



# 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!**

**Jealousy and grumbling over what we don't have, and what we think we need, can never satisfy us. But as we share what we have with others, God will continue to give us what we need.**



[Click here for Ken's obituary](#)

An outdoor memorial service for Ken Kelbough is being planned for early November.

**Sunday, September 6:**  
[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

**Opening Prayer (will be on-screen in the video)**

Holy Mystery,  
Beyond common knowledge, above perfect description.  
We gather, placing our hope in You.  
And as we gather we sing of a life beyond life  
and a future good beyond imagining:  
a new heaven and a new earth,  
the end of sorrow, pain, and tears,  
Christ's return and life with God,  
the making new of all things.  
We yearn for the coming of that future,  
even while participating in eternal life now.  
We gather, in love, with the One eternal God who  
seeks relationship. Amen.

Thank you to our Reader, **Leona Richards**  
*Scriptures*

- 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13
- Gospel Reading*
- John 13: 34-35
- Minute for Mission*
- "Unique Teachers, Unique Students"

## Music

[Tim's Hymns \(Tim Olfert\)](#) on SoundCloud. Tim posted two wonderful new pieces last week:  
[Be Still My Soul](#)  
[Psalm 121 \(Unto the Hills\)](#)

## Volunteers Needed!

† Driver needed Thursdays for the next few weeks: If you have a large vehicle (minivan or large SUV) that will allow a healthy distance between driver and passenger, would you be willing to bring Melanie to the church for recording the service at 10:00am and take her back home to the Gorge area afterwards? Driver Bonus: You can watch the service live and in Technicolour, with all our goof-ups, \*and\* have a nice chat with Melanie during the rides!

† We need someone to pick up our communion cups from the Christian Book & Music store next week and bring them to the church.

† Call the office at (250) 478-6632 if you can help!

## Zoom Meeting Today



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

*What do we believe?*

Week 6: Sept 6

TO embrace the Present, choosing life

Week 5: Aug 23

TO understand Our Lives Matter

Do you believe you are created in the image of God?  
Do you believe you are one part of a greater whole?  
Do you believe you are a sibling of Christ, and thus one of the body of Christ?

Week 4: Aug 16

TO celebrate the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love

Do you take a minute to experience the Holy?  
How do you share what you believe?  
Are there words for what you want to say?

Week 3: Aug 9

Lord's Prayer

What happens when YOU pray or recite a Creed?  
What is your *intention*?  
Are you invoking God for all? For yourself, for another?  
Are you calling truth into your or others lives?  
Do you recognize prayer as God's voice within and beside us?

Week 2: Aug 2

Lord's Prayer

When you pray...  
Who are you praying to?  
Do you recognize prayer as a call to action, sometimes radical and scary?  
Do you believe you are never alone?  
Remember the words 'Yours is the glory', do you believe they are true? That we live in God's kingdom, not ours?

Week 1: July 26

A creed, like a prayer, defines our faith, announces what we believe. Do you know what you believe?  
Who do you believe?  
When do you believe?

**Next week, September 13**

✦ With the completion of the Back to Basics series, we return to the Revised Common Lectionary next week. This is the last week of the Children's Prayer.

✦ We invite you to share your creed or prayer with the Church, on Facebook, or with each other!

✦ Yes, there will be communion next week ☺  
Communion cups and wafers will be available on the front steps of the church **Friday, Sept. 11 at noon.**

As we welcome the month of September and the upcoming Fall season, there are new opportunities and events that we here at the PMRC First Third Ministry Team would like to let you know about, for Children and Youth, and their Leaders.

First of all, we have an upcoming webinar series called "**Deepening Skills for Trauma-Oriented First Third Ministry Practice**" that is being held online on September 16, 23, 30 & October 7 from 10:30am-12:00pm. Registration is on our website and financial assistance is available, please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.pmrfirstthirdresources.ca/deepening-skills-for-trauma.html>

A very exciting opportunity for Children in your congregation is happening on October 24 with our "**Imagine: Children's Ministry Online Gathering**". This exciting event is for Children aged 8-11 who would like to connect with other children around our region and have fun learning about God! Registration and event information is on their website at:

<http://www.imaginechildrensretreat.ca/>

It is the last chance to order our very popular "**Faith @ Home Kits: Fall Edition**" from our website, so get them before they run out! Link:

<https://www.pmrfirstthirdresources.ca/faithhome-kits.html>

For the Youth in your congregation, we are offering our infamous "**Evolve Conference**" for Youth, Young Adults, and their leaders virtually this November because we are not able to be there in-person, but online we will be! So save the date of Nov. 6-7 for our online conference. More information is available on our website at:

<https://www.pmrfirstthirdresources.ca/events---general-information.html>

We recognize that the Young Adults in our congregations need some love too, so we are preparing some Care packages for them. If you would like to order some, please visit our website at:

<https://www.pmrfirstthirdresources.ca/young-adult-care-kits-for-fall.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to drop me an email or give me a ring.

*Blessings in Christ,*  
*Sarah Prestwich, Youth & Young Adult Minister*



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

**Email: [prayerinaminute@gmail.com](mailto:prayerinaminute@gmail.com)  
with first name and a short message.  
We'll send up a burst of prayer.**

### **Regional Council Prayer Cycles**

**Ecumenical Focus this week:**

### **Ghana, Nigeria**

O God,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
set our hearts on fire with a new love for Christ and  
for one another.  
Renew our desires and labours to serve others.

We seek healing from division, poverty and  
injustice  
in all parts of the world.  
We long for life which is full and free.

Give us the courage to take risks to build a  
highway in the desert  
and let us find protection under the shadow of your  
wings.  
Amen.

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**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>

### **United Church of Canada News**

The UCC is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Michael Blair as its new General Secretary beginning Nov 1, 2020. This role on the General Council is a permanent position, providing leadership in the direction, management, and coordination of the affairs of the church, working in close collaboration with the Moderator, who is elected every three years as the church's spiritual leader and spokesperson. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this.

### **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](mailto:pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca)**

If you'd like a phone chat with Melanie Ihmels, please contact the office to make arrangements or email [minister@gordonunitedchurch.ca](mailto:minister@gordonunitedchurch.ca). In an emergency, call (250) 857-9124.

### **Late Summer at Gordon United**



### **Camp Pringle News**



After a summer of weekend cabin rentals for Vancouver Island families we are excited to announce we are offering our final summer weekend exclusively to United Church families! From September 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> you can "camp" at Camp Pringle in one of our cabins. Click [HERE](#) to read more about this.