

Église Unie Summerlea United Church  
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**THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Summerlea United Church is located on land that 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**

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe.

**Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.**

Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.

**We sing thanksgiving.**

Finding ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery,  
of living things, diverse and interdependent,  
of complex patterns of growth and evolution,  
Of subatomic particles and cosmic swirls,

**We sing of God the Creator,  
the Maker and Source of all that is.**

Each part of Creation reveals unique aspects of God the Creator,  
who is both in Creation and beyond it.

**All parts of creation, animate and inanimate, are related.**

**All Creation is good.**

We sing of a Creator,

**Who made humans to live and move  
and have their being in God.**

In and with God, we can direct our lives toward right  
relationship with each other and with God.

**We can discover our place as one strand in the web of life.**

**We can grow in wisdom and compassion.**

**We can recognize all people as kin.**

**We can accept our mortality and finitude,**

**Not as a curse, but as a challenge to make our lives  
and choices matter.**

Come let us worship...



**Offertory Dedication**

VU 116, verse 1

**Giver of the perfect gift,  
only hope of human race,  
hear the prayer our hearts uplift,  
gathered at thy throne of grace.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn** “Touch the Earth Lightly”

VU 307

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Common Blessing**

Don Besig and Nancy Price

**May the Lord walk beside us  
as we leave this quiet place.  
For the Lord will always guide us  
if we walk in the light of His Grace.  
May we feel God’s love around us  
as it keeps us faithful and strong.  
For the peace of God surrounds us,  
and now we must pass it on.  
Go now and pass it on.**

**Postlude**

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