

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday May 30, 2021, 10:30 am

1st Sunday after Pentecost

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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**Julian of Norwich Sermon Series:
“Nature and God are One”**

Words of Welcome

Introit: “Julian of Norwich”

Linnea Good

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.

Prayer of the Day

Loving God,
all creation calls you blessed.
It is Your spirit which imprints the whole universe
with life and mystery.
You have woven an intimate tapestry of beauty,
and call it life and called it good.

In love you have formed a universe
so diverse yet so related,

and into its web you call us forth
to walk the land and swim the sea
with all our natural brothers and sisters.

Open our hearts to understand
the intimate relationship that you have with all creation.

Loving God, as you lure the whole world into salvation,
guide us with your Spirit
that we might not be only pilgrims on the earth,
but pilgrims with the earth.

Opening Hymn: Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty VU 315

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 19: 1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

A Reading from Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they

flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Pastor Steven Loweth

Hymn of the Day: Like a Healing Stream MV144

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

Let us offer our prayers for all people, and for all of God’s creation,
that our Creator will nurture the fullness of life in all of creation.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind and made us stewards of the earth.

We pray for your world,
that we may share and protect its resources,
and live in reverence for creation
and in harmony with one another.

God who is still creating, **Hear our Prayer**

You have gifted humanity with an abundant earth home;
a land of streams and springs,
wheat and barley,
vines and oil and honey.

But instead, our sin has created a world of suffering and sorrow.
We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,
that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.
God who is still creating, **Hear our Prayer**

In Christ you call us to a new way of life,
loving our neighbours before ourselves.
Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is
as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be
when your kingdom comes and your will is done on earth.
Thank you for those, living and departed,
who have shown a true respect for your creation ...
Help us to follow in their footsteps,
until, with them, we see you face to face,
where all is made new in Christ our Saviour.
God who is still creating, **Hear our Prayer**

As the COVID pandemic continues, we continue to hold in prayer
all front line workers in healthcare and in retail sectors who have
risked their own wellbeing to serve others during these past 16 months.
May our shared efforts to stop the spread of the virus bring them hope,
that they may know rest and restoration soon.
God who is still creating, **Hear our Prayer**

God of healing, we pray for our health officials and various levels of government
as they provide guidance and hope for future re-opening.
May all who are weary and disheartened find hope through our own acts of care and
compassion.
God who is still creating, **Hear our Prayer**

Into your hands, Creating God, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in Jesus who taught us to pray:
God, our Mother and Father in heaven.....

Closing Song: All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217

Blessing:

Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Remember that knowing God is knowing yourself

And knowing yourself is knowing God.

Go now in peace

with the One who created and is still creating,

with the Christ who loves us unconditionally,

and the Spirit who journeys with us through all of our lives.

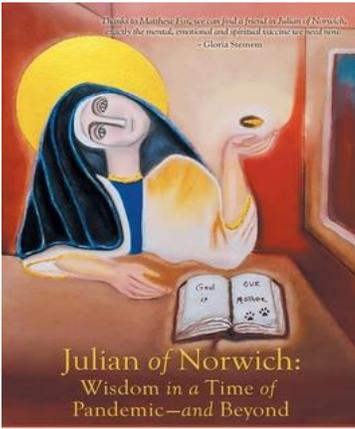
Amen.

Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace

CFG Worship Choir ☺



*Church Announcements
... see the pages below*



Matthew Fox
Foreword by Mirabai Starr

Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a time of Pandemic

A Sermon Series based on the book by Matthew Fox

Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve will be leading this 7 week Sermon Series based on Matthew Fox's book. There will be a break mid-way when Rev Lionel and Pastor Steve are away on Study leave from May 16-23.

After the series is complete you may enjoy ordering the book to further reflect on it. Each service and Sermon will be posted on our YouTube Channel for viewing later. **CFG Worship available here** [Channel content - YouTube Studio](#)

May 30 – Week 4

“God and Creation are One”

Preacher: Pastor Steve

Scriptures: Isaiah 6: 1-3, Psalm 19: 1, Psalm 26,

June 6 – Week 5

“Expanding our Vision: Beyond Dualism”

Preacher: Rev. Lionel

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:10, Galatians 3:28, John 17: 1a, 11, 20-23

June 13 – Week 6

“Trusting our Sensuality”

Preacher: Pastor Steve

Scriptures: Psalm 139: 1-6 13-18, Genesis 1: 1-5, 26a, 27-31a.

June 20 – Week 7

“The Power of Love over Evil”

HOLY COMMUNION

Preaching: Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Scriptures: Psalm 98, John 15:9-17

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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.

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 “Virtual Brock Café” Zoom gatherings to connect with our Claremont United Church community. Enjoy catching up with each other and sharing support.



**East Central Ontario
Regional Council**
of the United Church of Canada



East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) Spring Meeting: June 4 – 6, 2021

Friday June 4th - Evening Session

Saturday June 5 – Two Sessions

Sunday June 6 – a possible Sunday session if necessary.

Join us for Worship

on our YouTube channel - CFG Worship

- Join us for worship either on Zoom, or on YouTube
- 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:

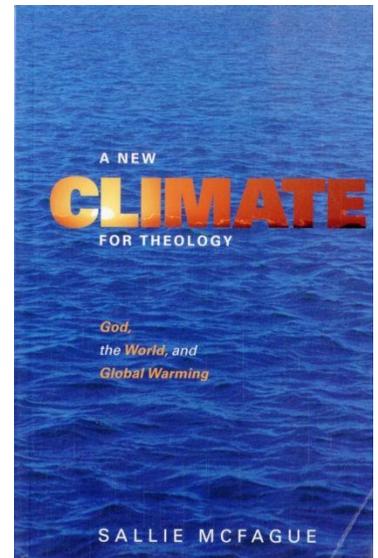
On Friday June 4th we will begin our new book:

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 in time for May 28.



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.

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