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*"Pillar of Love"*

*sculpture by Barbara Eichner-Shaw, 1990  
in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost)**  
**A Service of the Word**

*14 June 2026 • 10:30 AM*

## The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“God does not explain why there is suffering—God suffers alongside us. God does not explain why there is sorrow—God became the sorrowful one. God does not explain why there is humiliation—God practices self-emptying love. We are no longer alone in our vast loneliness. God is with us. We are no longer in solitude, but rather in solidarity. The arguments from reason are silenced. It is the heart that speaks. It tells of a God who does not ask questions but who acts, who does not offer explanations but lives out an answer.”

— *Leonardo Boff* (b. 1938), *Brazilian Catholic theologian, philosopher, writer, and former priest known for his active support for Latin American liberation theology*

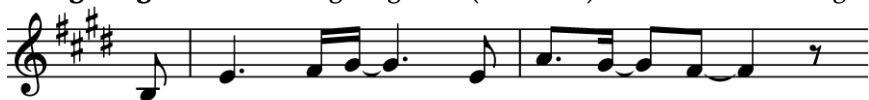
## GATHERING 모임

*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,

*In the ways we are able—in body or in spirit—we rise for those parts marked with an asterisk <sup>“\*</sup>*



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

*Refrain*



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:** Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

**Many:** **Christ gathers us and gives us power**

**One:** to be healed

**Many:** **and to heal,**

**One:** to be forgiven

**Many:** **and to forgive,**

**One:** to be freed from sin

**Many:** **and to set others free,**

**One:** to tell one another and the world:

**Many:** **God's presence is at hand.**

**One:** Come, let us worship God!

\* **Opening Hymn 찬송** — “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” *Voices United #216*

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

*One:* Let us pray.

**Many:** **Tender shepherd to the helpless and lost:  
we praise you for sharing your power  
with a motley band of stumbling friends.  
Help us, who have received without payment,  
give without charge  
and so bring your kingdom near;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. 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.*

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

## **WORD 말씀**

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

**Anthem** — “Old Time Religion Medley” by Mark Hayes *The Choir*

Gimme that old time religion, Gimme that old time religion,  
Gimme that old time religion, It's good enough for me.  
Makes me love ev'ry body, Makes me love ev'ry body,  
Makes me love ev'ry body and it's good enough for me.  
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.  
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.

Gimme that old time religion, Gimme that old time religion,  
Gimme that old time religion, It's good enough for me.  
Gonna lay down my burdens down by the river side,  
Down by the river side, down by the river side.

Gonna lay down my burdens down by the river side, down by the river side.  
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, study war no more.  
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
Outshines the sun, Look away beyond the blue.

Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me. Do, Lord, do, Lord, do remember me.  
Do, Lord, Do, Lord, do remember me. Look away beyond the blue.  
Gimme that old time religion, Gimme that old time religion,  
Gimme that old time religion. It's good enough for me.  
Bible preachin', faith believe', all night sing-in', church bell ringin',  
Glory hallelujah meetin', Gimme that old time religion!

**The Early Word** 어린이 설교

*Youngsun Cheon, associate minister*

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

<b>Many:</b> 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 — Romans 5:1-8

*pew bibles NT p. 155*

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

*after the reading:*

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

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading** 성경봉독 — Matthew 9:35 – 10:14

*pew bibles NT p. 9*

The mission of Jesus’ followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

**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 — “It’s Not the Sheep’s Fault”

*Pastor Matt*

*a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon*

**\* Hymn** 찬송 — “God, We Gather As Your People (For All the Children)”



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to doubt that  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your love is  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they join us

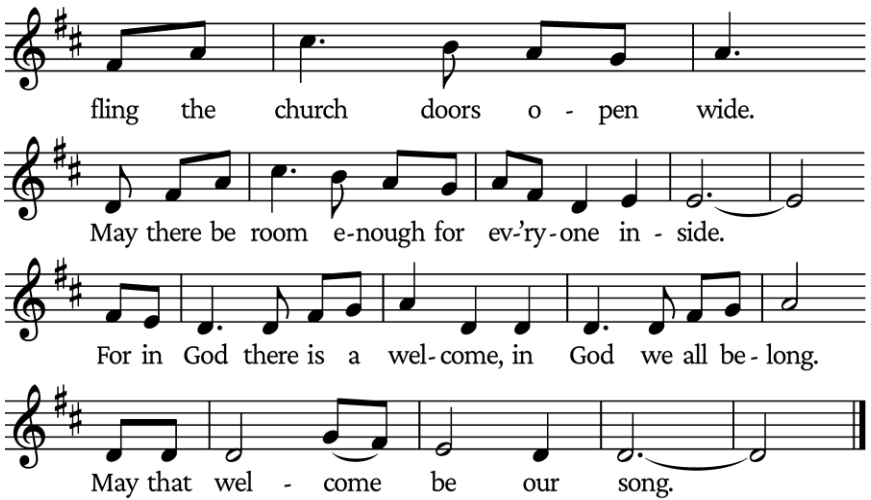


soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened,



fling the church doors o - pen wide.  
 May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.  
 For in God there is a wel-come, in God we all be - long.  
 May that wel - come be our song.

This song was written in 2007 in honour and celebration of the Rev. Ann B. Day & her wife Donna Enberg for their twenty years as leaders of the Open and Affirming Program of the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns, and for their founding and ongoing spirit in the ecumenical Welcoming Church Movement.

**\* Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed** 신앙의 고백: 우리 신조 *Pastor Youngsun*

**We are not alone,  
 we live in God's world.**

우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.  
 하나님의 세계에서 삽니다.

**We believe in God:  
 who has created and is creating,  
 who has come in Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh,  
 to reconcile and make new,  
 who works in us and others  
 by the Spirit.**

우리는 하나님을 믿습니다.  
 만물을 창조하셨고,  
 지금도 창조하시며,  
 화해시키고 새롭게 하기 위하여,  
 말씀이 몸을 이룬 예수님 안에 오셨으며,  
 우리와 남들 안에서 성령으로  
 역사 하십니다.

**We trust in God.**

우리는 하나님을 신뢰합니다.

**We are called to be the Church:  
 to celebrate God's presence,  
 to live with respect in Creation,  
 to love and serve others,  
 to seek justice and resist evil,  
 to proclaim Jesus,  
 crucified and risen,  
 our judge and our hope.**

우리는 교회를 이루라고 부름받았습니다.  
 하나님의 임재를 찬양하고,  
 우주 만물을 존중하며 살고,  
 남들을 사랑하며 섬기고,  
 정의를 추구하며 악에 항거하고,  
 십자가형을 당하시고 살아나셔서,  
 우리의 심판자와 희망이 되신  
 예수님을 선포하라고 부름받았습니다.

**In life, in death,  
 in life beyond death,  
 God is with us.**

삶에서, 죽음에서,  
 죽음을 넘은 삶에서 하나님이 우리와  
 함께 하십니다.

**We are not alone.  
 Thanks be to God.**

우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.  
 하나님께 감사드립니다.

# RESPONSE 응답

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

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Pastor Youngsun

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 — The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

musical score with treble and bass clefs, including lyrics in English and Korean.

choose any version {  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures  
만복의근원하나님온백성찬송

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:  
high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:  
드리고저천사여찬송하세

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.  
Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it, One. A - men.  
찬송성부성자성령. 아멘.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 감사기도

*One:* Holy One, God of all good gifts,  
for the love with which you meet us,  
so that we are received, welcomed, heard:

**Many: We give you thanks and praise.**

*One:* For the care with which you tend us,  
so that the deepest yearnings of our secret hearts  
are known and understood:

**Many: We give you thanks and praise.**

*One:* For the life with which you feed us,  
so that we are strengthened and renewed:

**Many: We give you thanks and praise.**

*One:* For the covenant into which you call us,  
to be your treasure, your priests, your holy people:

**Many: We give you thanks and praise.**

*One:* For the love into which you are drawing us,  
so that we are bound with you in compassion and joy:

**Many: We give you thanks and praise... in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Pastor Youngsun*

**SENDING 파송**

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

**\* Hymn 찬송** — “As Long As We Follow (Na nzela na lola)” *More Voices #140*  
vv. 1 & 2 as shown in More Voices  
v. 3 = “As long as we pray, there is...” | v. 4 = “As long as we act, there is...”

**\* 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!

# Life at Cloverdale United Church

## Worship

### Many thanks to today's ...

**readers:** Judy Cook

**ushers/greeters:** Carole Teather, Brian Hadley

**digital ushers:** Glenys McFarlane, Doug Sowerby

**fellowship time hosts:** Intercultural group celebration

**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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## Coming up in Worship at CUC:

- *June 21*: CUC’s annual “Music Sunday”, with strawberry desserts reception following
- *June 28*: Youngsun preaching
- *July 5*: Rev. Matt preaching; Holy Communion
- *July 12*: Rev. Matt preaching

## Learn

### Camp Spirit 2026 registration is now open and we can’t wait to welcome you this summer!

Camp Spirit, a ministry of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada, celebrates your child's journey of Wonder with two age-specific programs: week-long Day Camps for children 6 to 11 years old, and accompanying Level Up Youth programs for people 12 to 14 years old. Camp Spirit proudly nurtures a setting that welcomes the fullness of God's diversity.



- At the Camp Spirit Day Camps, participants value listening to and experiencing Sacred Stories, enjoying times of Creativity & Science, moving to Music, Sharing Meals together, and fostering Community, Friendships & Leadership!
- Participants in Camp Spirit Level Up Youth will connect with the same scriptures and themes as the younger campers, and focus on teamwork, skill building, fun and community while connecting to God at their level.

A total of 22 offerings of Camp Spirit are being planned, across seven different weeks in locations all around BC. There are 12 options right here in the Lower Mainland, including ones nearby in Surrey and Delta. As of June 11th, **all sites still have openings** for the age 6 - 11 day camp participants (some sites have filled already for the Level Up Youth program for ages 12 to 14).

Spread the word if you know a **child ages 6-11** or **youth ages 12-14** who would love to join us this summer for camp! For more information, locations and dates, and registration, visit: <https://www.campspirit.ca/summertime-camps.html>

And **do not let cost** be a barrier for you or someone you know... there is ample bursary assistance available, both right from us here CUC and also from the Camp Spirit program itself. \_Contact Rev. Matt if you have any questions or need more information... [matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca).

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## Serve

**You Serve with your Stewardship:** *“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)* Count the spiritual gifts revealed in this passage from Paul’s letter to the Romans: Our justification, then peace, grace, and finally hope. Big gifts! Spend a moment in thanksgiving prayer for these gifts: “Thank you, God, for salvation. Thank you, God, for peace. Thank you, God, for grace. Thank you, God, for Hope.”

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## Pray

*New this week...*

- For all those affected by the **flooding this week in Manitoba**.
- For all those **travelling to watch or participate in World Cup** games and related activities in locations all around North America.
- For individuals in numerous **countries around the world where non-heterosexual relationships or non-cisgender gender expression is criminalized**; for individuals elsewhere, including in parts of Canada, where these parts of their identity make them targets for bullying, persecution, and even violence.
- For **teachers and students** as they approach the end of the school year and prepare for the joys and challenges of summer break!
- For the nations and peoples of **Botswana** and **Zimbabwe**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* the prophetic witness of churches to protest injustices and advocate good governance; efforts that have been made to stem the spread of HIV and AIDS and to treat those affected; economic progress that improves the lives of all; and the iconic animals and minerals in these lands and measures to protect them from being exploited. ... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* fair election of democratic governments to counter instability, violence and human rights abuses; stable economies that enable all people to prosper and live in justice and peace; effective measures to improve the health and life expectancy of all; the biodiversity and animals present in these lands, and measures to preserve them; the herders and farmers who continue to raise cattle and food, despite droughts and desertification. *(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 staff transitions.

- For those impacted by the **Ebola outbreak** in the Democratic Republic of Congo and neighbouring countries.
- 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 Bose, Jean Bose, Lorraine Halverson, Pauline Iredale, Eileen Menun, Joyce Page, Gerrit Smidt, Brenda Steele, and Roy Teather.**

*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

### **Moderator's Pride Message for 2026** *Pride is more than just a celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance.*

In 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2-Spirited and LGBTQIA+ people and communities—naming the real harm caused through words, actions, silence, and systems that failed to protect and affirm God's beloved people.

In her message for this Pride Month, the Moderator of The United Church of Canada, the Right Reverend Kimberly Heath, along with the church, reflects on that apology—not as an ending, but as a beginning. A threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation.

Pride is more than celebration. It is remembrance. It is resistance. It is a witness to the sacred truth that every identity rooted in love and authenticity is a divine gift. Radical belonging is not optional—it is at the heart of the Gospel. May we continue the work of becoming a church that learns, acts with courage, and lives out love in word and deed.

From the whole United Church of Canada, Happy Pride!  
Watch the Moderator's Pride 2026 Message...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tH6jkGe3ME0>



## Have a minute?

### Thoughts from Rev. Matt

#### Recent CUC Church Council Happenings

So... what's your Church Council been up to lately, you wonder? Here are a few things that we've been talking about, working on, or taking action to implement over the last couple of months:



- At the May meeting, we took action to request our Regional Council given licensure to administer the sacraments to our associate minister, Youngsun Cheon, primarily so he can preside at Communion while I (Rev. Matt) am on sabbatical later this year.
- Speaking of which, earlier in the year, the Council approved the dates of my sabbatical leave to be from August 1st through November 22nd. This comprises the 3-month sabbatical offered to all ministry personnel after 5 years of service, along with the 3 weeks of study leave allotted to me for 2026. As discussed last summer as we were preparing to bring him on, Youngsun will serve as acting lead minister while I am away.
- In April and May, we had conversation around creating a flexible framework for our congregation to have “affiliated prayer, study, and fellowship groups” as a part of the life of our Community of Faith... An “affiliated Prayer, Study, and Fellowship Group” (PSF group) would be a subset of our Community of Faith that regularly meets for prayer/worship, study, and/or fellowship-oriented gatherings and activities that are designed to specifically target the needs or preferences of a particular cultural or linguistic community among us. The gatherings and activities of such a PSF group would be conducted alongside and in addition to participation in the principal worship service(s) and other offerings in the life of our Community of Faith.
  - For example, a group of congregants who all natively speak French may desire the opportunity, in addition to attending the main Sunday morning worship services of our congregation which are primarily in English, to also hold regular Bible study sessions or prayer meetings in French. Or, a group of congregants who are all immigrants from the same country may desire to hold regular worship gatherings and fellowship activities that reflect cultural practices and styles common to their home communities. Or, a group of congregants who are reflective of a particular generational cohort and certain cultural norms and practices may want to gather for particular formation activities and fellowship gatherings that reflect the needs and preferences of this demographic.
  - In many ways, this sort of framework already describes some of the activities of our Intercultural Ministry’s Korean-speaking participants and even our own UCW unit.
  - At this time in our congregation’s life, though, we’ve had a specific inquiry from a group of immigrants from Rwanda interested in having gatherings here for worship/prayer, study,

and fellowship in the Kinyarwandan language while also becoming active participants in our main English-language worship service. (Some of you will have already met Patrick Ngoma and Aimee Muiaurized and their 4 children; Patrick has been leading this group.)

- At the May meeting, Council adopted an official policy document outlining vision, guidelines, and expectations intended to provide a comfortable balance between the autonomy and self-direction of such a group and the desire to keep such a group well-linked-in and connected to the life of the congregation as a whole (as well as establishing certain boundaries around our norms of theology, administrative logistics, and so forth).
- We spent time in the April meeting brainstorming around some shorter-term priorities for Council focus, to ensure that we were being proactive about working on goals and growing edges over the next 9 to 12 months, and at the May meeting began laying some groundwork for attention toward one of those areas: congregational community building through fun fellowship activities.

These are just some major highlights. We've also been keeping tabs on the pending property sale (no major news, but the process appears to be continuing to move forward as anticipated), the new main church sign monument that was part of last year's anniversaries-year fundraising campaign (just in the last week, things finally got through the city's permitting process), other assorted minor facilities issues and the like.

Your questions and input—and even your presence at our monthly meetings—is always welcome! Feel free to contact Council chairperson Daniel Ariss ([arissd135@gmail.com](mailto:arissd135@gmail.com)), or myself, or any other member of the Church Council. Our next meeting is scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday, June 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. *(When possible, we take a break from regularly scheduled meetings in July and August, although will convene if something urgent needs to be attended to.)*

## God's Mission, Our Gifts

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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.***

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