



Welcome to Worship!
Sunday July 4th, 2021,
10:30 am
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Healing Service
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: Conclusion

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.

Opening Hymn: This is God's Wondrous World VU 296 Alex

Prayer of the Day

Sheryl Spenser Mt. Forest Pastoral Charge

Spirit of Life, Breath of God,
Wind that moves over the earth,
we are humbled by your presence and power.
We are here this morning to take you in
and to experience the transforming ways of your love,
to rest a little while and sing and pray
and be in sacred fellowship with one another.

If we arrive here empty, may we leave filled.
If we arrive here lonely, May we leave uplifted.
If we arrive here anxious, may we leave knowing peace.
May we be a blessed and a blessing people today and everyday. 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.

Psalm 147 <https://youtu.be/lldCK4i1PJo>

Scripture Hymn: VU 225 We Praise You For the Sun (Tune VU 79 FESTAL SONG)

Music: The Masked Bandits of Claremont United Church

Mark 6:1-13

⁶He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Pastor Steven & Rev. Lionel

Hymn of the Day: VU 612

There is a Balm in Gilead

Masked Bandits

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 – Prayer Litany for Healing

On this day we are mindful of our varied needs for healing. We seek physical, emotional and spiritual healing for ourselves, for others, and for our world. Let us offer our prayers to the Source of New Life for all who seek comfort and healing this day.

Source of life and wholeness, we offer our prayers
for those whose lives are broken by distress

May they find healing and renewal.

For those whose lives are broken by fear
May they find healing and renewal.

For those whose lives are broken by anger
May they find healing and renewal.

For those whose lives are broken by pain
May they find healing and renewal.

For those whose lives are broken by illness
May they find healing and renewal.

For all who are struggling to cope during the COVID-19 pandemic
May they find healing and renewal.

For all who are struggling to find meaning, purpose and hope in life
May they find healing and renewal.

For mother earth, broken by human exploitation
May your Creation find healing and renewal.

At this time we lift up our prayers for all who are in need:

Intercessions are offered

God of healing, gently touch your people, and your whole creation
with the healing presence of your Spirit of Life.
Bring warmth and comfort, life and wholeness into our fractured world.
We ask this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray:
God our Mother and father in Heaven

Prayer and Anointing for Healing

Dear friends, Jesus sent his disciples to preach the Good News and to heal the sick.
Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we find wholeness and meaning.
We who are Jesus' disciples bear witness to God's healing and transforming presence in
our world.

A Reading from the Letter of James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Blessing of the Oil

Trusting that God's healing presence is indeed among us, let us pray:

God of new life,
bless this oil which has come to us from the goodness of your earth.
May we who are anointed with this oil
be renewed in body, mind and spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Healer. Amen.

We anoint ourselves with oil

Closing prayer: (together)

**Tender God,
You are the Midwife who accompanies those who are in pain
to help bring about the new creation.
May we who have been touched by your healing presence
be strengthened to bring wholeness and renewal to the Web of Life.
We ask this for your love's sake. Amen.**

Closing Song: VU 586 We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection

<https://youtu.be/W9nITZXRZk4>

Blessing:

God is present in our world, healing and renewing.
God sends us into our world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope for our world!
May the blessing of God, Creator, Healer, and Sustainer,
be with us now and always! Amen.

Sung Dismissal: Go Now in Peace

CFG Worship Choir 

Church News and Announcements

*... Including Upcoming Worship Services
through to Labour Day Weekend*

Sunday July 4 – Week 8 - Conclusion of our Series: “Why Julian? Why Now?”

SERVICE OF ANOINTING AND HEALING *(have a small bowl of oil available)*

Preaching: Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

Sunday July 11 - Country & Western Theme Summer Service

HOLY COMMUNION / 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Send us your hymn requests!

Email Pastor Steve or Rev. Lionel with your “requests” for any country music hymns that you’d like us to include in this service. It will be a fun, musical service **with Holy Communion.**



Sunday July 18 – Summer Worship Service - with Rev. Lionel & Pastor Steve

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 - Long Weekend Summer Service – Rev. Lionel
(Pastor Steve will be away).

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: Friday mornings at 10:00 am on Zoom – See Below for details

Joint Church Re-Opening Committee: CHANGE OF TIME: We will meet half an hour earlier Tuesday July 13, at 7:00 pm.

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 Zoom gatherings with our Claremont United community. Enjoy catching up with each other and sharing support.

NEWS! NEWS!!



On Wednesday June 23, the congregation of Claremont United Church **voted to become an Affirming Ministry Congregation**, which means being Public, Intentional and Explicit about our welcome to 2SGLBTQ+ people! Stay tuned as exciting plans unfold regarding how we will live out our inclusive welcome as a church!

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**.

Join our BOOK STUDY GROUP for all 3 Churches & friends:

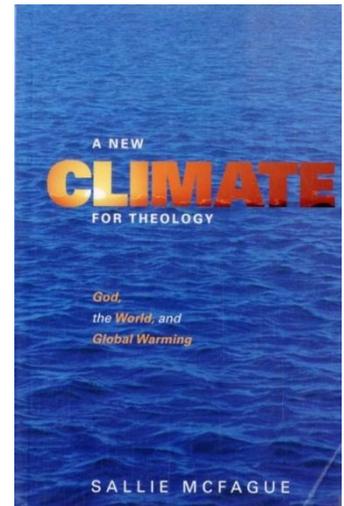
Each Friday at 10:00 am on Zoom

We are reading 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!!



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.

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