

Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, April 15

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THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Introit: "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

VU396

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering

Call to Worship

The risen Christ comes to us in our time of worship. The risen Lord speaks to each one of us in our gathering: "Peace be with you."

Life bursts forth in the beauty of creation. Life erupts from the darkness of despair. Hope abounds in the promises given, joy springs forth and sadness ends.

Strength is found to face every tomorrow; God's wholeness brings healing to all.

The world and all that is in it resounds with a song of praise to God's glory! Let us join together to celebrate the good news of Easter!

Hymn "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

VU 175

Gathering Prayer

God of hope and new life, as we look around us, we see the once-dormant plants and trees showing signs of growth and new life, as the mystery of sprouting leaves and budding greenery point the way to renewal in our lives. Be with us in our worship that we, too, may experience renewal and growth. Just as the natural realm around us struggles against the last remnants of the cold season, so may we also find the strength to struggle against those elements in our lives and in our world that seek to dampen the hopes of resurrection. Be with us and empower us, O God, in and through this time of worship, and through the presence of Jesus Christ, our risen saviour. Amen.

Hymn "You Call Us Out"

VU 569

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture reader: Marion Golden

Reading from the Book of Acts Acts 3:12-19 p. 161 nt

Responsive reading Psalm 4, with Refrain VU #727

Reading from the Gospels Luke 24:36b-48 p. 121 nt

Hymns "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

VU 578

Sermon "THE FLESH AND BONES OF RESURRECTION"

We Respond to God

Anthem "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" (by Mendelssohn)

Offertory

Offertory Dedication

VU #164, verse 3

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ indeed is risen, our joy that
has no end.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn "Go to the World"

VU 420

Commissioning and Benediction

Common Blessing

More Voices #122

**This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!
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Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu!
We will rejoice and be glad!
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We will rejoice and be glad!**

Postlude

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