



Welcome to Worship!
Sunday July 18, 2021, 10:30 am
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Claremont, Fairbank & Goodwoon 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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Words of Welcome

Introit: Come All You People MV # 1
<https://youtu.be/hqmS3YcFj2A>

VIDEO

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 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus
<https://youtu.be/8MvpU5kkzr0>

Prayer of the Day

Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church

**God of the storm's eye:
when we are overwhelmed
by pressures and demands
which cut us off from life,
take us to a place apart
where we might find again
our true heart's centre,
our far horizon,
the silence that awaits,
and a world where we can breathe;
through Jesus Christ, who brings us near to you. 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.

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—

its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Reflection & Children's Story: Pastor Steve

Psalm 62

Video

https://youtu.be/p_wH2NBiLuk

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things...

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

Reflection: Rev. Lionel

Hymn of the Day: VU 290 *Nothing Can Trouble (Nada Te Turbe)*

Video

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: "A Prayer for Rest"

by Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia

*This prayer incorporates taking breaths,
as we are able, as a way to help us slow down
and clear away the distractions
that keep us from deep communion with God.*

Breathe in.... Breathe out...

Jesus

Lord of the Sabbath

Prince of Peace

**You invite me to come away with you
and rest a while**

Breathe in.... Breathe out...

My world is so fast

So noisy

So full of need

So full

Help me rest

Breathe in.... Breathe out...

Reveal the fears that drive me

Free me from false pressures and priorities

Renew a right spirit within me

Breathe in.... Breathe out...



**Cover me with your healing wings
Surround me with your refuge and grace
Fill me with your peace and hope and home
Till my being finds complete rest in you**

*Breathe in.... Breathe out...
Let's take a moment to rest in God's presence...
In silence, for a moment ...*

*One: God of Peace ... All: **hear our Prayer.***

Tender God, at this time we lift up our prayers for all who are in need:
(Intercessions) are offered

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your steady presence, through Jesus our Faithful Friend. Amen.

Communion Hymn: One Bread One Body VU 467

Holy Communion

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
**Your goodness fills our lives, O God –
Touching us through others,
and through the goodness of creation.**

You make me lie down in green pastures.
You lead me beside still waters,
You restore my soul.
**We are grateful that we've been blessed with enough water.
But we know that many do not have enough.
Not enough clean water, not enough food, not enough peace.**

You lead me in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
**Too many children do not see God's righteousness.
Too many children watch violence, taste hunger, feel fear.
Too many children cry from the unspeakable horror of war.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you with me;
your rod and staff, they comfort me.

To get involved in the world's pain is risky.

Our hearts might be broken

Our lives and our safety might be threatened.

Yet we hear you calling, O God, and we can no longer hide.

You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Our steps might seem small and timid -

a book study to learn about something new;

a letter to a member of Parliament; a donation to a charity;

a lunch program for low income students at school ...

But each tiny step is blessed by you, O God, and multiplies.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

For your love, O God, is stronger than hatred.

Your love is more insistent than despair.

With all who have known your saving and healing presence, we join in the happy song of
all creation: **VU p. 942 Sanctus,** *from: Deutsche Messe, Schubert*

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who on the night that he was betrayed, shared a meal with
his friends ...

Grateful for the gift of your love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again.

Tender God, send now your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these gifts of bread and cup.

May we may taste and see your abundant love through these gifts.

With all of God's beloved, together we pray: **God our Mother and Father in Heaven ...**

At the breaking of the bread:

Taste and see that God is good!

Thanks be to God!

Prayer after Communion

**Nourishing God, may we who have shared these gifts
be an abundant harvest of love and justice
for all who hunger and thirst for your presence;
through Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen.**

Closing Song: VU 312 Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Masked Bandits

Blessing:

Do not worry about anything in life—
what you'll eat, or what you'll wear.

Look at the birds of the air,
or the flowers in the field.

If God takes such good care of birds and flowers,
how much more will God care for you?

So don't be afraid.

Instead, let your lives be marked by compassion and generosity,
just as Christ poured out God's love and goodness upon the world.

And may the blessing of God—Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer—
encourage and strengthen you in every good word and deed;
now and always. Amen.

Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace

CFG Worship Choir 

Announcements – see the pages below

Church News and Announcements

Worship Schedule through to Labour Day Weekend

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)

Sunday Aug 22 - Regular Zoom / YouTube worship – with Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Sunday Aug 29 - Regular Zoom / YouTube Worship – with Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Sunday Sept 5th - Labour Day Sunday (Rev. Lionel is off) – We will join another congregation for Zoom worship on Sept 5th (TBA). Stay tuned!

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.

Our Thursday Zoom Check-in & Bible Study is cancelled while Rev. Lionel is away on vacation. We will resume on **Thursday August 19th at 10:30 AM.**

Our Friday Morning Book Study has concluded for the summer. We will resume in September with a new book. Send Rev. Lionel your ideas for new books for us to read together in the Fall!

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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**.

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: treasureruc@outlook.com

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

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

THANK
YOU!

Healing Fund Donations

Pastor Steve and I are asking that you please consider donating to the **Healing Fund of the United Church of Canada** to show our solidarity and support for indigenous people as we grieve the 215 children buried at the residential school in Kamloops, along with the discovery of hundreds of more graves.



The Healing Fund provides funds to aid indigenous people in healing from the ongoing impacts of the residential school system.

If you wish to be a part of our congregations donation please send your donation to the church. Your church's treasurer will send all money together as a donation from your own congregation.

Thank you for considering this need!

Blessings,

Rev. Lionel