

Église Unie Summerlea United Church  
Sunday, April 14                      2019                      dimanche, le 14 avril  
PALM SUNDAY

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**

**Hymn**    "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"    VU 123

**Call to Worship**

Today, we join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

**Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.**

Like the crowd in Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago, we take our palm branches and greet the coming Christ, shouting:

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Gathering Prayer**

**Holy God, you come to us in Jesus, a poor man, riding on a donkey; we thank you for this witness of the power of love, despite the powers of this world. We thank you for all who have withstood evil, who have been tormented, even put to death, and still refused to use the weapons of hatred. We thank you for the times when we have been able to let down our defenses, to give up the need to control, and live with open hands and open hearts. With joy in our hearts, we thank you with our shouts of "hosanna". Help us to truly welcome the Christ who comes to us in humility and self-giving love. Be with us now, as we follow in joy and in sorrow the way of the cross, in the footsteps of Jesus our savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Final collection of "Lenten Loonies"**

**Hymn**    "All Glory, Laud and Honour"    VU 122

**We Listen for God's Word**

**Minute for Mission:**    "A Heritage of Welcome"

*Scripture reader: Colleen Kilkenny*

**Hebrew scripture reading**    Isaiah 50:4-9a                      p. 797 ot

**Responsive reading**    Psalm 31, with Refrain                      758 VU

**Gospel reading**                      Luke 19:28-40                      p. 111 nt

**Hymn**    "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

**Reflection** on the movement from Palm Branches to the Cross

## We Respond to God

**Anthem** "Gospel Hosanna!" *by Jack Schrader*

### Offertory

**Offertory Dedication** VU 539, verse 3  
(tune: St Agnes (Langran) VU 459)

**Maker, whose bounty all creation shows,  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

One: May God be with us.

**All: God is here among us.**

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

**All: We open them to God and to one another.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and Praise**

**(sung)** VU 932-933

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

*Prayer after Communion:*

**Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life. May we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others. May we, through whom the Spirit shines, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and all creation live to praise your name. Amen.**

**Hymn** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" VU 149

### Commissioning and Benediction

**Common Blessing** #108 VU, verses 4&6

**And though the road is hard and steep,  
the Spirit ever calls us on  
through Calvary's dying, dark and deep,  
until we see the coming dawn.**

**Rejoice, O sons and daughters!**

**Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!**

**For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings  
on Easter Day will rise again!**

### Postlude