



Gordon United Church Announcements

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We are happy to share worship with you on YouTube! It's a brave new world!

*We invite you to join us after the service on Zoom. The connection information is not publicly available and is **sent via email only**, so if you do not receive our emails, we would love to add you to our distribution list.*

*Whether you are new or visiting, or have been a congregation member for many years, please feel free to send your contact information to the Office (contact information above, in **BLUE**). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory. **WELCOME!***

**Nothing is ever truly lost that is shared with others.
Knowing this, how can we jealously hoard what we have been given?**



**HEAR YE!
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Next Week - Parking Lot Service!

Next Sunday, August 23rd, we are having another live service in the church parking lot. Bring your sun hat and your umbrella!! If you can, bring your own lawn chair.

As with the July 5th service, pre-registration is required due to the "50 people and under" provincial restriction for gatherings. Priority will be given to those who are unable to access online services. A two-metre distance will be maintained and you can sit in your car if you prefer. If you can walk from the rear/side parking lot, please park there and walk to the seating area. The traffic control volunteers will help direct you. Masks are encouraged. Washrooms will be available on a limited basis.

Phone the church office at (250) 478-6632 to register.

The service will be "filmed" live and will be uploaded to YouTube for viewing Sunday afternoon.

Today

CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



with **Melanie Ihmels**, Candidate for Diaconal Ministry with the United Church of Canada. This week we focus on the **Song of Faith**.

Thank you to our Reader, **Judy Muir**

Scriptures

- John 1:1-4

Gospel Reading

- John 3:16

Minute for Mission

- "LGBTQIA and Two-Spirit Youth"

Gathering Thought

Our Gathering thoughts today come from the Preamble of The Song of Faith: This is not a statement for all time but for *our* time. In as much as the Spirit keeps faith with us, we can express our understanding of the Holy with confidence. And in as much as the Spirit is vast and wild, we recognize that our understanding of the Holy is always partial and limited. Nonetheless we have faith, and this statement collects the meaning of our song.

Opening Prayer (will be on-screen in video)

God, You are Holy Mystery,
Beyond our complete knowledge and above perfect description.

Yet, in love You, One Eternal God, seek relationship.

You created the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating.

You, O God, tend the universe mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.

You enliven the universe, guiding all things towards harmony with their source.

We are ever-grateful for Your loving actions, so grateful we cannot keep from singing!
We sing with the Church through the ages,

we sing of God as one and triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We sing of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

God, Christ, and Spirit

Mother, Friend, and Comforter

Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, and in other ways that sing faithfully of the One

on whom our hearts rely, the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

We sing as we witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.

YHWH.

Amen.

Zoom Meeting Today



Today's Zoom meeting begins at **11:15am** See your Friday email for the connection information!

Resources from Melanie Ihmels:

Click [HERE](#) for the United Church of Canada Song of Faith. Should you wish to read or download the 18 page document, click [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) for The Lord's Prayer in other languages.

Music!

[Tim's Hymns \(Tim Olfert\)](#) on SoundCloud

[Flutelady \(Pat Wilson\)](#) on SoundCloud

[Jeanne Campbell in Concert July 22, 2020](#) at St. Mary's Anglican in Oak Bay

OLive!

Thanks to everyone for your submissions to the OLive. I will be working on it in the next couple of weeks, and hope to have it to you by the end of the month. If anyone still has a submission, I will find room for it. **Pat Wilson, Editor**

Pacific Mountain Region News

We here at the First Third Ministry Team at the Pacific Mountain Regional Council wanted to let you know that we are taking orders for our Fall Edition of the "**Faith @ Home Kits**". **The deadline is tomorrow, August 17th!** We encourage you to log on to our website and order your kits for your Children, Youth, and Families in your congregation: <https://www.pmfirfirstthirdresources.ca/faithhome-kits.html>

Our theme for the Fall Faith @ Home Kit will be "grateful". If you require any assistance in ordering, please let me know by giving me a call 1-800-934-0434, ext.6363. Sarah Prestwich, Youth & Young Adult Minister, The Islands

Regional Council Prayer Cycles

Ecumenical Focus this week:

Liberia, Sierra Leone



The mothers from the Mothers clubs of Buchanan, Liberia, created a song about washing hands as part of the fight against Ebola.

World Council of Churches
Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>

Interfaith Calendar

<http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2020.htm>



Do you, or does someone you know, need prayer NOW?

Email: prayerinaminute@gmail.com with first name and a short message.

We'll send up a burst of prayer.

Pastoral Care

We invite anyone who is in need of Pastoral support to contact:

Adele Morley - (250) 590-2507

Betty Pellaers - (778) 430-3073

Deanna Robb - (250) 294-6737

Dianne Wilson McDougall - (250) 391-7550 (home) or (250) 415-9461 (cell)

Ruth or Ken Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

Email: pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

If you'd like a phone visit with **Melanie Ihmels**, please contact the office to make arrangements. In an emergency, call (250) 857-9124.