



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

CLOVERDALE
UNITED CHURCH



Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers by Peter von Cornelius (1783-1867)

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(12th after Pentecost)
A Service of the Word

16 August 2026 • 10:30 AM

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With hindsight we can see the hand of God on Joseph's life and that his dreams also had a deeper, more prophetic edge to them than anyone realized at the time. However, this does not disguise his obvious relish at being his father's favourite and his boasting of his importance to his brothers, who despised him for it. ...We must stay focused on the human story and realise that God's sovereignty in our affairs does not make wrong right, but can become the opportunity to right wrongs and bring healing.

— Russ Parker, *Healing Wounded History: Reconciling peoples and Healing places*

GATHERING 모임

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

Prelude 전주 Umuziki mbere yo gutangira kuramya

Tim Bailey

Gathering Song 찬송 Indirimbo yo guterana

"Kindle in Us Your Love"

KINDLE IN US

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, kin-dle in us
the fire of your love. Come, Ho - ly
Spir - it, kin-dle in us your love.
Kin-dle in us your love, kin-dle in us your love.

repeats

Last time

Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간 Igihe cy'ituze cyo kwitegura gusenga

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 Indamukanyo

Youngsun Choen, associate 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

Ross Shearer, diaconal ministries student

예배로 부름 Guhamagarirwa Gusenga

One: How good and pleasant it is
when the people of God live in unity!

**Many: It is like being anointed with precious oil
Running down the head.**

One: It is like the morning dew,
failing upon the mountains of Zion.

**Many: For there the Lord ordained this blessing:
life forevermore.**

*** Hymn 찬송** Indirimbo — “Draw the Circle Wide”

More Voices #145

*** Prayer of the Day** 오늘의 기도 Isengesho ryo gufungura

Ross Shearer

One: Let us pray.

**Many: Holy God, by your providence
you have preserved your
people through many times of
trouble.**

**Bless and keep us in these
days,**

**that we may know your
abundant love and proclaim
your saving work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

거룩하신 하나님,
당신의 섭리로 수많은 환난의
때에도 당신의 백성을 지켜
주셨습니다.

이 날들 속에서도 우리를
복주시고 지켜 주셔서,
당신의 풍성한 사랑을 알게
하시고 당신의 구원의 일을
선포하게 하소서.
예수님 이름으로 기도합니다.
아멘.

*** The Peace** 평화의 인사 Amahoro ya Kristo

Pastor Youngsun

One: 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를 바랍니다.
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 교회소식 Ikaze n'amatangazo

WORD 말씀

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

Psalter 시편 Zaburi — Psalm 133

Voices United #856



Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!
 Be - hold, how pleas - ant, how good it is!

Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es! es!
 Be - hold how pleas - ant, how good it is! is!

How pleas - ant and har - mon - ious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

1 fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.
 2 fresh like the morn - ing dew that falls on Zi - on's ho - ly hill.
 3 there is where God be - stows the bless - ing, life for ev - er - more.

D.C.

The Early Word 어린이 설교 Ubutumwa bugenewe abana

Ross Shearer

with The Lord's Prayer 회중기도와 주기도 Isengesho ry'Umwami wacu

Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever & ever. Amen.

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y,
pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

*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 Ibyanditswe Byera — Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 NT p. 17

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approached him for help.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 Ibyanditswe Byera — Genesis 45:1-15

OT p. 42

Moved to tears by Judah's plea on behalf of Benjamin, Joseph declares, "I am Joseph!" and asks, "Is my father still alive?" Despite the brothers' evil intent, God used Joseph to preserve many lives at a time of famine.

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.

“When Hidden Wounds Meet God’s Revealing Light”

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

* Hymn 찬송 Indirimbo — “In Christ There Is No East or West” Voices United #606

* Affirmation of Faith 신앙의 고백 Guhamya Ukwizera: *A New Creed*

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

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.

We trust in God.

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.

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

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

우리는 홀로가 아닙니다.
하나님의 세계에서 삽니다.

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

우리는 하나님을 신뢰합니다.

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

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

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 Ituro

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 Gutanga Amaturu Yacu

"The Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures
 choose any version { Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures
 만 복 의 근 원 하 나 님 온 백 성 찬 송
 Gloire à Dieu, no - tre Cré - a - teur; gloire à Christ, no - tre
 here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
 high and low; give thanks to God in love made known:
 드 리 고 저 천 사 여 찬 송 하 세
 Ré - demp - teur; gloire à l'Es - prit Con - so - la - teur!
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.
 Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it, One. A - men.
 찬 송 성 부 성 자 성 령. 아 멘.
 Lou - ange et gloire à Dieu, Sau - veur. A - men.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** 감사기도 Isengesho ryo kwiye gura

Many: Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy

then we could imagine

and more blessings than we deserve.

Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you,
 that your mercy may be multiplied
 and your blessings abound
 to embrace all those in need. Amen.

Prayers of the People 중보기도와 감사기도 Isengesho ryo gusaba abandi

SENDING 파송

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

* **Hymn** 찬송 Indirimbo — “There’s Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Voices United #271*

* **Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도 Umugisha *Pastor Youngsun*

* **Dismissal** 예배로 부름 Kohereza

One: Heaven comes near. Go, share the good news!

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

* **Postlude** 후주 Umuziki nyuma y’iteraniro ryo kuramya

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: Laurel Zulke

ushers/greeters: Brian Hadley, Carole Teather

digital ushers: Daniel Ariss, Doug Sowerby

fellowship time hosts: Lorrie Brown, Lori Presunka

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.

Acknowledgements:

- Cover art is from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, Tennessee, Original Source from: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Peter_von_Cornelius_-_Joseph_gibt_sich_seinen_Br%C3%BCdern_zu_erkennen_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg
- Gathering Chorus (Introit) – “Kindle in Us Your Love”: Music by Deanna Witkowski, ©2014 Deanna Witkowski, Tilapia Tunes, admin. BMI; all rights reserved; reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-606025. Reproduced from *Voices Together*, ©2020 Menno Media, #54.
- Call to Worship adapted from *Connections: Worship Companion*, ed. David Gambrell, Year A, Vol.2, ©2021 Westminster: John Knox Press.
- Prayer of the Day adapted from *Connections: Worship Companion*, ed. David Gambrell, Year A, Vol.2, ©2021 Westminster: John Knox Press.
- Psalter 133: Words music by Pablo Sosa; © 1974, English 1986, alt, arr. Darryl Nixon 1987
- Response – “Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”: Words and music by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs; ©1982 Whole Armour & Full Armor Publishing Companies, admin. The Kruger Organisation, Inc. All rights reserved; used under OneLicense.net #A-606025. Reproduced from *More Voices*, ©2007 The United Church of Canada.
- Scripture introduction material excerpted and adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*, © Augsburg Fortress.
- Presentation of our gifts – “The Doxology”: Words by Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; public domain; alt. Music from *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; public domain. Reproduced from *Voices United: The Hymn and Worship Book of The United Church of Canada*, ©1996 The United Church Publishing House, #541 (concluding amen and traditional text added).
- Offertory Prayer of Dedication adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, Year A, Vol2, ©2014 Westminster: John Knox Press.

Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: Feeling anxious, worried or fearful? Giving and gratitude are antidotes for an anxious brain and a news cycle which tells us there is never enough.

Cloverdale Market Days: September 12

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". Join us for our final Market Day of 2026 on 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://sl1nk.com/xrohmao>. There's no reason to wait... sign up today! For more information, contact Pastor Youngsun: youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca.



Pray

New this week...

- For **Sharlene** recovering from serious accident, living with ongoing back pain, especially in this season of limited motion and deep physical strain. May she know God's sustaining presence, gentle healing, and deep peace.
- For **Pam**, friend of **Carole**, as she travels for care while living with pancreatic cancer. May she be surrounded by God's steady strength, gentle restoration, and peace that carries her through each day.
- For the people of Columbia in the wake of the recent earthquake-those who grieve, those who are injured, and those who have lost homes and stability. May they find safety, strength, and the comfort of God's nearness as they face the days ahead.

Ongoing...

- For **Bob** and **May**, for Bob prepares to enter care and both navigate a season of physical strain, uncertainty, and transition. May they experience God's sustaining presence, healing, and peace.
- For baby **Theodore** remains in the hospital with very little improvement and ongoing medical testing, for **Theodore's family**, that they may have strength, comfort, and hope as they walk through this challenging season.
- For **Walter**, friend of Christine, and his family as they mourn the recent passing of son **Jamie**.
- For our government leaders here in Canada, as they continue to discern how best to respond to new threats of economically damaging **tariffs**. And for wisdom and reason among government leaders in the United States, as well.
- For the land and forests strained by wildfire, and for the air that has grown

heavy with smoke; that creation may find relief, healing, and renewal. And for all who breathe this air—especially the vulnerable—that their bodies may be protected, their health preserved, and their days held in safety and care.

- Renewed prayers for the people of **Iran**, in the face of new military attacks in the US-Iran conflict.
- 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.
- 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, Gerri, Brenda, and Roy**.
- *Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada's prayer cycle:*
<https://www.prayercycles.ca/pacificmountain>.
- *World Council of Churches' prayer cycle:*
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>.

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

Camp Activity Day at CUC: All kids are welcome to join us for our **Kids Camp Activity Day on Sunday, August 23**. Whether your child is part of our church family or visiting for the first time, we'd love to have them with us.

Our heart behind this day is to create a place where every child knows they belong. We want children to discover that church is more than just Sunday mornings—it's a community where they can have fun, build lasting friendships, and feel welcomed, valued, and loved.

Come ready for a day filled with exciting games, creative activities, laughter, and connection. We can't wait to spend the day together as we continue building a community where every child feels they truly belong. For more information please reach out to Ross Shearer.



One Year Later: Living into the Apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ Communities

One year ago, on August 8, 2025, during the 45th General Council, The United Church of Canada made a significant apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ people and their communities. The apology recognized the deep harm caused by discrimination, exclusion, silence, and systems that failed to respect the dignity, leadership, and contributions of queer and Two-Spirit individuals. It stated that an apology, while important, would only matter if followed by consistent action.



The Moderator notes in this year's Pride message that the 2025 apology should be seen "not as an ending, but as a beginning," marking a threshold into deeper healing, accountability, and transformation. This anniversary reminds us that the work is not finished. Voices throughout the church emphasize the need for ongoing focus on pastoral care, theological reflection, and institutional accountability. This ensures that the apology is felt not only in words, but in the everyday life of the church.

As we reflect on the first anniversary of that apology, we remember this crucial moment in our church's history and recommit to its promises. An apology is not an end; it is the start of an ongoing journey toward healing, accountability, relationships, and transformation.

A Living Apology

Over the past year, faith communities across the country have continued to engage with the apology through worship, study, prayer, and discussion. Through webinars, reflective materials, and community dialogues, members have explored what it means to create a church where 2S and LGBTQIA+ people are not just welcomed but fully affirmed, celebrated, and empowered.

Faith communities are still working to create spaces for honest reflection, meaningful dialogue, and deeper engagement with the ongoing efforts to live out the apology. Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive.

Many have shared their gratitude for chances to contemplate both the challenges and opportunities of embodying the apology with greater integrity and accountability. Instead of seeing the apology as a one-time event, communities are exchanging practical ideas on how to embody its commitments in worship, congregational life, pastoral ministry, and public witness. Many have offered concrete, context-appropriate next steps for their own ministries. They've shown that living out the apology looks different in each community, yet remains rooted in the call for justice, dignity, and belonging.

Healing in Community

The work around the apology has also highlighted that healing cannot happen through words alone. It involves listening closely to the experiences of those who have been hurt, recognizing that the impacts of exclusion are still felt

today, and creating opportunities for restoring relationships through truth-telling, learning, and action.

Over the past year, the church has continued to develop and share resources to support faith communities in animating the apology through reflection, worship, and conversation. New worship materials released for Pride Month encouraged congregations to reflect on the apology while taking steps toward inclusion and justice.

As we continue in this journey as a church, the emphasis is shifting from simply remembering the apology to living it out: through relationships, courageous conversations, public witness, and faithful actions in every faith community.

We express gratitude for the courage, persistence, and faith of 2S and LGBTQIA+ people whose witness has transformed our church. We acknowledge that the journey is ongoing. Together, we are called to embody Christ's inclusive love by ensuring that our apology is visible in worship, relationships, ministry, advocacy, and public witness.

God's Mission, Our Gifts

Breaking the Silence: A bursary program is opening the door for more people to build relationships with Indigenous communities in Guatemala through shared learning and solidarity. Here is the Mission and Service story for the week of August 16, 2026.

In Guatemala, Maya and Xinka Indigenous people continue to rebuild their communities after the genocide of the 1980s, while still facing violence and repression by the Guatemalan government. Breaking the Silence (BTS) in Nova Scotia works with Maya and Xinka partners to provide opportunities to join human rights delegations and placements in Guatemala. There are many Maritimers who deeply identify with these struggles and challenges but can't afford to participate in these opportunities.

This fall, a Mi'kmaq couple will travel to Guatemala with Breaking the Silence Network, where they will meet community leaders working to advance food sovereignty. At home, the couple are already making a difference by supporting community gardens and teaching traditional Mi'kmaq skills. In Guatemala, they will learn from Indigenous partners whose work reflects many of the same values: cultivating the land, preserving culture, and ensuring communities can nourish themselves for generations to come.

The experience will be one of mutual learning. Knowledge, stories, and practices will be shared across cultures, strengthening relationships that are rooted in respect and solidarity.

For this couple, however, the opportunity almost couldn't happen.



The rising cost of international travel places these life-changing experiences beyond the reach of many people. Breaking the Silence created the bursary program to remove financial barriers that prevent people from participating in human rights delegations or volunteer placements. The bursaries are specifically intended to support low-income participants and members of Black, Indigenous, and other racialized communities who might otherwise be unable to take part.

The need for these delegations comes directly from Breaking the Silence's Guatemalan partners. They regularly invite Canadians to visit their communities as companions. These visits offer encouragement, strengthen international relationships, and provide support for local human rights and community development initiatives. The presence of international partners can also offer a measure of protection for communities advocating for justice.

Through the bursary program, this couple will join the work of accompaniment while bringing home new ideas and renewed inspiration for their own ministry and community leadership. Their experience will not end when they return to Canada. The relationships they build and the lessons they learn will continue to ripple outward through the people they teach, the gardens they nurture, and the communities they serve.

Through Mission and Service, we support ministries that build relationships rooted in justice, dignity, and mutual learning. Together, we are helping remove barriers so that more people can answer the call to stand alongside partners around the world. Let's give generously to ensure these connections remain possible. Connections that strengthen communities both near and far as we learn from one another and work together for a more just world.

For the Rights and Lives of Palestinian Children: Please sign this e-petition <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-israel-2026-concept-note> calling on the Government of Canada to take concrete steps to protect Palestinian children facing violence on a daily basis, detention without charges or a fair trial, and even death.

Join the ecumenical network of Canadians saying, "Canada, Stand Up for Palestinian Children's Rights".

Note: after signing the petition, an email will be sent to confirm your signature. To ensure your action has impact, please ensure you follow up immediately and click the link sent to your email.



For the Lives & Rights of Palestinian Children

Raise Your Spirited Voices

 Sign e-petition
e-7580





"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- Matthew 5:9

 United Action for Justice

Let Justice Roll

 justice@united-church.ca
 [united.action.for.justice](https://www.instagram.com/united.action.for.justice)

 UnitedAction
 [united.action.4.justice](https://www.tiktok.com/@united.action.4.justice)

Welcome to Cloverdale United Church!
As we say at nearly every worship service,
“No matter who you are, or where you are
on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.”
We take these words seriously. We strive to be a
community as diverse and hospitable as God’s
kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we
don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come
from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and
we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship
God together as one.



In this lovely old church, we do Sunday morning in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God’s Spirit still speaking into our lives today. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat with us. Introduce yourself to other worshippers or our pastor. There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

Cloverdale United Church recognizes that we worship, live, work, and play in traditional and unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples: primarily the Katzie, the Kwantlen, the Semiahmoo, the Snokomish, the Stolo, the Tsawwassen, and the Wsanec. We give our thanks to them and for them; we offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We seek to live with respect in this piece of Creation; we seek peace and justice among all who have called this land home.

CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH

17575 58A Ave., Surrey, BC V3S 1N1 | 604.574.5813 | cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Ministers

All of the Congregation

Lead Minister

Rev. Matthew Emery – matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Associate Minister

Youngsun Cheon – youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Director of Music Ministries

Tim Bailey – tim@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Office Administrator

Lily Lee – office@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Intercultural Ministry Coordinator

Yumi Park – yumi@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Children & Youth Ministries Leader

Ross Shearer – ross@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca

Church Council Chair

Daniel Ariss – arissd135@gmail.com