



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!***

We have no peace to offer others, until it has rooted and bloomed in our own spirits.

Sunday, February 28, 2021

[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Thank you to **Valerie Allen**, our Reader for the Sunday service.

Scriptures:

- *Matthew 8: 5-13*

Zoom Meeting

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



Lent Worship

Remember, there are little bags with "sea glass" (recycled tumbled glass) on the front steps of the church. We're using them in worship each week during

Lent. The communion cups, for communion March 7th, are also on the steps. Please pick yours up!

Here's a short "trailer" video on our Lent theme:

[CLICK HERE FOR HOLY VESSELS VIDEO](#)

Signing In at the Church

Please SIGN IN if you visit the church so that contact tracing can be done in case of a positive COVID 19 case at Gordon United Church.

The sign-in sheet is on the shelf across from the church office, on the brick wall where the plants are sitting. Thank you. **The Safety Team**

Opportunity to Help Others

Please take a minute to get to know the Al-Rubayae family. They are a family of 6, living in Turkey. The family is from Iraq but, due to the war and current crisis, they had to flee for their lives to Syria, then Lebanon and now Turkey. The family is a single mom with 5 children. They struggle to survive on a daily basis as the husband was killed many years ago in the war. The necessities of life needed to survive are a struggle and they are not very much welcomed in Turkey. The family lives in a small 3 bedroom apartment without proper heat or warm clothing and they have no income. They have been in lockdown for 6 months with no gov't financial support. If they have an opportunity to work, they make \$8 for a 14-hr day and sometimes don't even get paid at the end of the day. This family needs help. Please support the Al-Rubayae family so they can survive the hardship and overcome the difficult times in their lives.

Please offer prayers and, if you wish to do so, contribute financially to help them. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link to their Go Fund Me page.

Submitted by a congregation member who works with a Langford resident, whose family is in need. The posting was approved by Council.

Pastoral Care pastoralcare@gordonunitedchurch.ca

We invite anyone who needs Pastoral support to contact one of us:

- 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

O Live

Winter 2021: O Live "Light"

Our dear friend & choir singer, Mary Newman, celebrated a special birthday this week. Many happy returns, Mary!

From Mary's daughter, Donna: The birthday video was a HIT, she absolutely loved it. It was 25 mins long. Laughter, tears, she had it all. We had cake at our home after a lovely lunch at Boom and Batten. Thank you all for your contributions - so much appreciated. She was overwhelmed with the cards and all the well wishes.

A beautiful song from an amazing young girl, Jackie Evancho: "*To Believe*". [CLICK HERE](#) for the video. Submitted by Karen Hicks

Hello friends, from Herb Steele. I am seeing Erma twice a week at Selkirk. See you Sunday on Zoom!



Send in your O Live stories, thoughts, greetings for others, jokes, views, prayers, photographs... office@gordonunitedchurch.ca



Hello to Gordon United friends from Annie Wright.
I miss seeing you!



Wise words to ponder, submitted by Pat Flack:
"If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning!" - author unknown

Broken Vessels
by Rose

In this season of Lent, this season of fast,
Vessels sit, waiting, where they were cast,
Waiting for Life to fill their depths,
Waiting for signs, waiting for meaning,
Longing for Love to come at last.

Each vessel sits empty, some broken and worn
By all they have met - grains of sand on the shore,
Battered by death and lifted by life,
Battered, but beautiful, touched by the sun,
Awaiting the glorious end of the storm.

In this season of Lent, our ritual prayer:
Let all the world learn how to mend and to care,
Let us be vessels, though broken and worn,
Let us be filled with the peace and the light.
As the rock rolls away, let Love be there.



Spring is Coming to Gordon United Church.
Y'know how I know?

