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Holy Trinity Sunday
(The 1st Sunday after Pentecost)
A Service of Word & Feast

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“Nothing can be itself without being in communion with everything else, nor can anything truly be the other without first acquiring a capacity for interior presence to itself.”

— Thomas Berry (1914-2009), US Roman Catholic priest, cultural historian, scholar of the world's religions, and “geologist”

GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Gathering Song 찬송 — “Let's go together (Welcome)” *Then Let Us Sing! #138*



1 Let's go to - geth - er for a while,
2 Let's talk to - geth - er of a time
3 Let's dream to - geth - er of the day



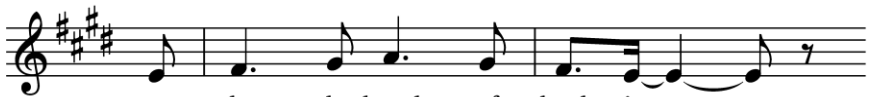
and ask where we be - gin
when we will share a feast,
when earth and heav'n are one,



to build a world where love can grow,
where pride and pow - er kneel to serve
a cit - y built of love and light,



and hope can en - ter in,
the lone - ly and the least,
the new Je - ru - sa - lem,



to be the hands of heal - ing,
and joy will set the ta - ble
where mourn - ing turns to danc - ing,



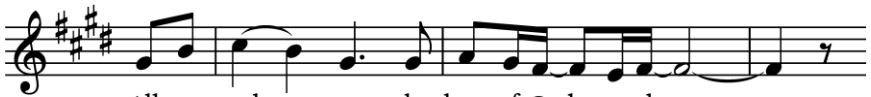
and to plant the seed of peace,
 as we join our hands to pray,
 ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,



sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place.



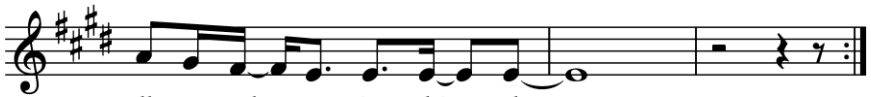
You're in - vit - ed to come and know God's grace.



All are wel - come, the love of God to share,



'cause all of us are wel - come here;



all are wel - come in this place.

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.

Greeting 인사

The Rev. Matthew Emery, lead minister

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: In mystery and grandeur

Many: we see the face of God

One: in earthiness and the ordinary

Many: we know the love of Christ

One: In heights and depths
 and life and death:

**Many: the spirit of God
 is moving among us**

One: Let us praise God.

* **Opening Hymn 찬송** — “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” *Voices United #315*

* **Prayer of the Day** **오늘의 기도** *Ross Shearer, diaconal ministries student*

One: Let us pray. Almighty God,
when you speak and create the heavens and the earth,
angels sing for joy.

Many: **Hear our voice this day
and accept our praise and thanksgiving
for the gift of speech and song,
which we on earth share with the heavenly host.**

One: O Jesus Christ,
you are the Word made flesh,
the firstborn of the family of God
who hear your music in their hearts.

Many: **Open the ears of our hearts this day,
that all we say and all we sing
may reveal you in us and us in you,
whose body and voice we are in this world.**

One: O Holy Spirit,
with tongues of fire you inspire the speech and song
of evangelists, preachers, poets, and musicians.

Many: **Visit us this day to kindle anew the fire of love
and the light of understanding,
that your church may live in the counterpoint of community.**

One: O Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
you are one God—three persons living in harmony.
As your church, our many voices and our many lives
become one chorus to praise your holy name.

Many: **Bless our coming together now so that we,
in communion with your saints,
may hear your voice
and sing your Word
and do your will
this day and always. Amen.**

* **The Peace** **평화의 인사** *Youngsun Cheon, associate minister*

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.

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

WORD 말씀

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

The Early Word 어린이 설교

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
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.

* RESPONSE 찬송 — “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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 8

pew bibles OT p. 492

Psalm 8 is a grand hymn of praise for the glory and grandeur of God’s creation. The psalm expresses wonder at God’s regard for human beings and the authority and freedom God gives them. While some psalms lament the fleeting nature and seeming insignificance of human life, this psalm affirms the value of human life and the place of the human creature in the created order.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — Matthew 28:16-20

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After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 — “Through the Lens”

Pastor Matt

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

Voices United #578

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Pastor Youngsun

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — “In You, We Are One” by Jay Althouse

The Choir

Is not this bread we break a sharing of Thy body?
 Is not this cup we bless a sharing of Thy blood?
 Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one.
 Though we are many, with You we are one.
 Is not this bread we break Thy spirit and Thy grace?
 Is not this wine we drink Thy tears in mercy shed?
 Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one.
 Though we are many, in You we are one.
 Is not this house a place of blessed sanctuary?
 Is not this day a time of love?
 Is not this bread we break a sharing of Thy body?
 Is not this cup we bless a sharing of Thy blood?
 Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one.
 Though we are many, with You we are one.
 Though we are many, in You we are one.

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.*

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

* Hymn 찬송 — “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Voices United pg. 894

Invitation to the Feast

Pastor Matt & Pastor Youngsun

The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

Celebrate God’s Presence, Prayer F

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: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, You were God.

Outside all we know, You are God.

After all is finished, You will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets,

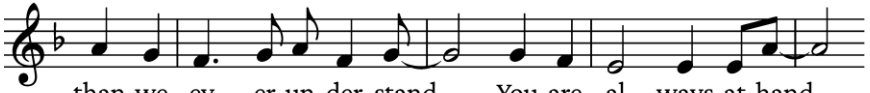
Angels teach us their song,

Saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - way 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: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
 You beyond the galaxies,
 You under the oceans,
 You inside the leaves,
 You pouring down rain,
 You opening the flowers,
 You feeding the insects,
 You giving us your image,
 You carrying us through the waters,
 You holding us in the night,
 Your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
 Your hand with Moses and Miriam,
 Your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
 You lived as Jesus among us,
 Healing, teaching, dying, rising,
 Inviting us all to your feast.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Holy God, we remember your Son,
 His life with the humble,
 His death among the wretched,
 His resurrection for us all:
 Your wisdom our guide,
 Your justice our strength,
 Your grace our path to rebirth.

And so we cry, Mercy:

Many: Mercy!

One: And so we cry, Glory:

Many: Glory!

One: And so we cry, Blessing:

Many: Blessing!

One: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread,
Awaken this body,
Pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds,
Ignite your church,
Nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united,
Make us, though broken, whole,
Make us, despite death, alive.

One: And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
Our Table, our Food, our Server,
Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
Our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.
You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Praise now, Praise tomorrow, Praise forever.
And so we cry, Amen:

Many: Amen!

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**.

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MUSIC DURING THE COMMUNION

Tim Bailey

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING 파송

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

- * Hymn 찬송 — “It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker” More Voices #30
- * Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도 Pastor Matt
- * Dismissal 예배로 부름 Pastor Youngsun
One: Heaven comes near. Go, share the good news!
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
- * Postlude 후주 Tim Bailey

Be Our Guest! Come on down to the Lower Hall for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! Access to the Lower Hall is down the stairs outside the door at the front right of the sanctuary or via the elevator at the front left of the sanctuary. Follow the crowds on down, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!

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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“The Shape of Hope”: Pacific Mountain Regional Council annual meeting for 2026, June 4 - 7 in Kamloops

The annual meeting of our regional council of The United Church of Canada will be taking place Thursday through Sunday, June 4 - 7, at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. Both of our pastors, Rev. Matt and Youngsun, will be attending in-person, joining other ministry personnel and lay person delegates from all of the United Church congregations throughout British Columbia and the Yukon.



Themed "The Shape of Hope," the keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence, an ordained Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister, professor of preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary near Atlanta, and a sought-after preacher and teacher who works with communities across the U.S. and beyond, helping people encounter Scripture in fresh, meaningful, and transformative ways. (Matt notes that he had the delightful opportunity to hear Dr. Carter Florence the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship conference in Toronto that he took part in last October, and is looking forward to hearing her again.)

The proposals (the term our regional council uses for what others might think of as major business items, resolutions, or overtures) that are coming before the regional council at year’s annual meeting have not been announced. In addition to the program keynotes and consideration of formal proposals, the annual meeting of the regional council includes worship, recognitions of ministry personnel who have retired or passed away, celebrations of our regional council’s ministries and

programs, elections of new members of the regional council's executive (essentially the board of directors for the regional council), and more... and concludes on Sunday morning with the annual Celebration of Ministry worship service at which new members of the Order of Ministry are ordained, admitted, or commissioned.

You are invited to hold the whole of The United Church of Canada, our congregations, ministries and programs, ministry personnel, and other staff, in your prayers as we gather in this way this coming week, asking God to strengthen, revitalize, and inspire us anew for deep spirituality, bold discipleship, and daring justice work throughout this part of Canada and beyond.

You can learn more about the Pacific Mountain Regional Council's annual meeting for 2026 at <https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meetings/pmrc-agm-2026/>. In addition, all throughout the region (not just delegates to the meeting) are welcome to join in worship together for the Celebration of Ministry service on Sunday morning at 10:00 am, either in person in Kamloops or online via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@pacificmountainregionalcouncil>

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.

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

Radical Trust
Basic Income for Complicated Lives

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

Evelyn Forget & Hannah Owczar

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/>

Meet

Sunshine Friendship Potluck Luncheon

Join the “Sunshine Friendship unit”—a monthly gathering among our congregation’s United Church Women unit—on Wednesday, June 3, at 1:00 PM for a potluck luncheon at Lorrie Brown’s Home. All women of the congregation are welcome!

Address: #26 – 19649 53 Ave, Langley

Phone: 778-593-7410

Weather permitting, come a little earlier and enjoy a walk around the lake. Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: *“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)* What’s holding you back from having a bold, wonderful, satisfying, spirit-filled life? Jesus not only proclaims his sovereignty as ruler of the universe, but he also promises always to be with us. Now that’s a win-win! As you steward your life, remember Jesus’ proclamation and promise! Now get moving!

Pray

New this week...

- Giving thanks to God for the recent **witness of Pope Leo XIV regarding Artificial Intelligence.**
- For those mourning the individuals killed or missing from the recent **chemical tank implosion and collapse at a paper mill** in Washington State.
- For **Vic**, friend of Dianne Nichols, recently diagnosed with stomach cancer.
- Giving thanks to God for the **blessings of life lived together in covenant partnership**, celebrating anniversaries and other life passages... and especially giving thanks for 20 years of marriage on May 27 for Lindsey and

Ryan, daughter and son-in-law of Dianne & Mark, married at CUC with the late Rev. Kathleen Jones presiding.

- For the **Pacific Mountain Regional Council** of The United Church of Canada, the regional council of which our congregation and our ministry personnel are a part, as they gather this coming Thursday through Sunday in Kamloops for the 2026 Annual Meeting
- For the **candidates who will be ordained, or commissioned as diaconal ministers**, at this weekend's Regional Council annual meeting, and giving thanks for the lives, ministries, and witness of those whose **retirements** from active ministry are being recognized.
- For the nations and peoples of **Angola** and **Mozambique**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the rich natural resources in these countries, which God intends for the good of all; the positive developments experienced since years of civil war; village committees that seek to protect livelihoods and food security of the poor; and how the Lutheran World Federation and partners have pursued land rights in Mozambique. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands; a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars; protection of the land rights of the people; and governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests. *(from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle)*

Ongoing...

- For **the other United Church congregations in our cluster**, nearly all of whom are going through or are soon anticipating staff or ministry personnel transitions.
- For those impacted by the **Ebola outbreak** in the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighbouring countries.
- For **Penny**, cousin of Sydney, recently in hospital.
- For **Dan**, son of a cousin of Sydney, mourning the passing of his father and Sydney's cousin, Henry.
- 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 **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).

Other news and notes

Have a minute? Thoughts from Rev. Matt “Magnificent Humanity”: AI and Christian Witness

Depending on where you get your news, you may have heard that earlier this week, Pope Leo XIV—the leader of the Roman Catholic Church and one of the most prominent voices among Christians of all varieties around the world—issued the first “encyclical” of his tenure as pope. An encyclical, in contemporary Roman Catholic use of the word, is basically a pastoral letter from the pope, meant to be circulated widely, and addressing an issue of the church’s doctrine or teaching on a particular matter.

A telling sign-of-the-times, this first encyclical from Leo XIV focuses largely on the topic of “A.I.,” artificial intelligence. Entitled *Magnifica Humanitas*, or “Magnificent Humanity,” the document articulates some perspectives related to AI that come out of our faith as Christians, especially around the matter of “preserving the *human person* in the age of artificial intelligence”. After all, who we are as people, and as humans collectively, is an important matter of faith from the very foundations.

Admittedly, Protestants have often tended not to pay a whole lot of attention to statements from the pope, or any number of other things coming out of the Roman Catholic tradition. This most recent encyclical, though, has attracted quite a lot of focus from across traditions and theological perspectives.

The Rev. Cameron Trimble, a clergy colleague of mine from the United Church of Christ in the US and the head of the progressive Christian consulting group called *Convergence* (and a consultant and speaker with whom even our own Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada has done quite a bit of work), addresses some of the key points in Leo XIV’s encyclical that even leaders in progressive Protestant traditions like ours should be paying attention to. I’d argue that her thoughts aren’t just for “leaders” in the formal sense, though, but should probably interest any and all of us who try to walk as disciples of Jesus Christ from a progressive faith perspective.

A couple of key points related to AI that she highlights include:

- that this statement is the contemporary equivalent of the landmark encyclical on labour and capitalism from back in the 1890s, and the the timing was intentional; and
- that Leo is calling for AI to be “disarmed,” and he means it structurally, not just ethically.

But the *Magnifica Humanitas* encyclical touches on some other important matters



of human personhood and human dignity, too. For instance,

- the statement declares the Catholic tradition’s so-called “just war” theory outdated, which is a major theological step for Christians of all stripes, since many/most mainline Protestant and evangelical traditions have held perspectives on war with similar foundations; and
- Leo XIV apologized for the Church’s role in the slave trade, and this apology is an important part of the document.

Perhaps most interestingly, Rev. Trimble concludes with an important observation—“Progressive Protestant churches have the right values, but they do not yet have the needed structure”—and goes on to say more about what she means by that. It’s a telling bit of self-reflection, herself being a progressive Protestant, especially in our times when many of us wonder whether and how our voice still has an impact.

Regardless of how much you’ve heard or read about this week’s encyclical, or how much you think you know about A.I., Rev. Trimble’s reflection—“Five Things Progressive Church Leaders Need to Know About Pope Leo’s AI Encyclical”—is worth your reading!

Read more...<https://convergenceus.org/2026/05/28/five-things-progressive-church-leaders-need-to-know-about-pope-leos-ai-encyclical/>]

Aequitas concert on Saturday, May 30

Surrey-based Aequitas Singers are warming up for a spring concert in Fleetwood.

The social justice choir will perform “There Is So mething About This Country” at Northwood United Church on Saturday, May 30.

The 7 p.m. concert is a fundraiser for Bright Beginnings Foundation (BBF), which helps some of Surrey’s most vulnerable students pursue their dreams of higher education.

Tickets are sold for \$20 (adults) and \$15 (seniors, kids under 12) at the door and online in advance,

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/aequitassingers/2164685>

Refreshments will be served.

An adult-only non-audition choir, Aequitas Singers aim “to educate and create awareness of social justice issues such as poverty, racism, violence against women, homophobia, aboriginal education, literacy, global and peace awareness.”



An evening of choral music

May 30 2026

Northwood United Church

7:00 pm

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Every child deserves a place at camp, and every child deserves to know they belong. Make your gift 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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