

Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church

Open to All

We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.



2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

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* Please stand if you are able

VU is Voices United Hymn Book

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MV is More Voices Hymn Book

We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

All Are Welcome To Worship Together

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey. We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance. We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced. We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

Prelude

The Kingdom of God

MV #146

You are welcome to light a candle at the back of the sanctuary as the community gathers for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

*One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

Bruce Prewer

One: We have come here, not because we have all the answers

All: but because Christ Jesus has made us scholars in his school.

One: We have come, not because we are better than others

All: but because we know that God is inclusive of all.

One: We have come, not because our lives always run smoothly

All: but because by faith we journey together through highlands and lowlands, towards a promised land.

***Collect:**

UCC Worship Ways

Father, **your kindness has given us a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, not be anxious about tomorrow, and appreciate the unique gift of today. Open us to the movement of your Holy Spirit that we may desire to bring new order, new possibility, and new hope in this land, and new life in the depths of our being. Amen.**

***Hymn:**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU #371

Call to Confession: Here in this container of worship, in the presence of our merciful God, we are invited to bear the light of self-honesty and give to God what we need to carry no longer.

Prayer of Confession:

UCC Worship Ways

Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better. We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being. Forgive us for doubting that new life and rebirth are possible. Midwife our spirits, that we may be born into a new state of consciousness; that we may be born from above.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace: *The Earth is Adorned*

Waldemar Ahlen

***Passing of the Peace:** Jesus brings his peace that transforms us into wholeness. Let us share his gift with one another.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

We Listen to the Word

Reader: By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

First Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm:

Psalm 121

VU p.844

Second Reading:

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: (stand or sit as it your custom)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:1-17

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise be to Jesus Christ

We Engage the Story

Song: *Simple Song* Leonard Bernstein

Reflection:
Silent Reflection

***Hymn:** *Spirit of the Living God* VU #376

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith:** *A New Creed* VU p.918

Prayers of the People (stand or sit as is your custom)

Lord's Prayer VU p.959

Invitation to Offering: In response to all of the goodness God gives us, let us gather our gifts and present them as an offering to God.

***Doxology:** CP #669
Praise God the Source of life and birth,
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honour to God's name.

***Offering Prayer:** *UCC Worship Ways*
Loving God, may these gifts indicate our gratitude for our many blessings and nourish the world in its greatest places of need.
Amen.

We Go Into the World

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Hymn:** *All The Way My Saviour Leads Me* VU #635

***Benediction:** *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

One: The Creator's blessing be yours on your road, on your journey, guiding you, cherishing you.

Left: *The Son's blessing be yours, wine and water, bread and stories, feeding you, challenging you.*

Right: *The Spirit's blessing be yours, wind and fire, joy and wisdom, comforting you, disturbing you.*

All: The Angel's blessing be yours, on your house, on your living, guarding you, encouraging you. Let us walk together, a community on a journey, sustained in God's blessing. Amen!

One: Let us go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *For The Beauty Of The Earth*

John Rutter

*Please remain seated to reflect on the worship service or leave quietly
This service is over and our service begins*



About The Music

Mission Statement

We follow Jesus Christ
Worshipping and Serving with Love and Joy
We open our minds, hearts, and doors to the world.

October 2016

Church Announcements



Karen's Office Hours

Karen is in the office Wednesday 1:00-3:00.
To make an appointment please phone the church or
email RevKarenHollis@gmail.com



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Bible Study now at Roberts Restaurant

Join Karen at Roberts at 9:30am on Fridays in Lent for a six week study of Galatians. We will look at one chapter per week and will be looking at chapter three next. Please read the chapter ahead of time and bring your Bible.



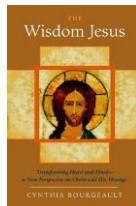
Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Christ Church Gabriola will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2020** following morning worship. Business will include: receiving the 2019 annual report and 2019 financial statements; approval of the 2020 budget; discussion of, and decision on, a Gifts policy for CCG; appointment of committee members; election of trustees, churchwardens, and Council members; election of a chair and secretary for future congregational meetings up to, and including, the 2020 AGM.



Monday March 16 1:00-2:30

Everyone is welcome even if you would just like to join in the visiting. Free patterns and yarn available.



Join our Faith Formation Conversations

The Worship Committee warmly invites you to join our continuing conversation of Reverend Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault's book, *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind - A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* (Book available through Amazon, Abe Books) Dates: Thurs. March 19 1:00-2:30 and Thurs. April 16 1:00-2:30



Visioning Report: Sunday March 22

On Sunday March 22 after worship the Visioning Team will report back to the congregation on what we heard during our visioning conversations. We will share our process, the big picture (a chart will be displayed a week prior), strengths/gifts of CCG, and our dreams. You can expect 30 min of content with questions/conversation interspersed.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: April 5 Service 10:00am

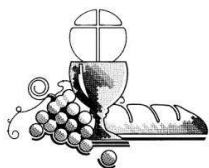
Maundy Thursday: April 9 Potluck Dinner 5:00pm
with hand washing and communion

Good Friday: April 10 Tenebrae Service 10:00 am

Easter Sunrise: April 12 Service 8:00am

This service takes place in the forest.
Hot cross buns and a hot drink are served at 9:00am

Easter Sunday: April 12 Service 10:00 am



Mid Week Eucharist

Wednesdays March 11 and March 25