected to grow up fast. By age 15, they may be seen as old enough to handle life on their own. But the reality is hard—youth may not get the encouragement or support they need. Some may leave school early, often because of teen pregnancy, the need to work, or lack of access to education in general. And showing emotion—crying, opening up—can be seen as weakness.

Christine knows this reality firsthand. When struggles go unspoken, young people can feel completely alone. Youth suicide is a real and painful reality. She once carried burdens in silence, feeling the weight of expectations without a safe space to share what she was experiencing.

Then she found the NCKC mentorship program.

In those Wednesday gatherings, Christine discovered something she had been missing: a place where she could speak freely, where her thoughts and feelings mattered. “Mental health means feeling safe enough to express your thoughts and feelings,” she now explains with the clarity of someone who has lived it. “Talking it out is the best way out.”

The support she received didn't just help her survive—it transformed her. “It's been one of my dreams to be there for someone,” she shares. That dream became her reality.

Today, Christine mentors 40 young people through the UCC youth mentorship program. She brings to each session the understanding of someone who has sat in their seats, who knows what it means to need someone to listen. As a mother, she practices intentional parenting—encouraging confidence, conversation, and honesty with her own daughter. She's become the person she once needed.

Her advice to the young people she mentors comes from experience: “Embrace the support if you have someone.”

Christine envisions building a community of young people who can support one another, breaking the cycles of silence that too often lead to isolation and despair. Through her journey from mentee to mentor, she's proving that healing isn't just personal—it multiplies.

Through Mission and Service partner the National Council of Churches of Kenya, Christine and her community are creating spaces for young people to be heard and reminding them that they matter.

When we support Mission and Service, we are helping make spaces like this possible—places where listening leads to hope, and where young people don't have to face everything alone.

Let's be the community that shows up. By giving to Mission and Service, we stand with young people in Kenya and around the world, helping ensure that safe circles continue, mentors are trained, and hope keeps multiplying.

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.

CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH

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