

Église Unie Summerlea United Church
Sunday, September 23 2018 dimanche, 23 septembre

THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering

Call to Worship

Listen closely.

Listen to the hum of the Earth...(pause)

Listen to the murmuring of the grass...(pause)

Listen to the buzz of the birds, and the rustling of the forest...(pause)

Do you hear it?

Listen closely

Listen closely as the melodies of creation

sing, shout, creak, and whisper around us

Listen closely as our hearts sing within us

Listen closely as all of creation yearns for nurture.

Do you hear it?

As we take these moments to listen.

we remember God's call of creation.

"Let there be!"

And so, in this time of gathering,

Let there be honest reflection.

Let there be radical discernment.

Let there be creative stirring.

Let there be space for connection.

Let there be nurture and care.

**Come! Let us worship with one another and with
all of creation!**

Hymn "Come in, Come in and Sit Down"

VU 395

Gathering Prayer

Teacher God,

You have invited us in to sit down. May we find in this time, rest. You have invited us, lost in grief, fear, anxiety, and shame. May we find in this time, hope. You have invited us, overflowing with joy, celebration, love and laughter. May we find in this time gratitude. Draw us closer to each other God, so that we may be students and teachers for each other. Draw us closer to you oh God, so that we may find creativity in the Creator, guidance in Jesus, and inspiration in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn "God of the Sparrow"

VU 229

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture reader: Barbara Costello

Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 31:10-31 p. 723 ot

Responsive reading

Psalm 1 VU 724

Reading from the Gospels

Mark 9:30-37 p. 61-62 nt

Hymn "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

VU #701

Sermon "SHOW AND TELL: A FEW THINGS ABOUT ME"

Anthem "Hear My Prayer" by Moses Hogan

We Respond to God

Offertory

**We offer these gifts of our time, our talent and our treasure, God,
as a symbol of our commitment
to nurture, covenant, and care.**

**We know all our gifts are equal in your sights
when we give with boldness, courage, and strength,
Bless us and bless these gifts.
Amen.**

Offertory Dedication

VU #603, verses 1&2

**In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful words and faithful deed.**

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

Hymn "Praise the Lord with the Sound of the Trumpet" VU 245

Commissioning and Benediction

Common Blessing

VU 884

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the fields will clap, will clap their hands.

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

Postlude

Call to worship & adapted Offertory Prayer: Lauren Hodgson, Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost, What Is Creation Saying to Us?, Third Sunday, Year B: Nurture Me!,

<https://www.united-church.ca/worship-liturgical-season/creation-time-3>