



# ***Welcome to worship!***

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021**

## **Transfiguration Sunday & Reception of A New Member**

*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:** Gabrielle Untermann and Alex Hyunh Do

### **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**

From places familiar and places unknown  
From places of work and places of pleasure  
From places of celebration and places of lament  
From places of noise and places of quiet solitude  
From mountain tops of vision and low places of struggle ...  
Wherever you have come from today,  
You are welcome to this time of prayer and reflection  
to experience God's call and to be transformed!

**Opening Hymn: VU 104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Brilliant and Wonderful God

We embrace the rising Sun,  
whose fire burns brilliantly in the morning sky.  
Whose glow gleams in the growing earth  
and glistens in sea and sky.

We embrace the dazzling Son.  
May his fire burn in our hearts.  
May his glow gleam through our actions,  
and glisten in our love for others. Amen.

## **We Open our Hearts to the Spirit's Voice**

One: And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from God, full of grace and truth.

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

## **2 Kings 2: 1-14**

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire

and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

**Reflection: Rev. Lionel**

**Song:      Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**

### **Mark 9:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

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**Reflection: Pastor Steven**

**Hymn of the Day: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

## **RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER**

### **Introduction**

The Church is a vibrant, living community  
The church is the loving body of Christ  
The church is blessed and broken, wounded, and wonderful.  
The church is filled with amazing gifts.  
The church is us.



In baptism we were made members of Christ's church.

In baptism, we are also made members of something much larger:  
the global body of Christ.

Today, we celebrate the reception of a new member into the life and shared ministry of  
Goodwood United Church.

**Presentation:**                   *(Walter Taylor, Chair of Goodwood United Church's Board):*

Walter:       On behalf of Goodwood United Church, I present Garth Spencer to be received by  
                  transfer into membership at Goodwood United Church.

**Commitment of a New Member:**

Garth, will you celebrate God's presence in the most unexpected  
and surprising of places?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you live with respect in the sacred web of creation,  
and be a loving gardener of our Earth home?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you love and serve others - seek justice and resist evil?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you cherish the questions,  
seek God's presence in the struggles,  
stay rooted in the Word and Sacraments,  
and turn to God's people  
for strength and encouragement  
as you continue to follow in the Way of Jesus?

**I will, with God's help.**

**Congregational Commitment**

People of God, will you welcome Garth as a brother in Christ with your love and support?

**All:   As your sisters and brothers in Christ,**

**We pledge to you our love and our support.**

**With God's help, together we will live out our call**

**to share God's love and justice in our world!**

**Blessing of Oil and Anointing and Prayer**     *(Shirley anoints Garth's forehead with oil)*

One: Garth, may you continue to be inspired, challenged and guided by the Holy Spirit,  
          as you joyfully follow in the way of Jesus.

**All:   Amen!**

## **Congregational Welcome**

Let us welcome Garth, our newly received member, into our community.

**We celebrate your presence among us**

**and we give thanks for the gifts that you bring to our shared ministries!**

**Thanks be to God!**

**A Certificate & a Gift** will be presented to the newly received member.

**Sung Doxology: VU 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God from all whom Blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures high and low**

**give thanks to God in love made known**

**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

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

God of love,

confronted by a vision of your glory,

our hearts are opened up to new possibilities.

May the gifts that we offer this day

open up our lives and our world to the power of your transforming love.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

We pray for the mission of the church, that the message of Christ's love may be proclaimed with integrity through our words and our actions, for the healing of our world.

God in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation: sun, moon and stars; life forming in the dark earth and ocean deep; mountains, clouds and storms, and creatures seen and unseen, and for the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship of God's creation. God in your love, **Hear our prayer.**

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, that they witness to mercy and justice throughout the world. God in your love, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace. God in your love, **hear our prayer.**

For companions on life's journey in this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during struggles we face, that God's glory is revealed around and among us. God in your love, hear our prayer.

We lift up in prayer all those whose needs are close to our hearts on this day, especially: 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.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**God, our Father and Mother in Heaven .... Amen.**

### [We Go Forth to Love and Serve our Neighbours](#)

**Closing Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine**

**Video**

#### **Blessing & Commissioning**

Go now,  
Sure-footed in faith,  
with eyes wide open,  
waiting for God's glory  
to surprise you  
in unexpected ways.  
And may the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit  
be with you,  
and those whose lives you touch,  
now and always  
Amen

**Sung Dismissal VU # 958**

**Halle Halle Halle**

*(We Put our Hallelujahs away)*

**Hale, halle, Halle – lujah!**

**(3 times)**

**Hal-le lu-jah, Hallelujah!**

**Tuesday February 16, 2021**

**6:00 pm on ZOOM**

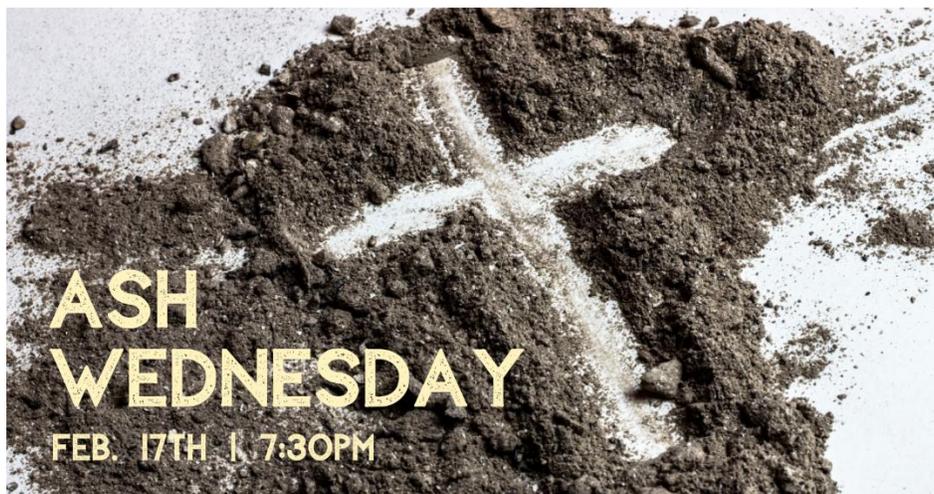
**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper**



**Join us on ZOOM for a Virtual Pancake Tuesday Dinner  
for all three churches.**

**Use your Sunday worship link to join in and join us as we enjoy our pancake dinner together  
on Shrove Tuesday!**

**Wednesday February 17, 2021, 7:30 pm  
Join our ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE on ZOOM**



**Join us on Zoom for this special service.** We will use the same Zoom link that we use for all of our Sunday services. A reminder email will be sent out next week with the Bulletin.

**Please make some ashes** so that you can mark your forehead with ashes during the service.

## Goodwood United Church – Weekly Programs & Meetings

**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 “Conversations about Life / Not your Typical Bible Study” group. Feel free to join us!

**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.

**Book Study: Fridays at 10:00 am on Zoom – See Below for details of our Lent Study.**

**Affirming Committee Meeting:** Thursday February 18, at 2:00 pm, the Goodwood and Claremont United Churches Affirming Ministry Committee will meet on Zoom. Debbie Andersen will send out the Zoom link information.

**Annual General Meeting:** Thursday March 11, at 7:00 pm on ZOOM.

**\*\* Please get your AGM report to Dar Christie by Feb 15. Thanks!**

## CLAREMONT UNITED CHURCH – Weekly Programs and Meetings

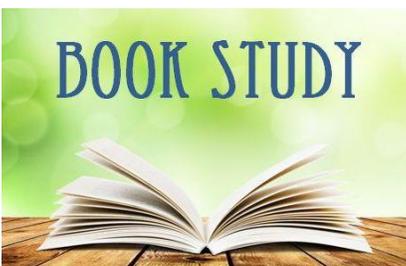
**Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon – Join us for a Zoom “drop-in” meeting. Resumes Wed January 6<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is invited to join us for these “Virtual Brock Café” Zoom gatherings to connect with our congregational community. ! Thank you to Debbie Andersen who will host this coming week’s gathering, while Rev. Lionel is away on study leave.

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**Annual General Meeting:** Wed March 3, 7:30 pm.

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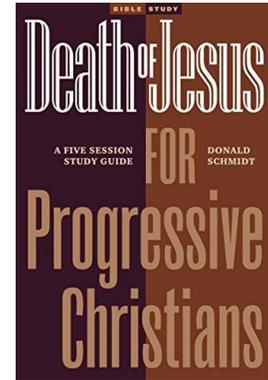
**See next page for our info about our LENT Book Study ....**

**Joint BOOK STUDY GROUP for all 3 Churches & friends:** Friday Mornings at 10 AM on Zoom.

## Join our 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)



## Join us on YOUTUBE

Join us for 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: [treasureruc@outlook.com](mailto:treasureruc@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.*

