

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday June 20, 2021, 10:30 am

4th Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY COMMUNION

Indigenous Day of Prayer

Father's Day

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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Week 7 of our Julian of Norwich Sermon Series: "The Power of Love Over Evil"

Words of Welcome

Introit: O Great Spirit VU 239

Adapted by Doreen Clellamin from a song by Nuxalk Young People of Bella Coola, British Columbia (used by permission under license) <https://youtu.be/mErs4e1T8ek>

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: VU 268 Bring Many Names

Music: Alexandra Huynh Do

Prayer for Indigenous Peoples Sunday

Creator,
you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet.
At your word the land was drawn into mountains and tundra,
forests and prairies;
the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas.
Many times, when people crossed these seas from other lands
they broke the circle of your creation by their greed and violence
and they shattered the lives of others.

Creator,
renew the circle of the earth,
and turn the hearts of all people to one another in reconciliation.
Unite us with all people and all creation through the love of Jesus Christ,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit in the circle of the Trinity, forever One. 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 Psalm 9 (9: 1-4, 8-10, 13-20)

Reader: Ron Trewin

I will give thanks to you, God, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your marvellous deeds.
²I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

For my enemies are driven back,
they stumble and perish before you.
You have upheld the justice of my cause;
seated on your throne, you have given righteous judgment.
Those who cherish your name will put their trust in you,

For you, O God, have never failed those who seek you.

Be gracious to me, O God.

See what I suffer from those who hate me;

you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

so that I may recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;

in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

You have made yourself known, and given judgement;

the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Rise up, O God! Do not let mere mortals prevail;

call the nations to account before you.

Put them in fear, O God;

let the nations know that they are only human.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

All: Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospel of John (15:9-17)

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Pastor Steven & Rev Lionel

Hymn of the Day: VU 143 My Song is Love Unknown *Music: The Masked Bandits*

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

Adapted, from a prayer by Richard Wagamese

For you today, my friends, I raise sacred smoke.

For you who are troubled, confused, doubtful, lonely, afraid, addicted, unwell, bothered or alone, I raise sacred smoke.

For those of you in sorrow, grief or pain, I raise sacred smoke.

For those who work for people, for change, for spiritual evolution, for the upward and outward growth of our common humanity and the wellbeing of our planet, I raise sacred smoke.

For those of you in joy, in the glow of small or great triumphs, who live in love, faith, courage and respect, I raise sacred smoke.

For fathers, their spouses and families; for single and widowed fathers, for fathers who are struggling with unemployment, illness, poverty, I raise sacred smoke.

For gay, bisexual, and transgender fathers, for all who are grieving the loss of fathers, for all who are mourning what could have been in their relationships with their fathers; I raise sacred smoke.

And, in the act of all of this, I raise sacred smoke for myself.

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

Intercessions are offered

Into your hands, Creator of all, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that your journeying and healing presence is with us through Jesus. **Amen**

Communion Hymn: VU # 480 Let us Break Bread Together

VIDEO

Holy Communion

Adapted from Episcopal Diocese of Arizona 2019

May the Creator God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts and sing

We lift them up in song to our Creator

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to offer the Creator our praise

From the place of the rising sun in the East to the South where the warm winds blow,
from the West where soft rain comes and to the coldness of the North
we unite with all creation from the four directions
to join our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise for the gift your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Elder Brother.

With hearts lifted, we join with our ancestors who taught us to pray
as they have prayed since the beginning of time.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

O Great Spirit, Our Creator, you taught us that everything is sacred
and you asked us to walk with you on a path towards peace and love.

Just as in generations past, like our grandfathers and grandmothers,
we come humbly with arms outstretched to honour you and all that you have created
and continue creating.

Together with all your wonderful creation we live, relying on one and another in joy and
awe, that when we do, creation serves as its best reflection of the awesome wonder
that you are in our eyes.

Julian of Norwich, through her wisdom, told of the good way that Jesus lived.

Jesus rejected no one, fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty and broke down the barriers that had been erected between race, class and sex. But, he paid a price for his loving ways. When it was his time, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and died. In this sacrifice he united us in all that is beauty, with all that has been and all that will ever be.

On the night before he died, he gave us ceremony. He gathered those who had been closest to him for a meal. During the meal Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, blessed it, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We through out the centuries have found it hard to understand these words and actions, but we followed the path celebrating this ceremony from that time until now. Through our experiences then we proclaim this mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In this communion that Jesus gave us, we experience a transformation of our spirits. We come together knowing that we all leave nurtured and nourished no matter how lost we feel and no matter how hungry we have been. Knowing this we humbly call upon you to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Feed us, quench our thirst, make these simple elements from your creation as one with you in the body of Christ.

Come Creator Spirit. Come now and be for us
the holy food and drink that your people cry out for,
as we together pray the words Jesus taught to us...

Our Father, who art in Heaven.....

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We share the bread and the wine together

Prayer after Communion

We thank you Creator God for feeding us, nurturing us and reminding us that you are forever present. As we leave this Sacred time, may we carry away the memory of us all being together so that we may continue in the risen life of Christ, the one who comes so that all people might live with dignity and peace. **Amen.**

Closing Song: Faith of Our Fathers VU 580

Music: Gabrielle Untermann, Jane Plewman, Julia Shatford

Blessing:

As we leave this time of worship
And while much of the road ahead is still uncertain,
we know that some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other
each day of our lives.

May the Blessing of Creator God
our brother Jesus
and the Holy Spirit
be with you all, now and always. Amen.

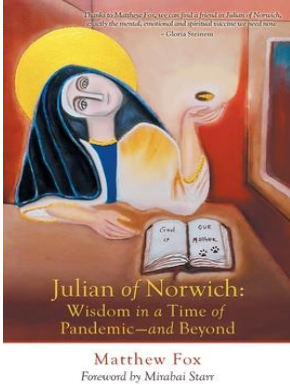
Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace

CFG Worship Choir 

Church News and Announcements

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Upcoming Worship Services



Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a time of Pandemic

A Sermon Series based on the book by Matthew Fox

Our 7 week Sermon Series based on Matthew Fox's book continues. After the series is complete you may enjoy ordering the book to reflect further on it. Each service and Sermon will be posted on our YouTube Channel for viewing later.

Sunday June 27 - Pride Sunday Service



Sunday July 4 – Week 8 - Conclusion of our Series: “Why Julian? Why Now?”

SERVICE OF ANOINTING AND HEALING *(have a small bowl of oil available)*

Preaching: Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Sunday July 11 - Country & Western Theme Summer Service

HOLY COMMUNION / 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Send us your hymn requests!

Email Pastor Steve or Rev. Lionel with your “requests” for any country music hymns that you’d like us to include in this service. It will be a fun, musical service **with Holy Communion.**



Sunday July 18 – Summer Worship Service - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

With Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Mon July 19 – Mon Aug 16 – Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve are on vacation

Sunday July 25 – Summer Worship Service – **Hosted by Fairbank United Church**

Worship Leader: Marilyn Elphick (Zoom info to be sent out)

Sunday Aug 1 – **No Sunday service – our summer break**

Sunday Aug 8 – **No Sunday service - our summer break**

Sunday Aug 15 – Summer Worship Service – **Hosted by Fairbank United Church**

Worship Leader: Marilyn Elphick (Zoom info to be sent out)

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 below.

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 Zoom gatherings with our Claremont United community. Enjoy catching up with each other and sharing support.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: WED JUNE 23, 7:30 PM – AFFIRMING VOTE

Join us for this special congregational meeting which has been called by the Board of Claremont United Church. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on whether we would like to become an official Affirming Congregation, and become Public, Intentional and Explicit about our welcome to 2SGLBTQ+ people. **A Zoom link will be sent out for this.**

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 in our reflections and discernment about our future shape & ministries. **This process will begin in the FALL of 2021**, to give us a little time for a summer break as things (hopefully) open up this summer.



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](https://www.youtube.com) and search **CFG Worship**.

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

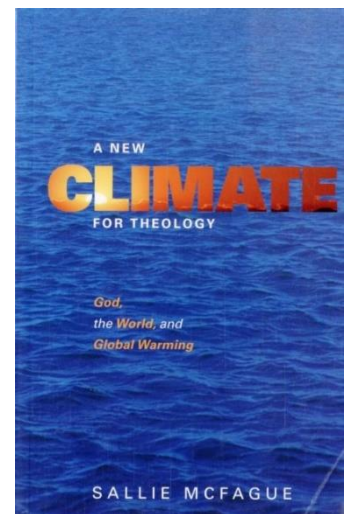
Each Friday at 10:00 am on Zoom

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: treasurerucuc@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!