

JUNE 26, 2022

Summerlea United Church is located on land that has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. We honor, recognize, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

We Gather

Prelude

Introit "The Lord is in this Place"

Mosie Lister

Announcements

Call to Worship

We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist,
people with vision.
We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,
people with questions.
We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary,
people with self-doubts.
We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,
people with courage.
We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul,
people with regrets.
We come, like Hagar, Uriah, and the Syrophenician woman,
people with wisdom from the margins.
We come, like Rebekah and Samuel,
like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha,
like John, Mark, and Priscilla,
people with a part to play in the story of faith.

Opening Prayer

Hymn "The Servant Song"

VU 595

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image.**

Words of Assurance

Hymn "Sing Your Praise to God Eternal"

VU 244

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture reader: Mary Guynan

Prayer of Illumination

- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Elisha sees Elijah ascent to heaven
- Psalm 77 (VU 791)

Song "The Lord is My Shepherd"
(The Vicar of Dibley)

Howard Goodall
Soloist: Barbara Moffat

- John 14:1-9
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Called to freedom, the fruit of the Spirit

Hallelujah

Rev. Christine's Message

Anthem "We Thank You, Lord"

D. Angerman & J. Martin

Minute for Mission

We Answer to God's Love

Collection Plate

To minimize contact, collection plates will remain at the back of the sanctuary where you can leave your donation envelopes or monetary donations. Thank you.

Offertory Dedication

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Prayer for the Offering

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Your"

VU 232

We Go Back into the World

Commissioning

Go forth,
**for the love of God is ours to share,
the peace of Christ is ours to extend,
the power of the Holy Spirit is ours to offer.**

Be strong and of good courage,
do not be afraid:
for it is the Lord your God who goes with you,
God will not fail you or forsake you.
Enjoy your time of vacation!
I will see you again on August 7th.

Benediction

Common Blessing

VU 512

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

Postlude "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

Arr. Lee Dengler