

## ~ Fifth Sunday in LENT | March 21, 2021 ~

Guest Minister: *Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld* | Musician: *Dianne Nichols*

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### We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*(Candle lighter: Amy)*

Call to Worship

ONE: Behold the days are coming,

**ALL: when light will break forth from the darkness,**

ONE: when all our sins will be forgiven,

**ALL: when we shall know God in the secret places of our hearts.**

ONE: Come, let us continue on our journey together.

**ALL: Let us worship our God.**

Opening Hymn: \* VU 642 – Be Thou My Vision (vs. 1,2, 4)

- ① **Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.**
- ② **Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**
- ④ **Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have broken the covenant that binds us to you,  
with our greed, our self-centred deeds, our lack of compassion and trust.**

**Open our hearts to your call.**

**Forgive us, renew our spirits, and bring us back to your ways.**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved child. Amen.**

Response: VU 948 – O God Hear My Prayer

**O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.**

**O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gathering Time

Breakout Groups / Sharing Time

Hymn: \* MV 92 – Like a Rock

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.**

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)*

### We Hear Good News

Scripture Reading in Korean: **Psalm 51:1-12, 15-17**

*(Reader: Jiyoung)*

Scripture Readings:

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

**Psalm 51:1-12, 15-17**

*To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.*

*Have mercy on me, O God according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.*

*Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

*You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.  
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

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

Sermon: *Unfinished Business*

Time for Silence

Hymn: \* VU 508 – Just as I Am

- ① **Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- ② **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- ③ **Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- ④ **Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## **We Respond**

Offering / Offering Prayer

**In reverence and gratitude we offer our gifts,  
to God and to the church,  
so that others in need may be nourished  
and blessed with purpose and joy in life.  
Receive our gifts, O God, take our hearts,  
as we turn to follow Jesus in this season of Lent. Amen.**

Sung Response: \* VU 116 – Giver of the Perfect Gift (vs. 1, 4)

- ① **Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,  
hear the prayer our hearts uplift, gathered at thy throne of grace.**
- ④ **Oh, may these our Lenten days, blest by thee, with thee be passed,  
that with purer, nobler praise we may keep thy feast at last.**

Prayers of the People / 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: \* VU 572 – Send Me, Lord

- ① **Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,  
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.**
- ② **Lead me, Lord. Lead me Jesus, lead me, Jesus,  
lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.**
- ③ **I will go. I will go, Lord, I will go, Lord,  
in your name, Lord, I will go.**

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sending Song: \* VU 967 – Amen  
**Amen, amen, amen.**

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## 🌀 Announcements for March 21, 2020 🌀



### CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH

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#### A WEEK AT A GLANCE:

**Sun, Mar 21:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – 10:30 am (on Zoom)

- Guest Preacher: Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld

Meet & Greet Rev. Matt (after worship on Zoom)

ELL Group C – 9:30 am

**Mon, Mar 22:** ELL Group A – 9:30 am

**Tues, Mar 23:** Bible Study – 10 am

**Wed, Mar 24:** ELL Group B – 9:30 am

**Sun, Mar 28:** PALM SUNDAY – 10:30 am (on Zoom)

- Guest Preacher: Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld

ELL Group C – 9:30 am

\* All Meetings are on ZOOM.

#### < Mission Statement >

*To thrive in faith through relationship with God,  
one another and the community.*

*To serve others as Jesus would.*

✝ Offerings at CUC last week: \$2,288.50

- Offerings required each week to cover expenses: \$2,115.00

#### ✝ ALL SERVICES AND MEETINGS ARE ONLINE

Due to the restrictions from BC Health Authority to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we continue to worship online on Zoom until further notice.

Please check emails from the church on Fridays or check our website.

#### ✝ CONTACT POINT FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld at 604-533-2658, [gdsued@telus.net](mailto:gdsued@telus.net).

#### Meet & Greet Rev. Matt – after Worship on Zoom

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Matt Emery as our Lead Minister. After the Benediction on March 21, Rev. Matt will join our Zoom service and will be formally introduced. Then, please join us in individual breakout rooms immediately after, as Rev. Matt will 'travel' between the rooms for a more personal welcome and introduction. He is looking forward to meeting the congregation!

#### GOD ISN'T FINISHED WITH US YET...

This is the last Sunday in Lent before Palm Sunday and Holy Week begin, and we're going to round things up and hear about sin! We'll be looking at the Hebrew Scripture readings in Jeremiah and Psalm 51, and considering not just what we do wrong, but how we make it right. Lent is not a time to feel guilty, but to look deep into our hearts, to be honest about our shortcomings, and lift ourselves up into the light as we reach out and connect with a loving and merciful God. Nobody is perfect, and what we do about our mistakes matters very much for the wellbeing of the world.

Let's be healers as we walk together on this journey. - Rev. Gabrielle

#### ✝ COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (MARCH 16, 2020)

1. The Annual Congregational Spiritual Retreat in Naramata has been set for the week of August 22-28, 2021. Our thanks to Christine C. and Bev S. for their coordination efforts. Please see the bulletin for details or contact the office.
2. Council approved the amended 2021 budget with the changes discussed at the ACM. Please contact the office or Lori P. if you would like a copy.
3. Council voted in favour to disband the search team. Once again, we would like to thank Laurel and the entire search team for their phenomenal work over the past months.
4. The Search Team for the Music Coordinator has resumed its search. Postings have gone out to MusicUnited and Indeed. Search Team members are Brian T., Christine C., Laurel Z., and Rev. Matt Emery.

#### ✝ VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

<https://www.cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca/news/childrens-church-this-week>  
Robyn is away on vacation, but she has pre-recorded the Gathering time for worship this Sunday! Virtual Children's Church is still up on our website! These Lenten Gathering Time's really build on themselves, so you don't want to miss any!

✝ **PALM SUNDAY PARADE – NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

Next week, we will parade around our homes, as we welcome Jesus into our midst. We'll hear from several witnesses, about how they were affected by Jesus' presence and care. And we'll think about who we are in the Palm Parade.

For fun you can dress up as a person from first century Jerusalem, with your dressing gown and a head scarf. Or come in whatever you would wear to a parade. Everyone is welcome to come. Bring palms, balloons, streamers, and let's enjoy the day together.

See below to find a ton of great ways to participate!

- Bring in some greenery from outside. Ferns, pine branches and maple leaves would be great replacements.
- Trace and cut out your handprint and colour it in green and put it on a popsicle stick or a branch.
- Grab a green scarf or shirt and wave it around!
- Colour and cut out the colouring sheet that was sent in email.



✝ **UPDATE ON PREPARATION FOR MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE**

I have received many volunteers offering to help with the Plant Sale. More help is still needed.

- Someone to design the tags to be put on the plants with the names.
- Ideas for advertising the event.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Please contact **Marguerite Cryer** ([makcr@telus.net](mailto:makcr@telus.net)) for any questions or if you can volunteer.

✝ **2021 CUC CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT – AUGUST 22 – 28, 2021**

We are excited to announce that Council has approved the Congregational Retreat at Naramata again for this year, from Sunday, August 22 to Saturday, August 28.

We anticipate camping spaces and indoor accommodation will be in short supply, so we encourage interested people to reserve their camping spot now. Here are the links:

- **Indoor accommodations:** <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/fall-retreats-2020#/event/3484/personal-retreats-indoor-accommodation-fall-2021>

- **Outdoor camping:** <https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/fall-retreats-2020#/event/3483/personal-retreats-camping-fall-2021>

\* **Campground map:**

<https://www.naramatacentresociety.org/campground-map>

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\***

1. **Pay particular attention to the deposit and cancellation fees.**
2. **In the comment box, make sure to:**
  - request for campsites near “Creekside Commons” area,
  - mention that you are part of Cloverdale United Church
  - request for a specific campsite # if available (give it a try!)
3. **Let Susie know once you have booked your accommodation.**

There is a variety of accommodation at Naramata: indoor, outdoor camping, pet friendly, some with power, water, etc.

We will primarily hope to be located in the Creekside Commons area that has a shared undercover kitchen area with fridges and stove, BBQ, and sinks, with lots of tables for eating, games and conversation under cover. The closest indoor accommodation to Creekside is Orchard Court A and B, which feature separate bedrooms with a shared indoor kitchen.

There will be registration/orientation on Sunday evening, a short morning program Monday through Thursday, 9:30-11:45 am for adults and separately for children and youth, some shared events, and lots of free time for exploring the town, beaches, hikes and wineries plus more, that this beautiful part of the Okanagan has to offer.

Explore the Naramata Centre website and then register to join us for a wonderful Cloverdale Church Community event.

For more information or any questions to Intercultural Committee: Christine C ([christine.connal@gmail.com](mailto:christine.connal@gmail.com)), Bev S ([bevsiggs@gmail.com](mailto:bevsiggs@gmail.com)), Chohee W ([chorry5242@gmail.com](mailto:chorry5242@gmail.com))

***Blast from the Past # 20***

**Chocolate Cake in a Mug (Made in the microwave!)**

- [Recipe from Creative Yum](#)

**Ingredients:**

2 tbsp All-Purpose Flour	2 tbsp Cocoa Powder
2 tbsp Sugar	¼ t Baking Powder
3 tbsp Milk	3 tbsp Melted Butter
½ t Vanilla Extract	2 tbsp Chopped Dark Chocolate

**Directions:**

Whisk together flour, cocoa, sugar, and baking powder in a bowl. Stir in milk, butter, and vanilla extract until smooth. Fold in the dark chocolate. Pour the batter into a microwave-safe mug, leaving space from the top to keep the batter from overflowing as it cooks. Microwave on high for 1-2 minutes.