

***Welcome to worship!***  
**Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
***All Saints Sunday***

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

***Worship Leaders: Pastor Steven Loweth & Rev. Lionel Ketola***  
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**Welcome**

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

**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 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 the First Peoples of this land. Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

Come all who are weary  
of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division  
Come all who are heavy-laden  
with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger  
Come all who have hope  
for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom  
Hear these words  
"See, I am making all things new."

**Opening Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World VU 296 *The Masked Bandits***

## Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we your saints gather to worship and praise you this day. We celebrate the saints who have served you and been an example for us throughout the past. We give you thanks for the joy of being a part of the communion of saints with those who have gone before and those scattered around the globe. Open us to your Spirit to continue being the saints you have called us to be. In Christ's name we pray. 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 24**

**Chris Brunelle**

<https://youtu.be/egf3Zpcnppw>

**Revelation 21:1-6a**

21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**Reflection:** Rev. Lionel Ketola

**Hymn:** I See a New Heaven VU 713 <https://youtu.be/gjxnLbQdRW4>

**John 11:32-44**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See

how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

### **Reflection: Pastor Steven Loweth**

**Hymn:** Walk With Me VU 649 <https://youtu.be/-P8XWadzcmc>

### **Invitation to the Offering**

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

God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain down from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts that you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

#### **Prayers of the People**

Holy One  
of days and nights,  
of sinners and saints,  
of right and left  
and everything between and beyond,  
We are grateful for all Your presence  
that abides in every corner of our living.

You lurk quietly in the loneliest places in our hearts,  
keeping watch.

You grieve with us in our devastations,

our losses, our fears.

You journey with us in our celebrations, our defeats,  
and even in the monotony of our days.

You delight in us, and love us.

May we live in that love and delight,  
knowing that as we sink into You we might become more like You,  
wanting life and grace for this world  
and all peoples and creatures that live upon it.

We pray for this world,  
for the places and precious people  
who are striving to recover from hurricanes  
and floods and raging fires.

We pray for peace among nations,  
and make us instruments of that peace.

We pray for our children and our youth  
that they may be surrounded by protection,  
and also be challenged to be all of who they have been created to be.  
God in Your Love, **Hear our prayer**

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

*Intercessions are offered*

Loving God, we give you thanks for all of the saints in our lives;  
those who are living and those who have been blessed to our memory.

***We now share an image of a beloved Saint that we remember today***

Tender God, all of these things we ask for your loves sake, through Christ who has set us  
apart to be his holy people. With our Saviour Christ we pray: **“God our Mother and  
Father in heaven....”**

**Closing Hymn: For All the Saints VU 705**

**VIDEO**

<https://youtu.be/UkaocGFsA6k>

### **Blessing**

May we go forth grounded in our identity:  
as the children of God,  
as God's Saints who have been set apart  
to share God's love and justice in our world.

And may the blessing of God  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit  
be with you now and always. Amen.

**Sung Blessing:** Go Now in Peace Emmanuel Methodist Church Choir Chennai, India  
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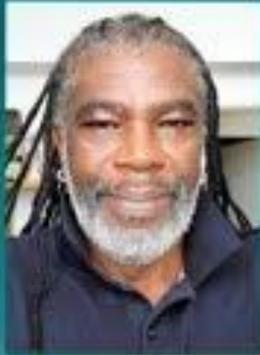
## **Church News and Announcements**

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# CLAREMONT AND GOODWOOD UNITED CHURCHES

present a free online (Zoom) speaker series

## *Journeys to Justice*



Wednesday October 20, 7.30-8.30 p.m.

### **Rev. Michael Blair**

General Secretary, General Council  
United Church of Canada

### **Being the Beloved Community**

An exploration of the opportunities and  
practices of a transformational community

Tuesday November 16, 7.30-8.30 p.m.

### **Rev. Junia Joplin**

Associate Pastor,  
Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto

### **In Front of Everybody**

A trans pastor reflects on life in the pulpit  
and out of the closet



Tuesday December 7, 7.30-8.30 p.m.

### **Dianne Saxe**

Former Ontario Environmental Commissioner,  
Deputy Leader, Green Party of Ontario

### **Climate Health and Social Justice**

There can be no climate health without  
social justice, and there can be no social  
justice without climate health



*And there's more*  
a second series is being scheduled for early next year  
... so stay tuned!

Further information and to register (numbers limited)  
[affirmingministry@gmail.com](mailto:affirmingministry@gmail.com)

## Goodwood United Church - Weekly Programs and 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.

**Thursday Mornings from 10-11 am - "Outdoor Coffee Gathering in the church parking lot" (Unless there is heavy rain that day).** Join us outside the church (and bring your camping chair if you like) for a safe, socially distanced gathering for coffee & conversation outside of the church building. All COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

**Book Study Group – Friday mornings at 10:00 am** (see below for details)

**Goodwood United Church Board:** Thursday November 18, 11:30 am at the church

## Claremont United Church - Weekly Programs and Meetings

**Wednesdays at 10:00 am – Join us for our Online Zoom Check in**

Enjoy a chance to connect with our church community and share stories, laughter and support for this online gathering.

**Discernment Process – Please sign up to participate in a Wisdom Circle!**

Earlier this year, our 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 about our future shape & ministries.

We are now ready to begin hosting Wisdom Circles. **Please sign up to participate in this process by sending an email to Rev. Lionel at [claremontunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:claremontunitedchurch@gmail.com).**

Participants should expect to be involved in a monthly meeting for approx. 6 months' time. You will remain in the same group for the duration of the process. **Please indicate whether you would prefer to attend a daytime or evening meeting for your circle.** Once we hear back from a good number of our members, we will announce the first meeting times. Looking forward to your involvement! Rev. Lionel

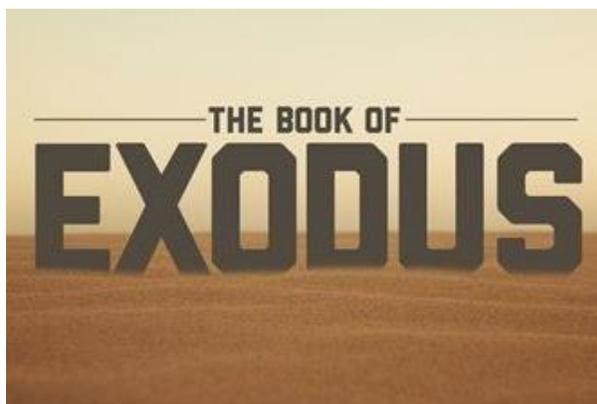
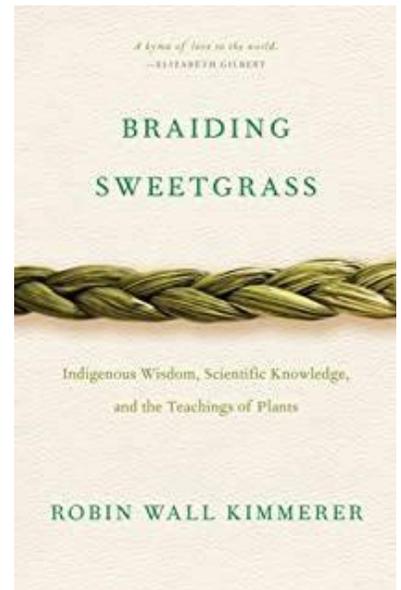
## Join us for our Friday Morning Book Study

Friday mornings at 10:00 am, on Zoom.

To get the Zoom link please contact Rev. Lionel.

*Join us as we read:* **Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants**, by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

A word to newcomers: Don't worry about joining us part way through – we are taking the book chapter by chapter with a slow reflective pace, and each chapter has its own unique theme. So there is no “right” time to join our study. So join us as we enjoy this very inspiring book!



**An Invitation to a Zoom Bible Study: The Book of Exodus, online, led by Rev. Kim at Mount Zion United Church**

Rev. Kim Lawrence, serving at Greenwood-Mt. Zion United Church, has invited Goodwood and Claremont United members who are interested to join them for their Zoom Bible study – this is a 6-week Bible Study which is exploring the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Book of Exodus.

Time: Thursdays, 7-8 pm, on Zoom.

To join, email Rev. Kim Lawrence at: [mountzionunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mountzionunitedchurch@gmail.com)



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**.

## 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: [treasurercuc@outlook.com](mailto:treasurercuc@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.*

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YOU!