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*Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life  
anonymous 20<sup>th</sup>-century sculpture in the Chapel of Divino Maestro, Mar del Plata, Argentina*

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**A Service of Word & Feast**

3 May 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

*Ross Shearer, diaconal studies student*

*One:* I turn to the left.

**Many: And a path lies before me.**

*One:* I turn to the right.

**Many: And a path lies before me.**

*One:* I turn forward and behind.

**Many: More paths!**

*One:* Which should I take?

**Many: Don't worry about the path!**

**Find the Guide!**

**Find the One who is showing you The Way.**

*One:* But which path should I take?

**Many: It could be any of them.**

**It could be none.**

**You might even need to travel off the path.**

**You might need to fly!**

**Seek the One who is showing you The Way.**

*One:* With open spirits, open hearts, and open minds,

**Many: let us worship the One who is The Way, The Truth, and The Life!**

**\* Hymn 찬송** — “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

*this bulletin, pg. 10*

**\* Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

*One:* Let us pray.

**Many: Generous God,**

**whose way is love,**

**whose truth is searching,**

**whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord:**

**as you have opened for us your house of many rooms,**

**so help us make a place for the rejected and unloved**

**and share the work of peace;**

**through Jesus Christ, the image of God. Amen.**

**\* The Peace** 평화의 인사

*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

## WORD 말씀

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

### The Early Word 어린이 설교

*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  
 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.

*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 — 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2-10

*pew bibles NT p. 233*

Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

*after the reading:*

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading** 성경봉독 — John 14:1-14

*pew bibles NT p. 108*

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

*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 — “Getting In The Way”

*a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon*

**\* Hymn** 찬송 — “Here, O God, Your Servants Gather”

*Voices United #362*

**Responding with our Gifts** 봉헌

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** — “Arise and Eat” by Victor C. Johnson

*The Choir*

I will wake to welcome Him, the one whose blood poured out for me;  
 It’s good to be reminded that we’re home.  
 The table tells the story of love that sets us free;  
 Invites me back, no matter where I’ve roamed.  
 Arise and eat, arise and eat, this fellowship is welcoming and sweet.  
 Arise and eat, arise and eat. Remember how He took our sin,  
 And loved us back to life again.  
 Oh, friend, give thanks and enter in. Arise, arise and eat.  
 I will choose to linger here, and I’ll be nourished by Your love.  
 Your everlasting presence guards my soul.  
 Your bread and wine transform me, this mystery complete.  
 Surrendered here, I give up my control.  
 Arise and eat, arise and eat, this fellowship is welcoming and sweet.  
 Arise and eat, arise and eat. Remember how He took our sin,  
 And loved us back to life again.  
 Oh, friend, give thanks and enter in. Arise, arise and eat.  
 Bread and wine for the journey, when fear invades and hope is lost.  
 Bread and wine for the journey, the risen Christ has paid the cost,  
 Christ paid the cost. Arise and eat, arise and eat,  
 This fellowship is welcoming and sweet.  
 Arise, and eat, arise and eat. Remember how He took our sin,  
 And loved us back to life again.  
 Oh, friend, give thanks and enter in. Arise, arise and eat.  
 Arise and eat.

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.

## The Prayers of the People

# FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

\* Hymn 찬송 — “Come, My Way, My Truth”

Voices United #628

### Invitation to the Feast

#### The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

*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 ...  
... 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, ...  
 ... until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song.

**Many:** Amen.

### Remembering the Stories & Sharing the Feast 성찬에의 참여

**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 ਸੰਗਤੀ 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.

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 — “Blessed Assurance”

Voices United #337

\* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

*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

*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!

# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

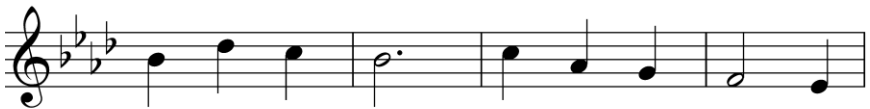
EARTH AND ALL STARS



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - tre  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dour, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be o - pen!"  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

# Life at Cloverdale United Church

## Worship

Many thanks to today's ...

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**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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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.



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## Learn

### Q&A: A Light in the Darkness for Queer Korean Christians

The United Church of Canada has entered into a new global partnership with Q&A (Queer Question for Korean Churches), a grassroots Christian organization in South Korea working to create safer, more inclusive spaces for LGBTQIA+ Christians who often face discrimination within church communities.

Through counselling, ally training, and educational programs, Q&A supports individuals in reconnecting faith and identity while equipping churches to become more welcoming. This partnership reflects The United Church of Canada’s commitment to justice, inclusion, and faithful accompaniment. Read the full news story to learn more about this growing movement here <https://united-church.ca/news/qa-light-darkness-queer-korean-christians>



## Meet

**Semi-annual Dessert Meeting:** Join us for the Funshine Semi-Annual Potluck Dessert Meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, at 1:30 PM at the church. All ladies are welcome to attend. You can bring your favorite dessert to share with the group. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Serve

**You Serve with your Stewardship:** *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1st Peter 2:9).* God pours blessings upon people of faith, and there are expectations. Peter reminds us that we belong to God and are called to proclaim the good news and work for justice, peace, and mercy.

## Pray

*New this week...*

- For the **mother of Michelle**, for healing.
- In thanksgiving for all those who go above-and-beyond by leading enrichment, recreation, and growth activities for the children and youth of our communities.
- Renewed prayers 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.
- In thanksgiving for the witness to Christ given through the peoples and ministries of the **Valemount** Anglican-United shared ministry, the **Vancouver Japanese** United Church, the **We Are One** church plant in the Port Hardy area, the **Weird Church** church plant in Cumberland, **West Point Grey** United Church in Vancouver, and **West Vancouver** United Church.
- For the nations and peoples of **Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.** *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the magnificent expanse of mountains, grasslands and deserts in these Central Asian countries; the rich natural resources; the incredible ethnic diversity; cultural traditions and practices that have been preserved for centuries amid the challenges of modernization; Christians who, although they are a tiny minority, have courage to witness to the gospel and find the strength to live according to God’s word; and those who in spite of danger dedicate their lives to serving others. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* the people in these lands who suffer from poverty and repressive rule; an end to clashes related to tribalism, traditionalism, and modernization; the land, air and water that have been damaged by human abuse; good relations between

Muslims and Christians; and an end to oppression and violence. (*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 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!

## God's Mission, Our Gifts

**Healthy Food, Healthy Relationships:** Many communities are feeling the weight of isolation. Poverty, violence, and the pressures of daily life can make it harder for people to stay connected, even when living side by side.

At Carlington Community Connection, a chaplaincy in Ottawa, Ontario, people who saw this need chose to respond. They noticed the growing isolation around them and decided to create a place where people could be welcomed and treated with dignity.

That response sounds simple, but it matters deeply. Volunteers and staff greet people with coffee or tea, and a home-baked muffin. They sit together, listening and creating space for everyday connection. In these moments, people are not defined by what they are facing, but by their shared humanity.

That care is also growing in practical ways. The program now offers healthier food options, providing more nourishment during each visit. Volunteers and staff also make it possible for people to take home items like fruit, yogurt, and cheese for their children—supporting families in ways that make a real difference in daily life.

Through Mission and Service, this kind of response is possible. Our gifts to Mission and Service support the people who see a need and choose to act with compassion and care.

When we respond to isolation with kindness, something begins to change. Make your gift(<https://united-church.ca/donate>) to Mission and Service today.



# 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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