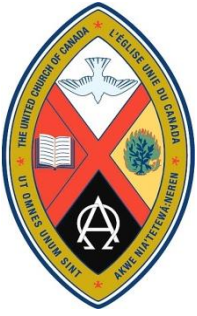


Sunday, June 20, 2021



Gordon United Church Announcements

<http://www.gordonunitedchurch.ca> office@gordonunitedchurch.ca

Check us out on Facebook

935 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria BC, V9B 2Y2 - Phone 250.478.6632

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 can be generous not only when we feel joyful and blessed,
but also when we feel neglected and deprived.**

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[CLICK HERE FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE](#)

Sunday Zoom Meetings

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

Sunday, June 20th and June 27th

Rev Heidi is on holidays and we welcome **Melanie Ihmels** back to lead worship online at the regular 10am Sunday time. (Rev. Alanna Menu is available for emergency pastoral care June 15-30).



Summertime Plans

Online worship will continue to be available through June on YouTube. As of July 1, online worship will be suspended. Services will be held outdoors, rain or shine, at 10 a.m. starting July 4th, with 54 people allowed to attend.

Please save your spot for the service by phoning the church office at 250-478-6632. You will be asked how many in your household will be attending, and whether you intend to remain in your car or sit outside for the service. You will be able to connect to the service via FM radio in addition to regular audio. Bringing your own chair is encouraged. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

We want to hear your feedback – if you would like online services to continue in some form in the fall, or you find outdoor and/or indoor services meet your needs. Print copies of the service will continue to be delivered or mailed upon request. Audio recordings may also be made available.

Volunteers will be needed to help screen and sign people in, handle offering and communion, direct traffic and monitor activities in and out of the building on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you would like to help, please leave your name with the office.

Council Update

AGM Update: July 4th there will be a brief Annual Meeting following the outdoor worship service. Agenda:

1. Any questions regarding the Annual Report for 2020;

2. Nominations and Elections: John Nanson has been nominated for the position of Trustee. Other important positions we need to fill: Vice Chair of Council, Communications Liaison, Spiritual Leadership Liaison, and Pacific Mountain Regional Council Rep. All of these position (excepting the

Trustee position) involve a seat on Council, which meets monthly. Please contact any member of Council or Rev. Heidi for a position description. We would also love to have volunteers to help with managing the sound board on Sunday mornings; and if there are people who would be interested in learning how to videorecord, edit, and post services online, we would be thrilled to hear from you!

COVID-19 Update: The church building and office will remain closed until after Labour Day. Please call the office if you need to come by.

From Melanie:



1. As you gaze at the image, notice your breath and your body.
2. Simply be present to the image and allow it to speak to your heart, without any particular agenda. It might speak to you in words or wordlessly.
3. How do you feel looking at the image?
4. If you had to describe the image in a sentence or two silently to yourself, what would you say?
5. If you were in the image, where would you place yourself ?
6. Do you get a glimpse of the sacred from this image? Is God speaking to you in this image?
7. Does a name for God arise for you from this image? In silence, sit with what you have received.

Camp Spirit Correction

Volunteers willing to lead a craft, share a story or experience about a service project, teach a skill, lead a game, etc for the kids at Camp Spirit for an hour or two are encouraged to make themselves known to Rev. Heidi. You do NOT need to have a Criminal Record Check, as all activities involving the children will be supervised by Camp Spirit staff. Our theme is the Promise of the Rainbow, and is focused on inclusion and diversity.

Upper Room Daily Devotional Booklet

JUNE 14th, 2021 UPDATE--WE HAVE NINE OF THE MINIMUM TEN TO GET THE DISCOUNT - WE NEED AT LEAST ONE MORE BY JUNE 30TH

Hello friends, it's time to order your annual subscription to The Upper Room or to consider starting one! Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our subscribers over the past year. We need more folks who would like to have that daily time of meditation and prayer to join us. If we can maintain the minimum of 10 issues bimonthly, we can still subscribe for \$15.00 CAD each. If not, the cost to subscribe individually has gone up to around \$28.30 CAD. Please let me know by JUNE 30TH, 2021 if you will be joining us!!

My contact information is available through the Gordon United Church office if you don't already have it.
Linda DiMambro

Fairway Cards

As most of you know by now, we will no longer be doing the Thrifty Foods fund raising cards. Instead, the Property and Finance Committee would like you to consider the Fairway Cards. We receive 5% of what you spend. You can use your credit card to load the gift card so will also earn points. Please email Pat Larre at : larres@telus.net if you want a card, one will be mailed or dropped off for you. Thank you.
Pat Larre

Hymnbooks

You are encouraged to sign out a set of hymnbooks so that you can follow along during worship services both online and in person (but singing is only allowed in your own car!). Please call the office to arrange for pick-up, or sign out a set on a Sunday in July. (We cannot distribute books in the usual manner due to COVID19 restrictions). We've been told by the health authorities that group singing in public is going to be one of the last things allowed in the phased-in return to "normal".

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

Broadview

Would anyone interested in subscribing to **Broadview Magazine** this year please call Deanna Robb @ (250) 294 6737 or email dm-robb@hotmail.com The cost of a one year subscription remains at \$25.00. Looking forward to hearing from you. *Deanna*

GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS



[Photo credit: The United Church of Canada]

Kindergarten teacher Esbikenh grew up knowing his ancestral language, but sadly, the children he taught in school didn't. "One day I turned on YouTube and saw superhero videos. I thought, 'Why not make these videos and we will just have all the superheroes speak in Anishinaabemowin?'" And that's where your Mission & Service gifts come in. Share Esbikenh's story in [print](#) and [video](#) on Indigenous Day of Prayer.

Submitted by Judy Muir:

Jocelyn Joy has provided her mailing address and permission to share it. If you would like to send caring thoughts on the passing of her mother, Lynn Joy, please contact Rose in the office.



Belmont Grad 2021 parade in Langford. Congratulations to all the graduates!



Virtual choir during the Worship service and Celebration of Ministry for the Pacific Mountain Region last Sunday

Submitted by Karen Hicks:

<https://www.andiesisle.com/the.nature.of.god.html>

