



Welcome to worship!

Sunday October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 24

World Food Sunday

*A joint online Zoom worship Service with:
Claremont, Fairbank & Goodwood
United Churches and friends.*

Worship Leaders:

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Announcements & Worship Theme

We Joyfully Gather in God's Presence

Lighting the Christ Candle

There was a man named Jesus, who embodied God's love and compassion in such surprising ways. And he said: **I am the light of the world**

Acknowledgement of the Land

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land where each of us are gathered today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island.

God of justice, help us to embody your call to reconciliation with our First Nations in tangible, loving ways. Amen.

Call to Worship

Our God is preparing a feast for all people;

**a wonderful banquet with vintage wine and gourmet food,
the choicest meats, and lavish desserts. And the whole world will be invited!**

And God will wipe away the tears from every face,
and lift the despair from every heart.

And together, God's people will proclaim: this is our God, in whom we place our trust!
Let us rejoice in the salvation God brings!

Opening Hymn: Immortal Invisible
Video: Halifax Minster Church, Halifax UK

VIDEO

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
in love You open wide the doors
and welcome us into Your presence— saints and sinners alike.
You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare— a feast of love and mercy
for the body and soul.
We come with joy to worship You here,
to eat and drink at Your table,
to taste and see Your goodness,
to celebrate Your grace in our lives.
May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving,
and our action in the world;
through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

We Open our Hearts to the Spirit's Voice

One: Whether you take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth or story,
listen now to these words for the meaning they hold in your lives today.

**All: May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder, as we ponder the meaning of
these words in our lives.**

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”¹⁴ He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”¹⁸ Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.”¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.”²¹ And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;²² and

while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection: Rev. Lionel Ketola

Song: “You are the Seed”

VIDEO

*Video: Produced by Samm Hills Worship - Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
Soprano: Anna Morris Baritone: Shinwoo Oh Piano: Carol Churchill Coordinating,
Audio Mixing/Mastering, Video Production: Sung Lee*

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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Reflection: Pastor Steven Loweth DLM

Hymn of the Day The Servant Song, by David Haas

VIDEO

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

**We bless you, God of seed and harvest,
and we bless each other,
that the beauty of this world,
and the love that created it,
might be expressed through our lives,
and be a blessing to others, now and always. Amen.**

Prayers for the People

God of Life, we give you thanks for the abundance of your creation,
and the generosity of your gifts.

We are sorry that amongst us are so many people

who are excluded from the feast prepared by you for us all.

May your Spirit inspire us and lead us as we seek change,

so that hunger and poverty are no longer a scar and scandal in our world.

May your Spirit guide us as we seek change,

so everybody has enough food to flourish and a place at the table you spread for all.

Nourishing God, **hear our prayer.**

Tender God, we lift up in prayer all those whose needs are close to us this day:

Prayers of intercession are spoken

Restoring God, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, Loving One, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great
love for all creation; through Jesus our brother who taught us to pray:

“God, our Mother and Father in Heaven, hallowed be thy name... Amen.”

Closing Song: Go Make a Difference

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VIDEO

Video: St Mark's United Church Chancel Choir, Whitby Ont.

We Go Forth to Serve our Neighbours

Blessing:

Go out from here as the people of God,

strengthened in your desire to live and act

as God's people in our hungry, hurting world.

And may the blessings of God –

boundless love, redeeming grace, enduring presence –

be with you, now and always. Amen.

Musical Blessing: “Day By Day” Instrumental Hymn

VIDEO

Video: Sannamish Hills Lutheran Church. Clarinet: Mindy Kim Piano: Sung Lee Film Editing/Audio Engineering, Mixing and Mastering - Sung Lee

CHURCH NEWS

Goodwood United Church: Online Community Check-in: Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, on Zoom. Once our check-in time has come to a conclusion, the group will proceed with our weekly Bible Study / “Conversations about Life”, so feel free to join us for this as well.

Claremont United Church: Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon - Join us for a Zoom “drop-in” meeting Everyone is invited to join us for these “Virtual Brock Café” Zoom gatherings to connect with our congregational community.

Joint BOOK STUDY GROUP for all 3 Churches: Fridays at 10:00 am: “21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act”, by Bob Joseph. After this book we will read Bob Joseph’s second book: **Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips and Suggestions to make Reconciliation a Reality.** This group is open to all members of Claremont, Fairbank and Goodwood United Churches, and friends. So please order your copy of both books now! *You can join us at any part during the study – ALL are welcome.*

Past Services are being uploaded to YouTube

We are now live streaming to our YouTube Channel. The service will also be available for watching later. Please use this link to visit the uploaded services site.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1HPD2ai10bo-qbNaXvNVtw>

Continued Financial Support for our Congregations

Please prayerfully consider how you can continue to support your congregation’s ongoing ministries during this time.

- Offerings can be **mailed to the church address** itself
- **PAR forms** (for pre-authorized debit) are available from your church treasurer



- You can send your offering by **E-TRANSFER** through your online banking. Here is where to send them:

For **Claremont United** send to: **treasurercuc@outlook.com**

For **Goodwood United** send to: **goodwoodctreasurer@gmail.com**

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