



Welcome to Worship!

Sunday June 6, 2021, 10:30 am

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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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Julian of Norwich Sermon Series: “Expanding Our Vision: Beyond Dualism”

Words of Welcome

Introit: “Julian of Norwich”

Linnea Good

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.

Call to Worship (Written by Ann Siddal)

Only the hungry search for bread.

Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.
This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

Opening Hymn: VU 402 We are One as We Come

Prayer of the Day

(Adapted, from Julian of Norwich)

In you, Creator, we have our preservation and our bliss.
In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.
You are our mother, brother, and Saviour.
In you, Holy Spirit, is marvellous and plenteous grace.
You are our clothing; for in love you wrap us and embrace us.
You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.
Teach us to believe that by your grace
all shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well. 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.

A reading from Ephesians 4: 1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your

calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Psalm Hymn (Psalm 133): Behold How Pleasant VU page 856

A reading from the Gospel of John 17.1a, 11, 20-23

In this reading, Jesus prays for the disciples on the night of his arrest.

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of ¹² your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

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

Sermon: Rev. Lionel Ketola

Hymn of the Day: Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU # 374

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

Generous God, through the diverse web of creation,
You have blessed us with the gifts of abundant life.

May the gifts that we offer

help bring our world to blossom with healing, hope, and abundant life;

Through Christ, the Tree of Life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers for all people, and for all of God's creation,
that our Creator will nurture the fullness of life in all of creation.

God of hope, we pray for the followers of the Way of Jesus throughout the globe. Unite us through our lives of service for all who are in need; make us one through acts of love for our broken world.

God who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways, and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to relate to creation with reverence and awe, seeking restoration where human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation.

God who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, we pray for peace and harmony in our fragmented world.

May your Spirit of Love unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred and the violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth. May those who have begun to lose heart find encouragement, hope and justice through our care and actions.

God who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

God who delights in diversity, may your Spirit open our hearts so we can joyfully celebrate the diversity of cultures, ethnicities, and religions that enrich our lives.

Journey with all Indigenous, Metis and Inuit families who are struggling with feelings of shock, anger and grief at this time. Empower us for acts of reconciliation which have depth and integrity.

God who makes us one, **Hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, we lift up all who have asked for our prayers at this time ...

Intercessions are spoken

Into your hands, Creating God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus who taught us to pray:

God, our Mother and Father in heaven.....

Closing Song: We are One in the Spirit

Blessing:

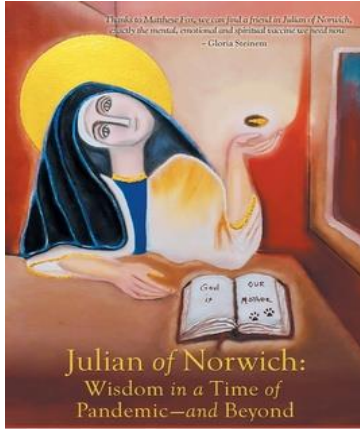
Before he was arrested,
Jesus prayed for his disciples, saying:
Creator, may they be one, just as you and I are one.

May you be oned to the beauty of the Creator
May you be oned to the courage of the Christ
May you be oned to the passion of the mighty Spirit -
now and always. **Amen.**

Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace **CFG Worship Choir** (2)



***Church Announcements
... see the pages below***



Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a time of Pandemic

A Sermon Series

based on the book by Matthew Fox

Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve will be leading this 7 week Sermon Series based on Matthew Fox's book. There will be a break mid-way when Rev Lionel and Pastor Steve are away on Study leave from May 16-23. After the series is complete you may enjoy ordering the book to further reflect on it. Each service and Sermon will be posted on our YouTube Channel for viewing later. **CFG Worship available here** [Channel content](#)

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June 6 – Week 5

“Expanding our Vision: Beyond Dualism”

Preacher: Rev. Lionel

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:10, Galatians 3:28, John 17: 1a, 11, 20-23

June 13 – Week 6

“Trusting our Sensuality”

Preacher: Pastor Steve

Scriptures: Psalm 139: 1-6 13-18, Genesis 1: 1-5, 26a, 27-31a.

June 20 – Week 7

“The Power of Love over Evil”

HOLY COMMUNION

Preaching: Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Scriptures: Psalm 98, John 15:9-17

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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.

Online Community Check-in: Thursdays at 10:30 AM, on Zoom. Join us for an opportunity to connect and find supportive community through our regular weekly check-in meetings. At the conclusion of our check-in time, we move into our weekly **“Conversations about Life / Not your Typical Bible Study”** group. Feel free to join us!

Book Study: Resumes Friday June 4 at 10:00 am on Zoom – See Below for details of our new book study.

Claremont United Church - Weekly Programs and Meetings

During June we will meet Wednesdays @ 10:00 am – Join us for our weekly Zoom “drop-in” meeting. Everyone is invited to join us for these “Virtual Brock Café” Zoom gatherings to connect with our Claremont United Church community. Enjoy catching up with each other and sharing support.



**East Central Ontario
Regional Council**
of the United Church of Canada



East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC)

Spring Meeting: June 4 – 6, 2021

Friday June 4th - Evening Session

Saturday June 5 – Two Sessions

Sunday June 6 – a possible Sunday session if necessary.

Join us for Worship

on our YouTube channel - CFG Worship

- Join us for worship either on Zoom, or on YouTube
- Watch past services uploaded to our YouTube channel

Go to [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search **CFG Worship**.

**Join our BOOK STUDY GROUP
for all 3 Churches & friends:**

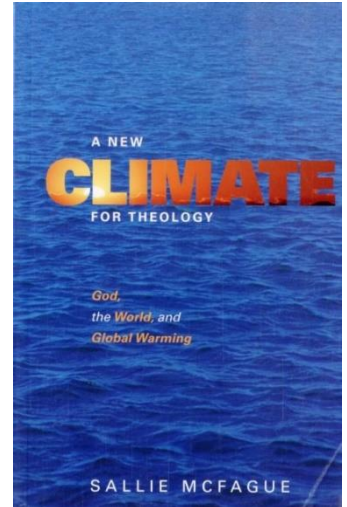
Each Friday at 10:00 am on Zoom

We are reading our new book:

**A New Climate for Theology:
God, the World, and Global Warming,**

by Sallie McFague. It is an excellent book, so please join us!!

The book is available locally from Blue Heron in Uxbridge, if you don't want to have to rely on the 'big box' online stores... so order yours now!



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: treasureruc@outlook.com

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

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

**THANK
YOU!**