

Église Unie Summerlea United Church
Sunday, November 12 2017 dimanche, 12 novembre

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering

Call to Worship

For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, O God, as we gather for worship.

Hymn "Sing Praises to God"

VU 228

Prayer of Confession

Loving God and creator of us all, you sent your beloved son, Jesus, to teach us the way of love and humble service, and we have taken on his name, calling ourselves Christians. We confess that sometimes we walk an inward journey of boastfulness and pride, forgetting that call to service which the name "Christian" means. Forgive us for those times when we have lost sight of the call to be bearers of Christ's love. Help us to be Christ's true disciples, as we confess those things that keep us from truly following him...

(a time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

VU 703

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture reader: Marion Golden

Epistle reading I Thessalonians 4:13-18 p. 277 nt

Responsive reading Psalm 30, with Refrain VU #757

Reading from the Gospels Matthew 7:1-5 p. 9 nt

Sermon "WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE?*" -

We Respond to God

Anthem "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake" (by R. Farrant)

Offertory

Offertory Dedication

VU #540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

Hymn (seated) "Those Hearts That We Have Treasured" VU 494

Memorial to our Love Ones

Litany for All Saints' Sunday

Ever-living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What joy, when loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years have passed, and still we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place in which they once stood is now empty.

Their spirits are bound up with ours forever.

O God, we see them now with the eye of memory. We thank you that we can forgive their faults, and that their virtues inspire us. So does goodness live, and weakness fade from sight. We remember the dead with gratitude and bless their names.

Their memory is a blessing forever.

O God, we remember as well the people who but yesterday were a part of our congregation and our community. To all who cared for us and laboured for others' welfare, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the goals of our faith and neighbourliness, for now the task is ours.

Their spirits are bound up with ours forever.

God, we give you thanks for all these who are now in your loving presence. As the great cloud of witnesses surround us with their blessing and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving,

we give thanks that they live forevermore.

Hymn "For All the Saints"

VU 705

Commissioning and Benediction

Common Blessing

#707 VU, verse 3

**For this cloud of faithful witness,
for the common life we share,
for the work of peace and justice,
for the gospel that we bear,
for the vision that our homeland
is your love – deep, high, and broad –
for the different roads we travel
we give thanks and praise, O God.**

Postlude