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The 7th Sunday of Easter
A Service of the Word

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“Who is like you, my Lord Jesus Christ, my sweet love? You are boundless in might and majesty, and yet you care for the humble. Who can compare with you in power, Lord? Yet you choose the weak of the world. Who can be as gracious as you are? You laid the foundations of heaven and earth, and their thrones and powers worship you, and yet you seek your pleasure with human beings.”

— Gertrude the Great (1256-1302), German Benedictine nun and mystic

GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Gathering Chorus (Introit) 찬송 — “This Is the Day”

More Voices #122



This is the day that God has made; we will re-joyce and be glad!



This is the day that God has made; we will re-joyce and be glad!



Sing-ing hal - le - lu, sing-ing hal - le - lu,



sing-ing hal - le - lu! We will re-joyce and be glad!



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Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간

We together hold an intentional period of quiet, during which worshippers are invited to centre themselves and prepare for the worship of God.

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 ministries student

One: Let the righteous be joyful; let them be jubilant before God.

Many: Sing to God, sing praises to the name of the Lord.

One: Lift up a song to the Lord, who rides upon the clouds.

**Many: Awesome is God in the sanctuary;
the Lord gives strength to the people.**

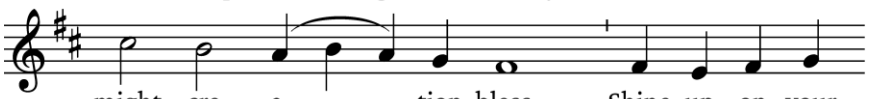
One: Blessed be the Lord! Let us worship!

*** Hymn 찬송 — “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”**

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous-ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - our, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - - tion bless. Shine up - on your
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the un - i -
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from
ho - ly Trin - - i - ty! May your gra-cious



church to - day, show - ing all your
to pro - claim prais - es to your
ty we share in our shep - herd's
sin and death with your Spir - it's
will be done: make us one, as



gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도

Ross Shearer

One: Let us pray.

Many: God of heaven and earth,
we celebrate that you came in Christ to live as one of us.
We celebrate that you would stop, and will stop, at nothing
to proclaim your love for all people.
We celebrate that in rising from death, Christ showed
that there is no end to your love.
We celebrate that, in leaving this earth,
Christ trusts us to continue his work,
to proclaim his kingdom,
and to live as his people, a witness to all nations;
to him, with you and the Spirit, be all glory. Amen.

*** The Peace** 평화의 인사

Pastor Matt

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 Matt

Anthem — “My Life Flows On” by Robert S. Lowry

The Choir

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
 I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
 Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing:
 It finds an echo in my soul —how can I keep from singing?
 What though my joys and comforts die? My Saviour still is living.
 What though the shadows gather ’round? A new song Christ is giving.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I’m clinging:
 since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing:
 when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
 In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging:
 when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
 and day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:
 all things are mine since I am Christ’s — how can I keep from singing?

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Ross Shearer

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 — Acts 1:6-14

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Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verse tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — John 17:1-11

pew bibles NT p. 111

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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 — “Overheard”

Pastor Matt

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Oh, let us breathe (As If We Knew How)” *Then Let Us Sing! #72*



1 Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be to-
2 Oh, let us sing, sing by heart to-
3 Oh, let us a-rise a-rise and shine to-
4 Oh, let us pray, pray for peace to-
5 Oh, let us live, live in love to-



geth-er, breathe and be to-geth-er to-
geth-er, sing by heart to-geth-er to-
geth-er, a-rise and shine to-geth-er, to-
geth-er, pray for peace to-geth-er, to-
geth-er, live in love to-geth-er, to-

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geth-er now. Oh, let us sing, sing by
geth-er now. Oh, let us a-rise, a-rise and
geth-er now. Oh, let us pray, pray for
geth-er now. Oh, let us live, live in

be to-gether, breathe and be to-
heart to-gether, sing by heart to-
shine to-gether, a-rise and shine to-
peace to-gether, pray for peace to-
love to-gether, live in love to-

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* 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

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 below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 감사기도

Many: God, the source of all that is good,
you give power and strength to your people.
Thankful for all your mercies,
we present our gifts and our lives,
praying that they may be used,
not for our glory, but for yours;
for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

* Hymn 찬송 — “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Voices United #158

* 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 end-less joy. Death's fear-ful

sing 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

Worship Wonders: *Today's Opening Hymn "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"*. Did you know that a slightly different translation into English of this hymn, with the title / first phrase rendered "Sun of righteousness, shine forth", appeared in *The Hymn Book of the Anglican Church of Canada and The United Church of Canada*? This was the red-covered hymnal published in 1971, in preparation for a possible union between the United and Anglican denominations here in Canada, and was used here until *Voices United* was published in 1996. The translation used in that book was prepared by United Church member Jay Macpherson, at the time a professor of English in the University of Toronto, as part of a larger set of translations of older German hymn texts she was asked to prepare for that volume. The same tune as we're singing today, a melody from the 1566 *Kirchengeseng* of the Bohemian Brethren (better known today as the Moravians), was used in that 1971 book, too. Today's version of the hymn has been reproduced from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the hymnal published in 2006 for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Sydney MacPherson

ushers/greeters: Sharon McBain, Donna Lynch

digital ushers: Glenys McFarlane, Ben Son

fellowship time hosts: Margaret Rose, Christine Stueckl

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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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

Interested in Membership? Or simply learning more about CUC?

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 May 24th, Pentecost Sunday. Drop Pastor Matt a note at matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca today!

클로버데일 연합교회, 더 넓게는 캐나다 연합교회, 그리고 우리 교회의 독특한 신앙 관점과 역사 등에 대해 알아보고 싶으신가요? 클로버데일 연합교회의 정회원이 되어 하나님과 이 특별한 신앙 공동체에 더 온전한 "예!"라고 응답하고 싶으신가요? 이 중 하나라도, 혹은 둘 다 마음에 와닿는다면 맏 목사님께 알려주세요. 목사님께서 여러분과 함께 적절한 다음 단계를 결정하도록 도와드릴 것입니다. 지금이 회원 가입을 결심하기에 적절한 시기라고 생각하시는 분들을 위해, 5월 24일 성령강림주일에 새로운 회원이 우리와 함께하게 될 것을 기대하고 있습니다. 오늘 바로 matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca 으로 맏트 목사님께 연락해 주세요!



Faith-based Justice Witness: Guaranteed Livable Income book study

Join the Guaranteed Livable Income Working Group of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada for a 4-week book study engaging with stories, perspectives, strategies and theology to support local actions and collective care.

Radical Trust
Basic Income for Complicated Lives
Evelyn Forget & Hannah Owczar

PENTECOST BOOK STUDY

Join the PMR GLI Working Group for a 4-week book study engaging with stories, perspectives, strategies and theology to support local actions and collective care.

Radical Trust: Basic Income for Complicated Lives

June 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th
6:00 - 7:15 pm PT
via Zoom

Book Study - Radical Trust: Basic Income for Complicated Lives by Evelyn Forget and Hannah Owczar

Wednesdays, June 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th @ 6:00 - 7:15 pm, online via Zoom

Radical Trust: Basic Income For Complicated Lives explores the notion that a basic income is a compassionate and dignified response to poverty and income inequality in Canada. Through extensive testimonials with those that the "social safety net" fails most dramatically, it tells the stories of lived experience, as individuals navigate the complicated circumstances of their lives. The myth of meritocracy creates distinctions between the deserving, a distinction that is the basis on which Canada's entire income support system rests. It's become apparent that Canada's current income support systems do not work. The COVID-19 pandemic shattered the illusion that income support will be there when you need it. But this shattered illusion isn't new for those with lived experience in these systems. Many have suffered persistent, and generational poverty. For years, Canada's income support schemes have failed Children in foster care, Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit persons, people who struggle with addiction, and many others who are left on the fringes of our society.

Register here https://united-church.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t46sA7-oS9q9o_b0qtvAiw#/registration

And to learn even more, visit Visit the Pacific Mountain Regional Council's Justice Network page to find helpful tools and resources for your Guaranteed Livable income work: <https://pacificmountain.ca/ministry/justice-network/guaranteed-livable-income/>

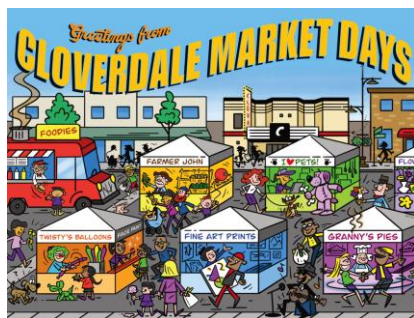
Serve

Cloverdale Market Days: May 30: We're looking forward to being a visible, engaging, active presence in our community once again this summer at Cloverdale Market Days, the once-a-month arts and entertainment street festival on the "main street" of Cloverdale's historic "downtown". For 2026, we're doing two Market Days appearances: May 30 and September 12.

In order to pull off this important ministry of community visibility, welcome, and witness, we need a solid crew of volunteers: 6 to 8 booth staffers (in shifts of no longer than 2 hours), along with a couple of volunteers to assist with setup, teardown, and transport of materials between the church and the market.

Sign up NOW for shifts by going to <https://tinyurl.com/MarketDays-2026-05-30>. There's no reason to wait... sign up *today!*

For more information, contact Rev. Matt: matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca. (Rev. Matt will be "captaining" the May 30th booth, while Pastor Youngsun will do so for the September 12th booth.)



You Serve with your Stewardship: Who we are, what we do, and what we have is never separated from God. We are also in God's presence as we give. Hallelujah! Let us share our gifts as God's gifts have been shared with us.

Pray

New this week...

- In thanksgiving for the life of the Reverend **Kathleen** Jones, a United Church minister who served as lead minister here at Cloverdale United Church from 2002 to 2009. Kathleen passed away Thursday, May 14; more info and details about possible services, etc., were not available at time-of-printing.
- For safety, grace, and protection upon **all those travelling** this holiday weekend, as the summer travel and vacation season gets underway.
- For **civic and political leaders** in any place wrestling with division, distrust, and the hard work of public responsibility, especially this week in the United Kingdom.
- For the people of **Mali**, where foreign power, local conflict, and the wounds of instability continue to shape daily life.
- For the people of **India**, where dangerous heat is already pressing upon bodies, farms, hospitals, neighborhoods, and those least able to escape it, especially remembering those who labour outdoors, the elderly, children, the poor, and all who live where climate change is not a future possibility but a present danger.
- For all in the **shadows of despair**, that they find the hope and light of Christ.
- In thanksgiving for the witness to Christ given through the peoples and ministries of **Winfield** United Church in Lake Country, the **Zimbabwe United Methodist** church plant in Vancouver, **Zion** United Church in Armstrong, and **Zion** United Church in Merritt.
- For the nations and peoples of **Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the peoples of these nations – the diversity of their cultures, languages, and art, and their resilience; the breath-taking beauty of these lands – the mountains in all their grandeur, overflowing rivers and green paddy fields; all those who work for the churches and their institutions, especially in places where natural disasters strike. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* efforts of governments and others to build up these nations' economies; those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure; those who contribute to religious harmony and advocate for the minority voice of Christians, especially amid religious and ethnic tensions; religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony; these small nations which depend on other countries and are often threatened by interests of their bigger neighbours. *(from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle)*

Ongoing...

- Renewed prayers for **Jordan**, the neighbourhood secondary school student with Lupus who has been back in hospital and on dialysis following the

rejection of the partial kidney transplant she received last fall, and for Jordan's family facing a variety of needs arising from this journey.

- For those impacted by the recent **hantavirus outbreak on the MV Hondiu cruise ship**, including the families of the individuals who have died.
- For the **mother of Michelle**, for healing.
- 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.
- 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, psychological, and economic 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, Jean, 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).

God's Mission, Our Gifts

The Work of Water: In the villages of Am-am and Madalipey in the Philippines, Indigenous families depend on small-scale vegetable farming to support their households. The gardens they tend provide food and a modest income for daily needs.

But over time, the land has changed. As agriculture has expanded, parts of the surrounding forest have been cleared, reducing the land's ability to hold water. The impacts of climate change have made rainfall patterns less predictable, and dry reasons run longer. For much of the year, local creeks are dry, and water must be brought in from elsewhere. It's a constant challenge that affects both daily life and the ability to grow crops.

In response, the Cordillera People's Alliance is working alongside residents to install a solar-powered water pump and storage tank. The system will be maintained locally, ensuring that the community has access to water and ownership of the solution.

With a more stable source of water for both household use and gardens, families can strengthen their livelihoods. Gardens can grow more reliably, daily needs become easier to meet, and pressure on households eases.

When we give through Mission and Service, our gifts are powering long-term support.

Our gifts to Mission and Service help provide stable access to water for Indigenous communities like Am-am and Madalipey. They help sustain life, strengthen food security, and support families as they work toward a more secure future.

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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