

Welcome to worship!

March 7th, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

***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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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.

Introit: God Be in My Head VU 430

Video

**God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

God of all love,

It is because of you that we are here today.

**Our hearts, minds and souls are ready to receive your words,
ready to sing your praises, and ready to offer you our prayers.**

**Help us, this morning, to be open to your invitation to engage Christ's life
by placing opportunities along our journey.**

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Opening Song: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**I confess to you, O God,
and to you my sisters and brothers
that I have sinned in thought, word and deed
by what I have done and by what I have failed to do.
I have not loved you with my whole heart,
and my neighbour as myself.
I have broken covenant with the Earth
and failed to cherish and protect it.**

**Forgive us, renew us and lead us, O God,
so we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Hear the Good News! God listens to our prayers,
God understands our concerns,
and holds us close as we open our hearts in confession.
We are a forgiven people!
The Spirit sets our feet on a path of new beginnings.
Thanks be to 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.

Exodus 20:1-17

20Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Pastor Steven

Song: VU 642 Be Thou My Vision *Video: Gabrielle Untermann & Jane Plewman*

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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Reflection: Rev. Lionel

Hymn of the Day: VU # 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

A Slice of Pie: Video by: Tim Mickleborough, Affirming Committee Member



Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God,

**We offer to you what you have first given us –
our selves, our time, our possessions – signs of your gracious love.
Receive all of our gifts for the sake of the One
who emptied himself for us – Jesus our brother. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A Silence is kept*

We pray for followers of Christ in every land and nation. May we honour the covenant God made with us in our baptism and live out our faith through our words, worship and work.

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

We rejoice in silent beauty of creation during winter. Fill us with wonder at the gift of creation and empower us to advocate for its care and protection.

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

We pray for all who making the pilgrimage of Lent during this time. May our prayer, fasting and acts of giving bring forth a new springtime of faith and hope in our lives and in our world.

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

We pray for all who have no choice but to fast every day,
for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters,
for all those who have lost employment or businesses during this pandemic.

May we be your arms and hearts of comfort for all in need.

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

Tender God, we lift up in prayer all who are in need: *intercessions are spoken.*

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear our prayers, as we commend them to you; through Christ our Saviour, who taught us to pray:

God our Heavenly Parent, hallowed be thy name ...

CLOSING HYMN: VU 562 Jesus Calls Us

Blessing and Commissioning

May the holy wisdom of God
Guard your ways and guide your paths
May the living truth of God
Enlighten your hearts and open your minds
And may the living Spirit of God
Give you life, and life to the full!
Amen!

Church Announcements

PIE Day is coming!! – Sunday March 14, 2021

Check out the website www.pieday.ca

Affirming PIE Day!



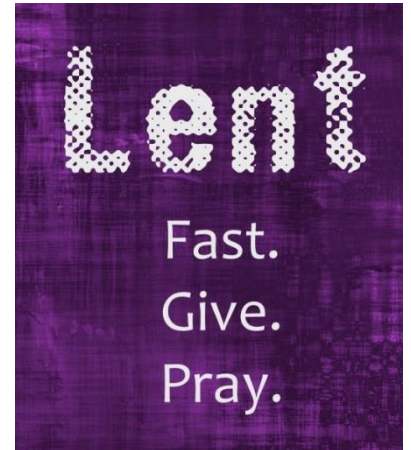
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Pledges for Plumpies

A Lent Fundraiser
for UNICEF



What are Plumpies?



Each donation of \$10.00 will provide a child suffering from malnutrition with enough Plumpy'Nut for one week. Plumpy'Nut is a "miracle food" – a paste made of peanuts, powdered milk, sugar and oil, with added vitamins and minerals. Three 500 calorie packs a day can restore a malnourished child to health in a few weeks. Plumpy'Nut requires no added water or refrigeration, can be eaten with fingers and is tolerated by malnourished bodies. All monies raised will go to UNICEF to purchase and distribute this edible miracle.

How does this Fundraiser work? Decorate a jar or basket for Lent to put your Pledges in. Each Sunday of Lent, write down what you have pledged to donate to Plumpies for that week and put it in your Lent jar / basket. **At Easter, add up your pledges and send your donation** to your congregation. All monies will be forwarded to UNICEF Canada's Plumpy'Nut program.

How to send your money: Send your donation to the church, or send your donation by interac e-transfer to:

for Goodwood United Church: goodwoodtreasurer@gmail.com

for Claremont United Church: treasurercuc@outlook.com

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. A special Zoom Link will be sent out for it.

CLAREMONT UNITED CHURCH Weekly Programs and Meetings

Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon – Join us for a Zoom “drop-in” meeting. Resumes Wed January 6th. 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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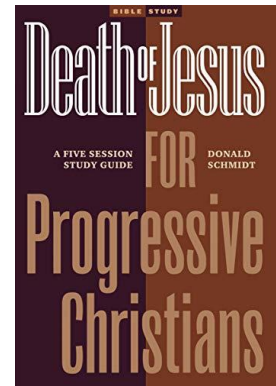
More Announcements on the next page ...

Join our 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 19th) we will read:
The Death of Christ for Progressive Christians, by Donald Schmidt.

You can order your copy through: www.woodlakebooks.com



Join us for Worship 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: treasurercuc@outlook.com

For **Goodwood United** send to: goodwooductreasurer@gmail.com

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

