



**Welcome to worship!**

**Sunday Aug 9, 2020**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**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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## **Announcements & Today's Worship Theme**

### **GATHERING**

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

There was a man named Jesus, who embodied God's love and justice in such surprising and life-giving ways. 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 are gathered today. We pay my 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.**

#### **Sung Call to Worship**

**Where Two or Three Are Gathered MV # 14**

**VIDEO**

Music: Gabrielle Untermann & Jane Plewman,  
Claremont United Church

**Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there. (repeat 3 times)**

Lord of living waters,  
you save us from  
the flood of violence and despair.  
Reach out to us  
when faith is weak,  
when we are going under  
and make us unafraid  
to walk with you;  
through Jesus Christ, in whom we are raised. Amen.

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.**

**First Reading: Genesis 37:1-28**

**37** Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup>"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his

life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

<sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God**

Meditation: Pastor Steven Loweth

**Scripture Song: Nothing Can Trouble**

**VU # 290**

**VIDEO**

**Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God  
shall never go wanting.**

**Nothing can trouble,  
nothing can frighten.**

**God alone fills us.**      *(repeats, along with video)*

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: “Stay in the boat!” Rev. Lionel Ketola**

## TABLE

**Communion Hymn: All Who Hunger VU # 460**

**VIDEO**

*Music: Alexandra Huynh Do, Fairbank United Church*

- 1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion’s love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

### Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

**Tender God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving  
what you have first given us: our selves, our time, our possessions –  
signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of the One who came into the storms of our world  
so that we might be filled with God’s peace. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

May God be with you

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up in joyful song!**

Let us give thanks to our God

**It is right to offer**

**our songs of praise!**



God most loving,

God most wonderful,

you have infused all creation with your beauty and goodness. Every atom and cell in our bodies speaks of our connection to the sacred mystery of life. We rejoice in this amazing gift!

You created us in goodness to love you and to live in right-relationship with our neighbours and all of creation. When we turn away from you in brokenness and fear, you keep calling us back into your healing embrace. Through Jesus you show us a new way of love and forgiveness, healing and hope, so the entire web of life may be restored to a Holy Whole. And so with joyful hearts we join in the happy song of all creation:

*(VU # 951, v 2, "Santo, Santo, Santo")*

**Holy, Holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!**

• We give thanks for Jesus, who on the night before his unjust death, took bread...

Loving One, with this bread and cup,  
we rejoice and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Tender God, send your life-giving Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and cup.

**Give us grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Draw us into your dance of life - and into your vision of a world made new!**

God of abundant life, send your healing presence to all who have asked for our prayers. Today we especially remember in our prayers ... (prayers of intercession are offered) ...

❖ **Spoken Lord's Prayer**

*At the breaking of the bread*

Holy things for holy people!

**Thanks be to God!**

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving God, you feed us with your abundant life.  
Send us from this table to tables throughout the world,  
to joyfully serve in Jesus name. Amen!

SENDING

Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is    VU # 273    Music: Steve Andersen  
*Goodwood United Church*

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

## Blessing and Commissioning

May God bless our hearts: that we may be more loving;  
bless our minds: that we may have wisdom;  
bless our eyes that we may have insight;  
bless our ears: that we may truly listen;  
bless our mouth: that we may proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom.

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

**Amen!**

**Sung Blessing: Go Now in Peace**

**Video**

## Dismissal:

One: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

## **Next Sunday's Readings:**

**August 16, 2020 / 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 15**

Genesis 45: 1-15

Joseph is reunited with his brothers

Psalms 133

How pleasant it is when God's people are together

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29 – 32

God has not rejected the Hebrews

Matthew 15: 21 – 28

A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve are on vacation beginning Monday Aug 10 - Sunday Aug 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**For Emergency Pastoral Care during this time, please contact either:**

**Rev. Elizabeth Cunningham      Cell: 416 801 8739, or**

**Rev. Leslie Sedore                Cell: 905 715 6736**

**Worship Leadership during Rev. Lionel's absence:**

Thank you to **Marilyn Elphick will be our Worship Leader on Sundays August 16, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup>** while Rev. Lionel and Pastor Steve are away. **The Zoom information** will be the same as this coming Sunday's Zoom info, for all of August.

So save the worship bulletin email you receive with the Zoom information on it for all of August.

**Fall Book Study Group:** This September, Rev. Lionel and Pastor Steve will co-lead a new Fall Session of the Book Study Group on **Rev. Lenny Duncan's book: "Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S."** will begin on **Thursday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.** It will run for 6 weeks. This will be a joint book study group for members of Claremont, Fairbank and Goodwood United Churches. So join us for this challenging and thought-provoking exploration of anti-racism and white privilege from a Christian perspective.

**Joint Church Re-Opening Committee: (Goodwood and Claremont):** Will re-convene this Fall. Date TBA.

**Goodwood United Church:** Our Tuesday Community Zoom Check-in is postponed for the next three weeks, and will re-convene on Tuesday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> once Rev. Lionel is back from holidays.

**Claremont United Church:** Our Wednesday Community Zoom Check-in is postponed for the next three weeks, and will re-convene on Wed Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, once Rev. Lionel is back from holidays.

## Continued 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 bank.  
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Send e-transfers for **Claremont United** to: [treasurercuc@outlook.com](mailto:treasurercuc@outlook.com)

Send e-transfers for **Goodwood United** to: [goodwoodctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:goodwoodctreasurer@gmail.com)

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



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Check out our church websites for **new updates** during this time, including Sunday devotions, and information about coping with stress during COVID-19.

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