

Église Unie Summerlea United Church
Sunday, March 17 2018 dimanche, 17 mars
THE 2ND 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

We gather as God's people to search our inner selves and reflect on the spiritual dimensions of our lives.

We gather to open ourselves to God's call, and to meditate on the deeper meaning of this season of Lent.

We gather to re-examine our lives of faith; to re-order our priorities and to clarify our purposes.

We gather in worship to open ourselves to God's leading in our lives.

Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" VU 220

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving and accepting God, your infinite mercy assures us of your great love for us all. Your unconditional grace calls us back when we have strayed and gives us a fresh start.

Embraced by your loving goodness, we are free to share with you our deepest thoughts and concerns. We acknowledge our reluctance to receive your message of new life. We hear the clamour of the busy world and we cannot hear the gentle whisper of loving acts. We find it easy to see how others have turned from your ways, but find it difficult to acknowledge that we, too, have sometimes turned from you. Open our hearts and our souls to the miracle of your goodness. In your loving forgiveness, may we find renewed strength as we re-commit ourselves to the path of faithfulness as we journey through this season of Lent...

(a time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Collection of “Lenten Loonies”

Hymn “As the Sun with Longer Journey” VU 111

Minutes for Mission “Artistic Hope and Healing”

We Listen for God’s Word
Scripture reader: Barb Moffat

Epistle reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 p. 268 nt

Responsive reading Psalm 27, with Refrain VU 754

Reading from the Gospels Luke 13:31-35 p. 103 nt

Hymn “ Be Thou My Vision” VU 642

Sermon “A Fox in the Hen House ”

We Respond to God

Anthem “Family of Faith” *by Valerie MacKenzie*

Offertory

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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” VU 660

Commissioning and Benediction *(a prayer of St. Patrick)*

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| May the strength of God pilot us, | ✠ | ✠ |
| May the power of God preserve us, | ✠ | ✠ |
| May the wisdom of God instruct us, | ✠ | ✠ |
| May the hand of God protect us, | ✠ | ✠ |
| May the way of God direct us, | ✠ | ✠ |
| May the shield of God defend us, | ✠ | ✠ |
| May the Host of God guard us | ✠ | ✠ |
| against the snares of the evil ones, | ✠ | ✠ |
| against the temptations of the world. | ✠ | ✠ |
| May Christ be with us! | ✠ | ✠ |
| May Christ be before us! | ✠ | ✠ |
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| | ✠ | ✠ |
| | ✠ | ✠ |

May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May thy salvation, Lord, always be ours,
this day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

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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