



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 **GREEN**). We would be happy to add you to our weekly email distribution list and/or update our church directory.* **WELCOME!**

As stewards, what we give is not as important as that we give.

Sunday, September 27:

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

**Opening Prayer & Words of Assurance
(will be on-screen in the video)**

Opening Prayer

God of unfailing love, we come to worship and to give our heartfelt thanks to You.

We give thanks that we have been blessed by your grace and compassionate care.

God of all faithfulness, we come in reverence to sing our songs of praise to You.

We sing of your care, as throughout all the ages you have listened and blessed us.

God of enduring promises that are always to be trusted; as is the honour of Your holy name; we come to worship and give thanks for Your liberating mercies.

**In reverent awe, we humbly respond to Your holiness even as we acknowledge our need for Your presence in our life, and for Your right hand to guide and save us.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Oh God, you call us to be rocks like Peter, but often we are more like clay.

We make clear our principles, but then compromise and give in. Forgive us!

Oh God, you call us to be rocks like Peter, but often we are more like sand.

We know the words that need to be said, but words fail us at the crucial time. Forgive us!

Oh God, you call us to be rocks like Peter, but often we are more like a loose pile of stones.

We try to go it on our own, although our strength lies in what we can accomplish with others. Forgive us!

Oh God, you call us to be rocks like Peter, but often we are cracked and fragmented.

We go in several directions at once when we need focus and a goal, like Jesus. Forgive us!

Yet God of all our days, You are with us.

When we are clay, You call us together to be rock, solid and unbreakable.

When we are sand, You call us together to be castles, barricades against the waves.

When we are like a pile of scattered loose stones, You call us together to be a wall, tall and strong.

When we are cracked and fragmented, You call us together into wholeness, intertwined and interdependent, You at our center.

Oh God,

Oh God, we are yours, show us clearly Your way.

Amen!

Thank you to our Reader for today, **John Nanson** who did a fine job at a whole lotta words!

- Scriptures: Isaiah 51: 1-6
- Psalm 138
- Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20
- Minute for Mission:
" National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering 2019"

Zoom Meeting

Sunday's Zoom meetings begin at 11:15am
See your Friday email for the connection information!

Sunday Worship Video Session

This week at our video session, Melanie showed her true colours, wearing an Orange Shirt Day design from 2017, with artwork by Bear Horne.

Bear Horne's design features a bear to help us follow the right path, an eagle to help us have a vision of a bright future, a hummingbird to keep our mind, body and spirit healthy, and a flower to feed the connection of all these elements.



Orange Shirt Day was created in 2013, to educate people and promote awareness in Canada about the Indian residential school system and the impact it has had on Indigenous communities for over a century—an impact that continues today. It is held annually on September 30 in Canadian communities, especially in schools with students and staff, where people are encouraged to wear an orange shirt.

Easter Egg

Look for this week's easter egg in this Announcements sheet. No hints this week except that it's tiny and it's orange!

Hymn Books

If you would like to borrow hymnbooks bible for the months, to home, Rose in the



like to borrow and a pew next few use in your please contact office. We will

sign out a set to you, consisting of Voices United, More Voices and the NRSV bible (New Revised Standard Version).

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Dear Friends:

After 3 months in the wilderness of a forwarding freight storage facility, all my goods and bits and pieces have finally come home - including my MacBook laptop. I had packed it since my iPhone was good for the interim.

I had thought I would have everything at the end of my two week quarantine, but alas, I came out of quarantine to find that the apartment I had rented came without windows in either bedroom - a deal breaker for me! It took me two more months to find a place to live. Fortunately, I had an RV I could stay in.

This is the reason why The OLive has not been published - all the files were in the MacBook. So... I have my MacBook now, but there are a few glitches that I haven't sorted out - including the folders for my mail program, including one for the OLive, which seem to have disappeared.

So...the bad news is it may be a week for two before I get everything up and running again. The good news is: you have one more week if there's anything you'd like to add to The OLive.

With my apologies... Hugs and blessing to all of you. I miss you. Pat



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 Kelbough - (250) 478-5450

Email: 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.
 In an emergency, call (250) 857-9124.

Lost & Found

- A Thrifty Foods card was found at Belmont Thrifty Foods with some money on it. If you lost one, call Cherie (250) 391-1869.
- Men's reading glasses (sturdy frames, Foster Grant +3.00) were found at the church. Call the office if they are yours.

Regional Council Prayer Cycles

Ecumenical Focus this week:

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

To be more patient
 give us strength, Lord.
 To become peace-makers,
 equip us, Lord.
 To be right,
 give us your light, Lord.
 To accept our faults,
 give us humility, Lord.
 To be in solidarity with those who suffer,
 make us sympathetic, Lord.
 That our actions will be guided by love,
 give us your Spirit, Lord.

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 CELADEC. English transl. Terry MacArthur, WCC)

**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>

The theme of this puzzle is TEAMWORK:

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form ordinary words. Next, arrange the circled letters to form a word that fits the first blank in the Zinger below and fill in the first Mystery Answer. Finally, arrange the letters in diamonds to form a word that fits the second blank below and fill in the second Mystery Answer.

#1 TES

#2 TUIN

#3 WEARA

#4 TELTIL

#5 TODVEED

#6 BASMEELS

#7 FLHUSSEIN

#8 GROGTANECE

BOX OF CLUES

STUMPED? MAYBE YOU CAN FIND A CLUE BELOW. (CLUES ARE NOT IN ORDER.)

- alert
- collect
- place
- altruistic
- flock
- group
- constant
- slight

ZINGER:
 "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the _____. Indeed, it is the only _____ that ever has." *Margaret Mead*

Fall Word Search

T	H	C	H	I	L	L	Y	K	S	Q	M	L	P	T
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W	Q	U	N	D	J	R	W	J	V	G	L	U	A	B
K	Q	H	D	G	O	K	P	R	H	L	A	O	Y	R
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AUTUMN
BROWN
CHILLY

FOOTBALL
HARVEST
LEAVES

ORANGE
PINE CONE
PUMPKIN

RAKE
REAP
SEASON

TREES
WIND
YELLOW