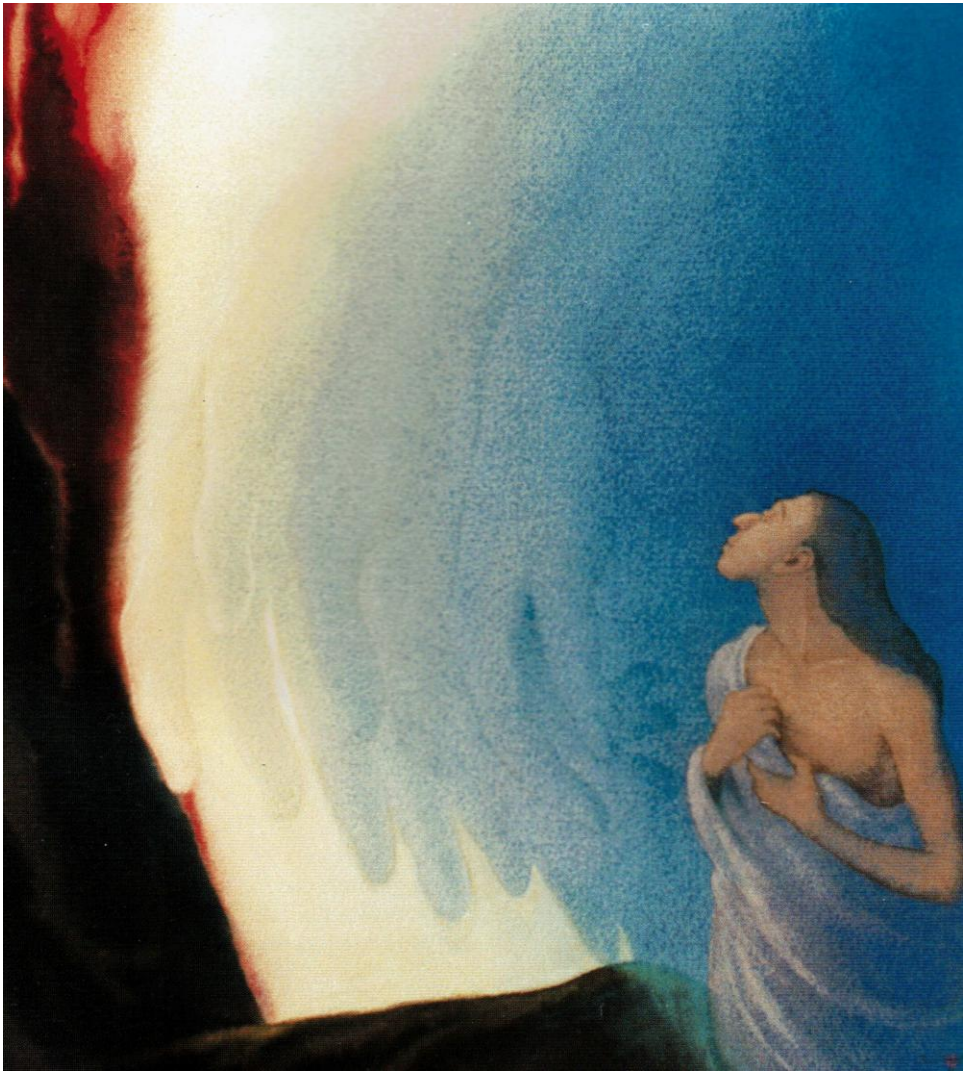
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The Hand of God is My Refuge by Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(21 after Pentecost)
A Service of the Word

18 October 2026 • 10:30 AM

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We long to have contact with more people, but all our wishes and longings must come under one desire: that at any hour, in any place, not our will but God's will be done. We must willingly submit to this. The last few years have shown us-or should have shown us-our incapability, our sinfulness, and our powerlessness. Mission depends on whether our faith is a living faith.
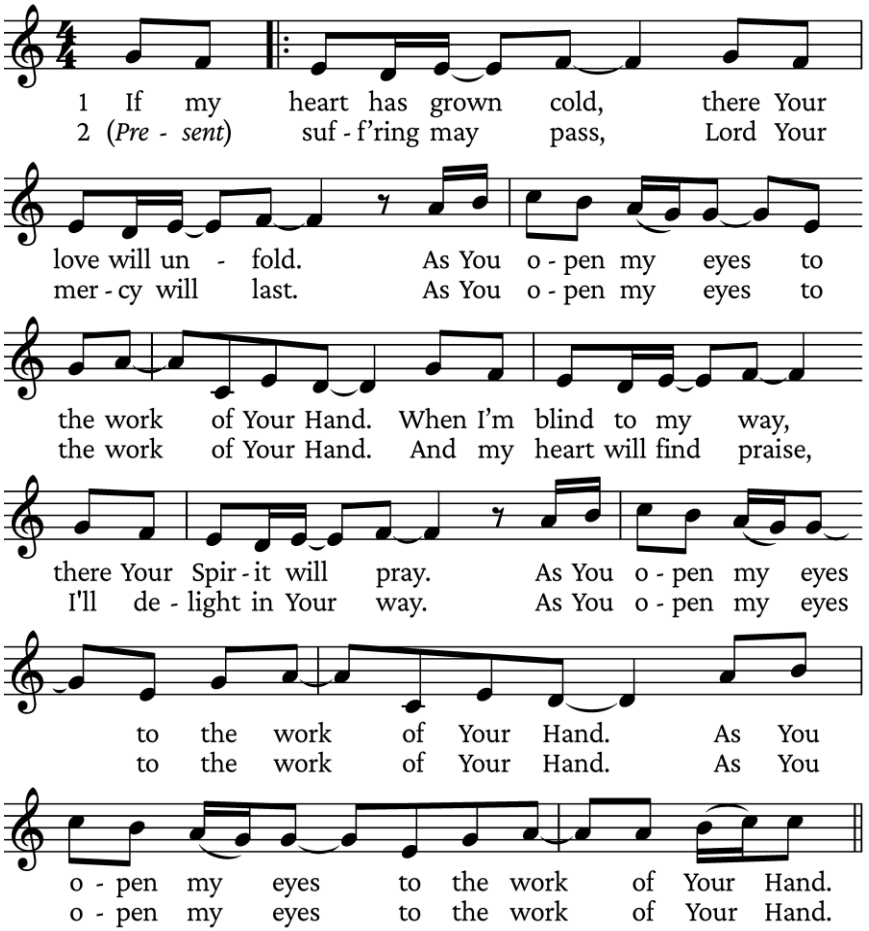
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GATHERING 모임
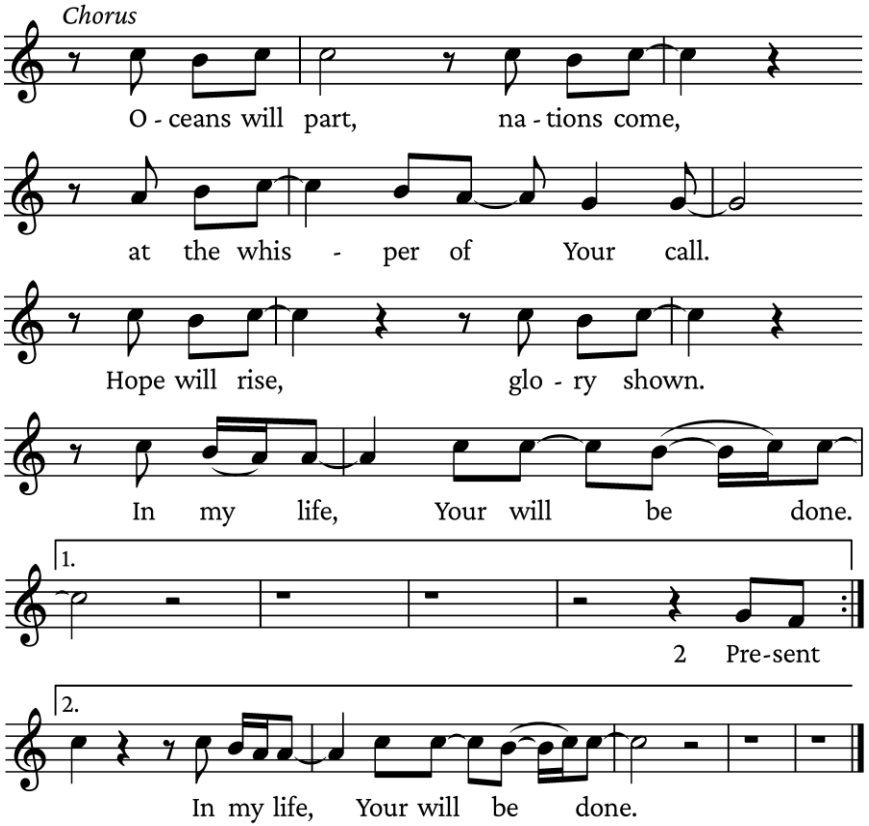
The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주 *Umuziki mbere yo gutangira kuramya* — *Tim Bailey*

Gathering Song 찬송 *Indirimbo yo guterana* — "Oceans Will Part" *by Ben Fielding*



*In the ways we are able—in body or in spirit—**we rise for those parts marked with an asterisk '*'***



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 Cheon, 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 예배로 부름 *Guhamagarirwa Gusenga*

One: Lift up your heads, you gates:
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Many: **Who is this King of glory?**

One: The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

Many: **Lift up your heads, you gates;**
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

*** Hymn** 찬송 *Indirimbo* — "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" *Voices United* **#299**

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

One: Let us pray.

Many: **Faithful God,**
you are here.
Tuck us into the cleft of the rock;
Cover us with your hand
when we are anxious,
that we may be courageous
to do your will,
through Christ,
who calls us by name.
Amen.

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

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

Anthem 합창단 찬송가 *Indirimbo y'abaririmby* *The Choir*

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" by Sean Paul

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length, in length; such a strength as makes a guest.
Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.
Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move.
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.
Such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

The Early Word 어린이 설교 *Ubutumwa bugenewe abana*
with **The Lord's Prayer** 회중기도와 주기도 *Isengesho ry'Umwami wacu*

Worshippers are invited to pray The Lord's Prayer in the language of their hearts. English, French, German, Korean, Chinese, Punjabi, and Kinyarwanda versions of the Prayer are on cards in the pews. The worship leader will pray in English.
예배 참석자 여러분께서는 마음속에 있는 언어로 주기도문을 바치실 수 있습니다. 영어, 프랑스어, 독일어, 한국어, 중국어, 펀자브어, 키냐르완다어 버전의 주기도문이 좌석에 비치된 카드에 있습니다. 예배 인도자는 영어로 기도할 것입니다.

Abasenga batumiwe gusenga Isengesho ry'Umwami mu rurimi rw'imitima yabo. Iri sengesho mu gifaransa, ikidage, igikoreya, igishinwa, igipunjabi n'ikinyarwanda riri ku makarita mu ntebe. Umuyobozi w'itorero azasenga mu Cyongereza.

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.

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 22:15-22 *NT p. 24*

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

after the reading:
One: Word of God, Word of Life.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 성경봉독 *Ibyanditswe Byera* — Exodus 33:12-23 *OT p. 80*

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see God's face, but only God's back.

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 *Ubutumwa* — "More than Anything" *Pastor Youngsun*

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 *Indirimbo* — "There's Spirit in the Air" *Voices United* **#582**

*** 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,
우리와 남들 안에서 성령으로
역사 하십니다.

우리는 하나님을 신뢰합니다.

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.

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*
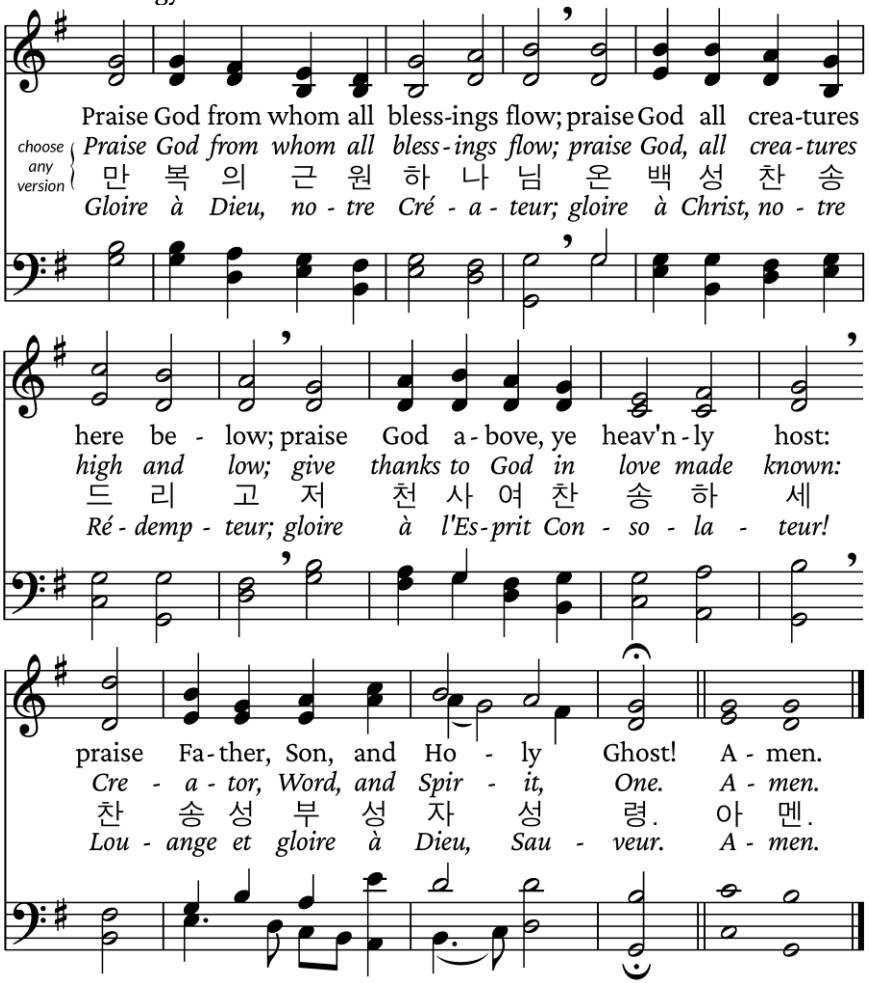
OFFERTORY MUSIC — *Tim Bailey*

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 Amaturo Yacu*

"The Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH



* ***Prayer of Dedication*** 감사기도 *Isengesho ryo kwiyegura*

Many: **We trust you, Lord God,**
to multiply the blessings these gifts represent,
as we pour out your love and grace
on those who long to hear your word to them,
to see your power at work within them,
to feel your comfort beside them,
through the generous gifts of your Spirit.
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* — "I've Got Peace Like a River" *Voices United* **#577**

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

***RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — "Dance with the Spirit" *More Voices* **#156**

*** 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 …

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Many ways to give! We welcome your offering in the way that works for you: by cash or cheque in the offering plates, through automatic monthly gifts via Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact the office to enrol), by free eTransfer from your bank (to eTransfer@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca), or by credit card via CanadaHelps (service fees apply). Want to give now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR → to be taken to CanadaHelps.



Children are welcome at all services! It is important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! After all… as an old saying goes, "faith is caught, not taught!" Children are encouraged to stand and

sing with the songs, partake in communion, read and pray along when they can, and join in for the "Early Word"—a time at the front with conversation just for them near the beginning of the service. Most Sundays September through June, we have "**Children's Church**" activities during the latter two-thirds of the service in the Lounge on the lower level, to which any pre-school through grade 5 aged child is welcome! For those accompanying infants or toddlers who need a spot to 'escape' to during the worship service, feel free to make use of the "**Quiet Room**" off the side of the sanctuary, near the piano, where there you will find comfortable seating, toys, and a changing table all while being able to hear and see the worship service.



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).



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Meet

FRASER UCW ANNUAL MEETING — Tuesday, October 15

The meeting will be held at **Inlet United Church, 2315 Spring Street, Port Moody, B.C.**

The theme of the day is **"Music and Motion."** Our presenter is **Vera Wong**, the Recreation Lead of Outreach at the Adult Cognitive Wellness Centre in Langley. Be ready for lots of music, movement, and cognitive awareness!!

Come and enjoy meeting some of the UCW ladies from around the Valley for singing, worship, lunch, a presentation, and communion.

BRING A BAG LUNCH — dessert will be provided.

BOOK EXCHANGE: Bring a book or two, take a book or two, and leave a loonie or two (or three!)

Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible. If you are coming, and especially if you are able to drive, please phone **Lorrie** at **604-816-3764** or **778-593-7410**. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: What you say to God matters. How you share your faith matters. What you give in response to God's generosity matters—not just to you, not just to those who receive your gifts, but to God. God longs for us to be generous, as a sign of our love for God, for neighbour, and for all creation. Let us give like it matters.

Pray

New this week…

- We may seek God more than anything else and learn to trust God's presence in every season of life. May our hearts be drawn closer to God each day, and may we become a community that encounters and reflects God's love wherever we are.

Ongoing…

- For **Taewon**, experienced severe back pain while trying to work on the flower bed with his wife. May God's healing touch ease his discomfort, restore his strength.
- For **Bob** and **May**, in thanksgiving for signs of improvement in Bob's health as he settles into a care home. As he continues to regain strength and mobility, and as May supports him with patience and love, may they be sustained by God's presence, encouraged by hope, and surrounded by peace and care.
- For the people of Cuba facing economic hardship and ongoing uncertainty. May they be sustained with hope, strength, and the support they need for each day.
- For the people of Colombia affected by the recent earthquake. May those who grieve, suffer injury, or have lost homes find safety, strength, and comfort in the days ahead.
- For the people of Nepal and China affected by devastating floods, and for the Canadian reported missing. May those who are suffering find safety, comfort, and hope, and may families be sustained with strength in the days ahead.
- Renewed prayers for the people of **Ukraine, Palestine, and Iran.**
- 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**, **Gerrit**, **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

2027 Canadian Church Calendar: Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice

The 2027 calendars are now available for purchase from Judy Cooks. If you're interested in buying one, please see Judy after the service. Each calendar costs $10.00.

Celebrate United Churches across Canada! Focusing on the theme of 65 years of United Church Women, this bilingual calendar features colourful photos from communities of faith across the country plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates.



God's Mission, Our Gifts

A Circle of Twelve: *Morogoro Women's Training Centre in Tanzania is helping mothers of children with disabilities build confidence, skills, financial independence, and community. Here is the Mission and Service Story for October 18, 2026.*

"There's a particular feeling that comes with visiting longtime companions in ministry, a sense of stepping into a story that began long before you arrived and will continue long after you leave. I felt it immediately on my first trip to Tanzania. Since 1979, The United Church of Canada has been accompanying the work of the Morogoro Women's Training Centre (MWTC), a unit of the Christian Council of Tanzania, in Tanzania, supporting their locally-led efforts that empower women.

Read more here: https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/mission-and-service-story-circle-twelve/

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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