

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

Friends in Christ, we gather to worship God in this season of Lent; a time of preparation, and time of reflection and rebirth.

We mark this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.

Lent is a time of restoration and reconciliation, of risk and renewal.

May we walk with Christ the way that leads to life in all its fullness.

Hymn "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

VU 115

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, we gather before you as we begin our Lenten journey. Following the path of those who went before us, we prepare the way for those who follow after us. We know that there are times when the path will be difficult and the way uncertain, and ahead of us lies the cross. Yet we gather in faith, because we know the path does not end there. Gracious God, fill us with your love, so we may continue on the journey, beyond the cross, to the empty tomb. There, we encounter your Son, who calls us to witness your love in the rebirth of hope and new life. Amen.

Collection of "Lenten Loonies"

Hymn "Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"

VU 107

We Listen for God's Word

Minute for Mission "A Way to Heal"

Scripture reader: Jane Percy

Hebrew scripture reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 p. 3-4 ot

Responsive reading Psalm 32, with Refrain 759 VU

Gospel reading Matthew 4:1-11 p. 4 nt

Sermon "The First Temptation of Christ"

We Respond to God

Anthem "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" by M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Offertory

Offertory dedication tune: *Aurelia* VU 331

**Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,
may we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand
be led.**

**Accept the gifts we offer, receive the lives we owe,
unite us in your service, may seeds of justice grow.**

Communion hymn "Christ, Be Our Host" (verses 1-3)VU 465

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

To be sung during the distribution of the elements:

(More Voices, #202)

**Bread for the journey, food for the way.
Cup of God's blessing, tomorrow, today.**

**Pain pour la route, pour nos chemins.
De Dieu la coupe, aujourd'hui, demain.**

Prayer after Communion:

**We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us
the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and
send us forth into the world, united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the
Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Sing Hymn 465, verse 4 (seated)

Hymn “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

VU 424

Commissioning and Benediction

Common Blessing “Go Now In Peace” D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

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Postlude