



*Welcome to worship!*

**Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Worship Leaders:** *Pastor Steven Loweth, DLM  
& Rev. Lionel Ketola, BA, M Div.*

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**Musicians this Sunday:** Gabrielle Untermann and Jane Plewman.

### **We Joyfully Gather in God's Presence**

#### **Words of Welcome**

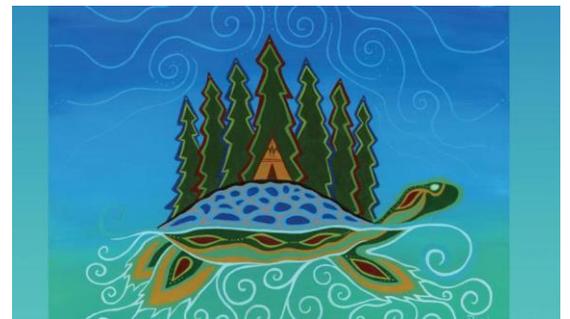
#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

There was a man named Jesus, who brought hope and healing to all he met.  
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 is 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**

Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

**"Come! Follow me."**

A simple call. A challenging call -

**because following requires leaving.**

And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

It's hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.  
**But we have come this far, to this place,  
where we can listen to your voice and be transformed.**

Opening Hymn: Jesus Calls Us          VU 562

### **Prayer of the Day**

Inviting God,  
we give thanks for your intimate knowledge of us.  
you have traced our journeys and our resting places,  
and you are familiar with all of our ways.  
Open our hearts to Jesus' call to discipleship,  
so we may know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly  
and follow you more nearly;  
through Jesus Christ, who invites us to discover new life. 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.**

### **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there,

calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

**Reflection: Pastor Steve**

**Scripture Hymn: Take my Life and Let it Be VU 506** *Gabrielle Untermann & Jane Plewman*

*1 Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*2 Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love,  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.*

*3 Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*4 Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*5 Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.*

### **The Gospel According to John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus

answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

**Reflection: Rev. Lionel**

**Hymn of the Day: I Have Called You By Your Name      MV 161**

### **Prayers of the People**

Guided by Christ who calls each one of us, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

We pray for the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, we may faithfully live our calling to be Jesus' disciples everyday. God in Your Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we may serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray. God in Your Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and judges, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide care and protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray. God in Your Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

For Doctors and nurses, for Paramedics, for Personal Support Workers and all other staff in long term care facilities, for Chaplains and Social Workers and Physiotherapists and for all front line workers who are caring for people during this time of pandemic, let us pray. God in Your Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound, that God may use us to console all who suffer, let us pray. God in Your Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

For the people and places throughout our world whose needs are close to our hearts at this time, let us pray.      *(Intercessions are now offered)*  
God in Your Love, **Hear our Prayer.**

Tender God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts:**

Loving God, as the disciples offered their whole selves to you when they chose to follow Jesus, we offer you, this day, our selves, time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. With these gifts we dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

**Our hearts are raised in joyful song!**

Blessed are you,  
O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating  
the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for delivering the Israelites  
from slavery into freedom.  
Praise to you for the Prophets  
who cried out for repentance and rebirth.  
Praise to you for Jesus,  
whose life and ministry brought healing and new life to all.  
Praise to you for your mighty spirit,  
poured out on all people.

And so with the company of heaven and the saints on earth,  
we join in their happy song:

*(VU page 951)*



*Santo santo santo.  
Mi Corazon te a-do-ra!  
Mi Corazon te sa-be de-cir:  
Santo e-res Dios!*

**Holy, holy, holy  
My heart, my heart, adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words  
You are holy God!**

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, Jesus took bread ...

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and on these gifts of bread and cup.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life in us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.  
**Come Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with the sun and moon and stars, we praise you O God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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

*At the breaking of the bread:*  
Holy things for holy people!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Prayer after communion:

**We give you thanks, Loving God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.  
Send us from this table to tables throughout our world, to love and serve in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**We Go Forth to Love and Serve our Neighbours**

**Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" VU # 509 <https://youtu.be/odHsov9jOTo>**

**Blessing & Commissioning**

God knows our sitting down and our rising up,  
and is familiar with all of our ways.  
Empowered by God's intimate knowledge of us,  
let us hear the call,  
and go forth to be faithful followers of Jesus.

And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit  
Be with you all. Amen.

God's knowledge of us is so deep and wonderful that we can barely comprehend it.

**Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace**

**VIDEO**



## Weekly Church Programs

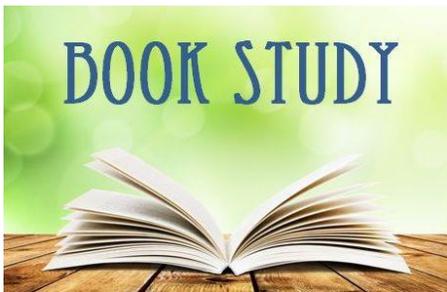
### Goodwood United Church & Claremont United Church:

**Online Community Check-in: Tuesdays at 10:00 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 Bible Study / “Conversations about Life” group. Feel free to join us!

**The Knit-Wits:** This is **Goodwood United Church’s weekly ZOOM group** for Knitting, crochet and other needle craft. This group leads our congregation’s **Prayer Shawl Ministry**. To find out how to connect with this group on Zoom, contact Shirley Baster.

### Claremont United Church:

**Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon - Join us for a Zoom “drop-in” meeting. Resumes Wed January 6<sup>th</sup>.** 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 & friends:** Friday Mornings at 10 AM

**Beginning Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday Feb 12** we will read:

**Unsettling the WORD: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization, Steve Heinrichs Editor.**  
(Available online through a variety of bookstores).

### Lent Book Study (5 weeks)

Beginning the first week in Lent (Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>) we will read:

**The Death of Christ for Progressive Christians, by Donald Schmidt.**

You can order your copy through: [www.woodlakebooks.com](http://www.woodlakebooks.com)

**YOUTUBE** – Watch worship LIVE, Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am on YOUTUBE, or watch recordings of our Sunday service anytime during the week. See this Link (Fairbank United’s Youtube channel):

<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: [treasurerucuc@outlook.com](mailto:treasurerucuc@outlook.com)

For **Goodwood United** send to: [goodwooductreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:goodwooductreasurer@gmail.com)

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

**Find us online!**

**Check out our websites!**

Check out our church websites for **new updates** during this time, including Sunday devotions, and information about coping with stress during COVID-19.

[www.claremontunitedchurch.com](http://www.claremontunitedchurch.com)

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**Claremont, Fairbank and Goodwood United Churches  
are seeking a**

**Geek Squad / Tech Volunteer**

to help out with the technical aspects  
of our Joint Sunday morning Zoom Worship Services at 11:00 am.

Your time, efforts and skills will help ensure that the  
technical aspects of our Zoom Worship Service run smoothly.  
Your role could be carried out remotely, from home, if needed.

In return, you would get volunteer hours  
& the satisfaction of knowing you made a difference!  
*Knowledge of MS Word, PPT, and Zoom would be helpful.*

**Interested? Get in touch!**

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