

**CREATION SEASON 2020**

**STANDING ON HOLY GROUND:**

**RESTORING OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD AND ALL OF CREATION**

**September 6, 2020 / 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Lead minister: Rev. Lori Megley-Best

Children and Youth Leader: Robyn Garland

Musicians: Dianne Nichols, Shelley D., Brian T.

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**We Gather**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(Candlelighter: Chungmin L)*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: \* MV 30 – It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (vs. 1,4)

① **It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.**

**It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,**

*(Refrain)* **And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

④ **It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.**

**It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings, (R)**

The Passing of the Peace

*May the Peace of Christ be with you. / And also with you.*

\* **Korean: Christo-ui pyoung-hwa-ga dahng-sin-gwa hahm-keh ha-shi-girul.**

*(그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를)*

Scripture for Time with Creation – **Psalm 18: 28**

*It is You who light my lamp;*

*the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.*

Gathering Time

Hymn: \* Take Off Your Shoes *(Chorus)*

**Take, take off your shoes. You're standing on holy ground.**

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**The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof**

**From the waters beneath to the heavens above**

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**We Hear Good News**

Scripture Reading in Korean: **Romans 13:8-14** *(Reader: Gahyeong K)*

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*Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

*(This is a story of our faith. / Thanks be to God.)*

Sermon

Time for Silence

Hymn: \* MV 37 – Each Blade of Grace (Circle of God) (vs. 1,2)

① **Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,  
the waves that sweep across a distant shore, make full the circle of God.  
Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye,  
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky, make full the circle of God.**

② **Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,  
the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb, make full the circle of God.  
Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry out-stretched hand,  
the wind that leaps and sails across the land, make full the circle of God.**

**We Respond**

Offering / Offering Prayer

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you.**

**All we are and all we have are yours alone.**

**Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love:**

**use it to bring peace, justice, and comfort to all the world.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Sung Response: \* MV 143 – We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (vs.1)

**We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,  
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.**

**With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,  
that all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.**

Prayers of the People

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the  
Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: \* MV 42 – Praise God for This Holy Ground (vs.1,3,4)

- ① **Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.**  
*(Chorus) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.*
- ③ **Praise God who through Christ makes known,  
all are loved and called God's own. (C)**
- ④ **Praise God's Spirit who befriends, raises, humbles, breaks and mends. (C)**

Commissioning and Benediction

Sending Song: \* MV 42 – Praise God for This Holy Ground (vs.1)

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Postlude

## STANDING ON HOLY GROUND:

Restoring Our Commitment to  
God and All of Creation

CREATION SEASON 2020



### 🌍 WAYS TO WORK ON COMMITMENT 🌍

During the Season of Creation, we will participate in activities and action to help us deepen our relationship with Creation. As we take the time to connect with Creation, we trust that God will be at work in our hearts and minds, enabling us to embrace Creation as our neighbour and love it in the way Jesus asks us to. Here are 4 ways opportunities to connect:

#### 🍁 Congregational Fieldtrips 🍁

On Wednesdays, beginning September 9, join us to spend some undivided time in nature. We will gather outside, do some exploring and end with a short worship. Everyone is welcome. We will be following social distancing guidelines. Please stay home if you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:45 am, Crescent Beach:** Meet at the community hall on the beach by the washrooms, at the end of Crescent Road. We will have some time to look for the herons and find something we have not noticed about the beach and the ocean before.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Redwood Park:** Meet in the parking lot. We will learn about the trees and enjoy the forest.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm, Kwomais Park, labyrinth:** We will walk the labyrinth at dusk, with candles and the eagles.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, Time and location TBA.** We will spend time together stargazing.

#### 🍁 Take Your Own Personal Fieldtrip 🍁

Find a place where the light- either the sun or moon is pronounced. Get comfortable. Rest in that light. Meditate on these words:

*It is You who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.  
(Psalm 18:28)*

#### 🍁 Personal Commitment 🍁

During our worship service on September 13<sup>th</sup>, you will be given time to reflect and identify a personal commitment that you can make with God and Creation as we seek to love Creation as our neighbour.

#### 🍁 Scavenger Hunt 🍁

Over the Season of Creation, we will have missions for everyone to participate in to reconnect with nature and maybe notice or learn something you haven't before. Be sure to tune in during the Gathering Time of our services as that is when you will find out the week's mission. There are PRIZES for everyone who completes every mission we set out!

#### **Week 1:**

Go out into nature and listen for a distinctive bird call. Listen to it a few times if you can. Then head online and try to figure out what bird made that call! Can you learn to copy it? Send an email to Robyn ([cuc.cyg@gmail.com](mailto:cuc.cyg@gmail.com)) and let her know what your bird does in the winter.

## 🌿 Announcements for September 6, 2020 🌿



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Office Administrator: Susie Kim ([cloverdalehazelmereuc@telus.net](mailto:cloverdalehazelmereuc@telus.net))

#### A WEEK AT A GLANCE:

- Sun, Sept 6:** Creation Season 1 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
Online Worship: Pre-recorded service at 10:30 am
- Mon, Sept 7:** *Labour Day – Office Closed*
- Tue, Sept 8:** Bible Study – 10 am
- Wed, Sept 9:** Congregational Fieldtrip – 8:45 am (Crescent Beach)  
English Language Learning  
Registration deadline for Outdoor Service – 10 am
- Sun, Sept 13:** Creation Season 2 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
Outdoor Worship: Live-stream on Zoom at 10:30 am

#### < Mission Statements >

**Hazelmere:** *To praise God together, celebrate our heritage, grow in faith and reach out to others.*

**Cloverdale:** *To thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another and the community. To serve others as Jesus would.*

- ✝ Offerings at CUC Last Sunday: \$1,546.00  
- Offerings required each week to cover expenses: \$2,115.00

#### ✝ ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

Our worship services are offered in three different ways – live-stream via Zoom, pre-recorded service, and in-person service at our CUC parking lot. Please read the “Service info” emails from the church on Fridays or check out the website for updates. If you are not receiving emails, please contact the church office to sign-up.

#### ✝ UPDATE ON TREVOR F.

Trevor F. has now moved to *Suncreek Village*. We hold Mary and Trevor and their family in prayer during this time of transition. We pray that they each know God’s presence, peace and abiding love.

#### ✝ RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 13

Our next outdoor worship will be on September 13 at CUC parking lot. Reservations are strictly required to join the outdoor worship. ***Please sign up by Wednesday, September 9, 10 am*** by email with your name, contact info, and the number of family members joining.

#### ✝ BIBLE STUDY

Join us for weekly Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 2 pm. Please contact Rev. Lori or the church office if you would like to join.

#### ✝ CHILDREN’S CHURCH

A survey went out this last week to parents of our Children's Church program. If you have not received a copy, please email Robyn at [cuc.cyg@gmail.com](mailto:cuc.cyg@gmail.com) The survey is to try to figure out how to continue with Children's Church Ministry in the fall so we need responses! Thank you!

#### ✝ CUC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Council discussed new activities/ways to support the connection of our congregation through the continued pandemic. Several ideas were discussed and will be shared once we work through any details.

#### ✝ NEWS ON 2020 FROZEN APPLE PIE MAKING (FROM CUC COUNCIL)

Unfortunately, after much discussion and consideration, the fall pie making will not be taking place this year due to the ongoing COVID concerns. It is our hope that this community spirited event will return for 2021. Lorrie Brown, has stepped down as the event coordinator. We wish to thank Lorrie for her many years of service leading the pie making event. Over the years Lorrie has dedicated her Fall, to organizing ingredients, volunteers and the sales of our renowned apple pies. This has been a great fundraiser for our church, but also provided a place where people gathered to work and have fun together. We thank her for her vision, her great effort and especially the love that she has shown us all in the role of the “Pie Lady”. ***Thank you so much, Lorrie!*** Please give consideration to that leadership role, or co-leadership as it may be, for next year.

#### ✝ A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF CUC COUNCIL

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..." (Psalm 46:1-2a)*

We realize that this time of COVID is very tasking on our ability to be social. Many are feeling the strain of isolation. Remember God’s promise to be with us and that your fellow congregates are just a phone call away. Reach out and touch someone... metaphorically speaking of course. 😊  
- Doug Sowerby

✝ CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY ✝  
Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:  
Vi K., Cheryl L. & Heath

**Senior's Residences:**

Bethshan Gardens: Margaret A., Doris K., Peter W.  
Langley Lodge: Hilda F.  
Sunridge Gardens: Marjorie K.  
Zion Park Manor: Lois H.  
Elim Village: (The Emerald) Pauline I.  
Residence at Clayton Heights: Marjorie S.  
Fleetwood Villa: Joyce P.  
Suncreek Village: Trevor F.  
And HUC members in Hazelmere Lodge



✝ **NARAMATA CENTRE ALL ACCESS PASS**



*The All Access pass is your doorway engage in opportunities for learning, growth and spiritual transformation while building an inclusive and welcoming space online. In this time of distance and separation, the Naramata Centre strives to flourish beyond our physical grounds, and experience connection and community in new and exciting ways.*

Our congregation has purchased an All Access Pass to Naramata Centre Online Programs to the end of 2020. Anyone in our pastoral charge can take any of the courses for free. Here is a link to view the programs. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

<https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/online-programs-1>

✝ **BREAK THE SILENCE: THE POWER OF ACTIVE WITNESSING**



**Sunday, September 27, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.**

Have you ever witnessed a racist incident but didn't know what to say or do and felt conflicted and regretful about not responding? This workshop will help participants develop their "response-ability" or readiness to respond to such incidents.

The first part of the session engages participants in experiential learning activities and an understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of prejudice, discrimination and oppression. The second part involves learning a wide range of verbal and behavioral responses when someone is being victimized by an offensive and disrespectful remark or inequitable treatment.

Participants will shift from passive bystanders to active witnesses and will feel more equipped and empowered to respond to racism on an individual basis. Together, we can break the silence and make an ethical commitment to collectively fight prejudice, discrimination and oppression of any form in society.