

Église Unie Summerlea United Church  
Sunday, June 18                      2017                      dimanche, le 18 juin  
THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**We Gather as God's People**

**Prelude**

**Introit**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Time of Centering**

**Call to Worship**

We have come together in this place of worship as God's people:

**Ready to hear God's truth.**

Desiring to respond to God's call.

**Eager to rejoice in God's faithfulness.**

Assured of God's love for each one of us.

**As we gather, we open ourselves to God's empowering and uplifting Spirit in our midst.**

**Hymn** "God Is Here"

VU 389

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, with your love you enfold us, with your compassion you care for us, with your Spirit you lead us. Yet we know how difficult it is to accept your leading in our lives. Remind us that you are a welcoming God: you don't ask questions, you don't burden us with strict requirements, you simply reach out to us in love and accept us as we are. We come to you now in prayer in response to your gift of grace, knowing that we have not been all that we can be as your people, but also knowing that your gracious forgiveness allows us to become all that you would have us be...**

*(a time for silent prayer)*

**Words of Assurance**

**Hymn** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

VU 224

**We Listen for God's Word**  
*Scripture reader: Barb Costello*

**Hebrew scripture reading**      Genesis 18:1-15      p. 17 ot

**Responsive reading**      Psalm 116, with Refrain      #836 VU

**Gospel reading**      Matthew 9:35-10:10      p. 13 nt

**Sermon** "MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE"

**We Respond to God**

**Anthem** "If with all your Hearts"      (Aria from Elijah)  
By Mendelssohn      Soloist: Barb Moffat

## Offertory

### Offertory Dedication

VU #376, verse 2

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

*(please remain standing for the communion hymn)*

**Communion hymn** "Christ, Be Our Host", verses 1-3 VU 465

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to Communion

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to God, to whom we give our thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is indeed right and good for us always to give thanks to you, O God. You are the God of the whole universe.

From you comes every good gift, especially the gift of life that is made full and abundant and new.

***People:* With all our hearts and minds, we thank you, God.**

*Minister:* We thank you that you sent Jesus, your Son, to be born among us, that he lived our common life on earth, that he suffered and died for us, that he rose again, and that he is always present with us through the Holy Spirit.

***People:* Remembering these things, we celebrate again this holy banquet. We pray that, despite our sins and doubts, your Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we may share in the eternal life of Christ.**

*Minister:* We thank you that we do not celebrate this holy meal alone, but in the company of all your people; past, present, and those to come. With them and with all creation, we praise you and say:

***People:* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

*Minister:* O God, we ask for the blessing of your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. May the Christ who died for us also live in us, so that, as we are strengthened by what we are about to receive, we may go out to be the body of Christ in the world.

We pray together now, using the words that Jesus taught us... THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung).

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Prayer after Communion:

**For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life that we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here may so put its mark upon us that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may become mature Christians, that ours may be the faith that issues in action, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn 465, verse 4** (seated)

**Hymn** "All Praise to Thee" VU 327

## Commissioning and Benediction

### Common Blessing

VU #374, verse 3

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!**

Organ Postlude