



Welcome to Worship!

Sun August 22, 2021, 10:30 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

Claremont, Fairbank & Goodwood

United Churches

**Join us on Zoom or our YouTube channel:
CFG Worship**

Worship Leaders: Rev. Lionel Ketola, and Pastor Steven Loweth
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Words of Welcome

Introit: VU # 466 Eat this Bread

Music: The Masked Bandits

Lighting the Christ Candle

There was a man named Jesus, who brought healing and new life to all whom he met. And he said: **"I am the light of the World"**.

Acknowledgement of the Land

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the history, spirituality and cultures of the First Nations who are the traditional custodians of the land where each of us is gathered today. Their relationship with the land remains central to their lives.

God of new life, ground us in love and justice so we can work toward reconciliation and fulfill our treaty obligations with Canada's First Nations peoples. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House MV 1 , v. 1, 3, 4, 5. VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/R4cM94hDEZk>

With Permission, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

(Michigan)

Prayer of the Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
We long to be where You are;
to stand in Your very presence,
to gather at your table,
and to behold You, face to face!
And so we have come to this place today;
we have gathered together to worship You—
to offer the praise which belongs to You alone.
Bless us as we worship You together,
and as we open our hearts and minds
to Your presence among us.
For You alone are God,
the One in whom we trust. Amen.

We Gather Around God's Word

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.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the

Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

Reflection: Pastor Steve

Hymn: VU # 686 God of Grace and of Glory (*Tune: VU 651*)

Music: The Masked Bandits

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 84
<https://youtu.be/UDC8rzRtfeg>

Chris Brunelle **VIDEO**
With permission, Chris Brunelle

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶[Jesus said] Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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Reflection: Rev. Lionel

Communion Hymn: MV # 192 We Come Now to Your Table Lord

VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/DBQjOCXs4PE>

With Permission, Redeemer Lutheran Church, London ON

Minute For Mission

Prayers of the People

Gathered at God's table of grace, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. Silence

Source of Life, your mystery is beyond our understanding; the highest heavens, the galaxies and universes cannot contain you. Neither can our churches, our creeds, or our limited understandings. And yet, you hear our hopes and our prayers, for your love is far greater than our needs. For the gift of your great love, we give thanks.

God who dwells among us, **hear our prayers.**

God of courage, bless your church. Guide us into new ways of embodying your love in our world so that all may know your loving and restoring presence.

God who dwells among us, **hear our prayers.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and wildfires; and bring life-giving rain to support growth. We pray for the people of Haiti who are being confronted by a tropical storm as they recover from a serious earthquake. Deepen our sense of calling to care for the Earth, our sibling.

God who dwells among us, **hear our prayers.**

Holy Spirit, comfort the broken-hearted among us. May we bring your compassion and strengthening presence to the sick, the lonely, the disheartened and all who are in any need.

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God of community, bless all who work for justice, challenging the destructive powers and principalities of our world. We pray for the people of Afghanistan especially women and girls who fear for their safety and their future. Empower us to work for peace, reconciliation and healing in our world.

God who dwells among us, **hear our prayers.**

At this time, we remember all who have asked for our prayers.

Intercessions are offered

God who dwells among us, **hear our prayers.**

Into your hands, tender God, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your great love; through Jesus, your gift of life. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

Generous God, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Receive the gifts that we offer this day.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

May God be with you

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God!

Let us give thanks to our God.

We give thanks to the Source of Life!

Holy One, you gather us into the depths of your mystery:

You beyond the galaxies

You under the oceans

You inside the leaves

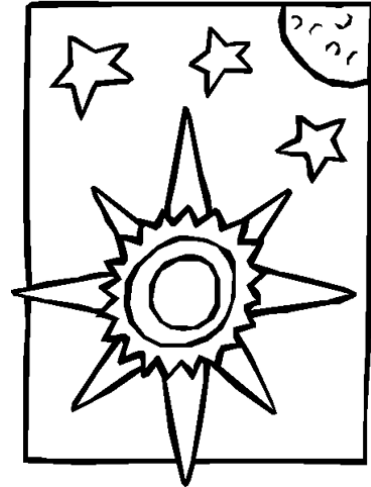
You pouring down rain

You opening the flowers

You feeding all creation

You, giving us your Spirit

You holding us in the night



Before all that is, You are 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:

Sanctus: VU # 951, v 2, "Santo, Santo, Santo"

VIDEO

<https://youtu.be/TQpT6OI2ZHA> (With permission, St Pauls' Presbyterian, San Angelo, TX).

Holy, Holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!

Blessed is our brother Jesus

whose life among us embodied your amazing love:

Healing, teaching, dying, rising,

Inviting us all to your feast.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he shared a meal with his friends ...

Tender God, we remember your son:

His life with the poor

His death among the outcast

His resurrection for us all.

With thanksgiving, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

**Christ has risen
Christ will come again.**

Holy One, we cry out for your Spirit:

Enliven this bread

Awaken this body

Pour us out for each other

Transfigure our minds

Ignite our church

Nourish us to be your living body here on earth!

We bless you for your grace

We bless you for your table

We bless you for your journeying presence – now and always! Amen.

With Christ our Saviour, we pray: **“God our Mother and Father in Heaven ...”**

We gather up our prayers, with Jesus words,

As we pray together: *“Our Father ...”*

At the breaking of the bread:

Holy things for holy people! **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

We share the bread and the cup

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God, may we who have shared these gifts

be an abundant harvest of love and justice

for all who hunger and thirst for your presence;

through Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen.

Closing Song: VU 481 Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

VIDEO


<https://youtu.be/iVYNDtVqsMw>

With permission, Forest Grove United Church

Blessing:

Filled with the goodness of God:
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.

And may the blessing of God—Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
Be with you, encourage you and strengthen you,
now and always! Amen.

Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace **CFG Worship Choir** 

Church News and Announcements

Worship News & Schedule through to Labour Day Weekend

Thank you to Marilyn Elphick and the Fairbank United Church Zoom team for leading us in worship on Sunday July 25 & Sunday August 15 when Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve were away. Your gifts and leadership were much appreciated!

Sunday Aug 22, 10:30 am **Holy Communion** - with Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Thursday Aug 25, 7:30 pm **Evening Prayer** (online, on Zoom)

Sunday Aug 29, 10:30 am - Regular Zoom Worship – with Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

(Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve are on vacation from August 30 – September 6, inclusive).

Sunday Sept 5th **NO Worship Service** on Labour Day Sunday

Sunday Sept 12, 10:30 am Regular Zoom Worship with Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Goodwood United Church - Weekly Programs & Meetings

The Knit-Wits: Wednesdays at 10:00 am. This is **Goodwood United Church's weekly ZOOM group** for Knitting, crochet and other needle craft. This group facilitates our congregation's **Prayer Shawl Ministry**. They will keep you in stitches! To find out how to connect with this group on Zoom, contact Shirley Baster.

Thursdays at 10:30 am – Join us for our Thursday Zoom Check-in & Bible Study. Enjoy a chance to connect with our church community and share stories, laughter and support for this online gathering, which is followed by our weekly bible study.

Our Friday Morning Book Study will resume in the fall, with a new book. Contact Rev. Lionel with your suggestions for book themes / titles that our group can read!

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DISCERNMENT PROCESS – CLAREMONT UNITED CHURCH'S FUTURE

At its last meeting, Claremont United Church's Board has voted to begin a Discernment process which will use the "wisdom circle process" to discern what our future as a congregation could look like! This is a very exciting process to begin, as we seek the Spirit's guidance about our future shape & ministries. ***This process will begin soon.***



Join us for **Worship on our YouTube channel - CFG Worship**

- Join us for worship either on Zoom, or on YouTube, Sundays at 10:30 am
- Watch past services uploaded to our YouTube channel

Go to **Youtube.com** and search **CFG Worship**.

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: **goodwooductreasurer@gmail.com**

Thank you for your continued support of our congregation's ministry.

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YOU!