



**Welcome
to worship!**
Sunday July 5, 2020
5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Worship Leaders: Pastor Steven Loweth & Rev. Lionel Ketola
Guest Speaker: David Morley, President & CEO, UNICEF Canada

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Announcements & Today's Worship Theme

We Gather to in Joyful Celebration

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 my 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.

Opening Hymn: Come Touch our Hearts MV # 12

VIDEO

Call to Worship

Come to hear the Word.

Come to do the Word.

Come to experience Comfort

Come to experience Challenge.

Come to find Cost.

Come to find Joy.

Come to find Humanity.

Come to find Community.

Come to find Church.

Come to find God.

Prayer of the Day

Tender Shepherd of the helpless and lost;

we praise you for sharing your power
with a motley band of stumbling friends.

May we who have received grace upon grace
share your love unconditionally,

and in so doing, help bring your Kingdom near.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Mercy of God.

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.

Psalm 113

Reader: Mary Slate

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

⁶who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

⁷He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

⁹He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Isaiah 58:1-12

Reader: Karen Marks

58 Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Sermon David Morley, President and CEO, Unicef Canada

We Joyfully Respond to the Good News

Hymn of the Day: When I needed a Neighbour

VU # 600

VIDEO

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

Tender God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving our selves, our time, our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive these gifts for the sake of the One who emptied himself for us – Jesus our brother. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God of our joys and our sorrows, God of our hopes and dreams,
We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;
for we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own
path to peace within themselves and with their neighbors.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;
for You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we
would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice;
for You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would
only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;
for You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we
would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end the suffering that many are experiencing
during this COVID-19 pandemic;
for You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if
we would only use them constructively.

Therefore we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power. ,
Give us the courage to do, as well as to pray.

Give us the tenacity to be your faithful people,
Your hands and hearts of healing and justice for our world.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Tender God, we now lift up to you all whose needs are close to our hearts this day ...

Into your hands, Tender God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great love
for us. All this we ask in Jesus' name, who showed us your Mothering love and who taught us
to pray: **God, our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name ... Amen.**

Closing Hymn: I'm gonna Live so God can use me

VIDEO

Blessing and Commissioning

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.
As you have been received – give.
As you have heard – proclaim.
And may the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be with you always. Amen.

~ written by Rev. Daniel B. Randall

Dismissal: “Go Now in Peace”

VIDEO

Next Sunday’s Readings:

July 12 - Sixth after Pentecost / Proper 10

Genesis 25:19–34

Esau gives up his birthright for Jacob’s stew.

Psalms 119:105–112 (VU p. 841)

Your word is a lamp for my feet.

Romans 8:1–11

To set the mind on the Spirit is life.

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

The parable of the sower and the seed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to David Morley, the President and CEO of Unicef Canada who is giving our message this coming Sunday July 5th. To Support the COVID work of UNICEF Canada, the online link can be found at:
<https://secure.unicef.ca/page/62940/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=00DIAQ03XXE> or you can also call Unicef at this number: **1 800 567 4483** and the team can take your donation and direct it to their COVID-19 work or the area of work you’d like it to go to.

Online Zoom Book Study Group (Claremont & Goodood United): Our weekly book study starts Friday June 19th at 10:00 am and will happen every Friday morning at 10 AM until the end of July. We will study Rev. Lenny Duncan’s book: “Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.” which addresses the theme of anti-racism. Get your copy online and read along with us and join us for our Zoom conversations. The meetings will be approx an hour and a half. On Friday July 10th we will be discussing chapters 7 & 8.

Goodwood United Church: Online Check-in: Tuesdays at noon, 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” gatherings to connect with each other and check in with our congregational community.

Continued 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 bank. *next page.*

For e-transfers to **Claremont United**, send it to: treasurercuc@outlook.com

For e-transfers to **Goodwood United**, send it to: 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.

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