

# SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH

225, 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Lachine



*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 01, 2026

10:30am

Welcome to our community as we worship together.  
Bienvenue à l'Église Summerlea. Venez nous rejoindre pour les  
rafraîchissements dans la salle de l'église ce matin, après le service.  
Please join us for fellowship hour in the church hall following the service.  
There are no visitors here, for we are all part of the family of God.

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Summerlea United Church is located on land that has long served as  
a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations.  
We honor, 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**    *"Amen!"*

**MV 219**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Centering**

Our centering today is from the book *How the Stars Get in Your Bones* by Jan Richardson....it is a blessing of welcome.

### **Inviting the Light**

We kindle the light and pray.

**May God bless the poor in spirit. God bless all who mourn.**

**May God bless the meek. God bless all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. God bless the merciful. God bless the pure in heart.**

**God bless all who are peacemakers. God bless all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. As we light this candle, we remember that we are called to be the light of the world, reflecting the true light of Christ in our lives. Amen.**

# Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, February 01

2026

le dimanche 01 Février

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY WITH COMMUNION**

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### **Opening Hymn**

*"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

**VU 374**

### **Call to Worship**

**Awesome God, you turn things upside down, calling the wise to embrace your ways. Open us to the vision of your reign on earth and strengthen us to do our part in blessing as you bless. Amen**

### **Opening Prayer**

We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

***Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.***

We are blessed when we grieve the brokenness in our world, ***choosing to be with those who are weak and powerless.***

We are blessed when we become God's agents, ***willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.***

Come, let us worship together today and blessed.

### **Prayers for Grace and Transformation**

Adapted from the words of David Sparks, Rossland, B.C.  
(Gathering Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2025-2026)

Loving God, you enable us to make changes that matter. With your love, ***you transform our sadness into joy, our defeat into hope.*** With your love, ***you transform our apathy into commitment, our selfishness into thanksgiving.*** With your love, ***you transform our indifference into praise, our shyness into laughter.***

Transforming God, ***we are restored by your presence to be the faithful ones we are called to be.*** In gratitude, we open our hearts now to you, sharing honestly what needs to be transformed in our lives. Loving God, you enable us to make changes that matter.

## **Words of Assurance**

**Hymn**    *"I am the Dream"*

**VU 106**

## **We Listen to the Word of God**

*Scripture Reader: Brian Maklan*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**"Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in the words read today, discover peace; through Christ our Lord." Amen.**

### **Micah 6:1-8**

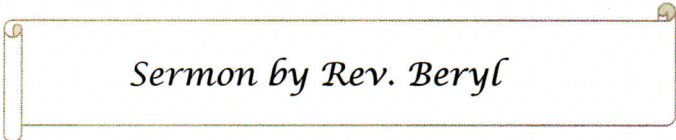
What does God require of us?

### **Psalm 15 (VU 736)**

Who may be a guest in God's house?

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

Blessed are the poor in spirit



*Sermon by Rev. Beryl*

**Anthem**    *"Light of the World"*

***Holy Communion (see insert)***



# **We Respond to God's Word**

## **Invitation to the Offering**

**Now is the opportunity to share our blessings of money, time or talent. Let us do with our hearts as we take up our offering today.**

## **Offertory**

### **Offertory Prayer**

***O, God, accept now our heartfelt offerings for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.***

### **Offertory Hymn**

**VU 544**

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

### **We Go Out to Witness in the World**

### **Closing Hymn    *"How Great Thou Art"***

**VU 238**

## **Extinguishing the Light**

**"We extinguish this candle here, but the light of Christ is a love light that we carry with us. May we go out shining, glowing, and pointing the way towards God's love!"**

## **Commissioning and Benediction**

## **Threefold Amen**

## **Postlude**

# Summerlea United Church Calendar

## February

|    |         |   |
|----|---------|---|
| 08 | 10:30am | <b>Fifth after Epiphany – Guest speaker<br/>From Bread &amp; Beyond &amp; Soup Sunday</b> |
| 11 | 9:30am  | <i>Sandwich Making (for Ricochet Shelter)</i>   |
| 15 | 10:30am | <b>Transfiguration Sunday – Food Sunday<br/>AGM Sunday – please bring a lunch</b>         |
| 18 |         | <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  |
| 22 | 10:30am | <b>First Sunday in Lent – Baden Powell</b>  |
| 25 | 9:30am  | <i>Sandwich Making (for Ricochet Shelter)</i>   |

## March

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| 01 | 10:30am   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> in Lent</b>                             |
| 06 | 11:00am   | <i>World Day of Prayer</i>                                |
| 08 | 10:30am   | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> in Lent – International Women's Day</b> |
| 15 | 10:30am   | <b>4<sup>th</sup> in Lent – Food Sunday</b>               |
| 22 | 10:30am   | <b>5<sup>th</sup> in Lent</b>                             |
| 28 | 10am-12pm | <i>Used Puzzle Sale</i>                                   |
| 29 | 10:30am   | <b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b>                                |

## April

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|----|----------|---|
| 02 |          | <i>Maundy Thursday</i>                          |
| 03 |          | <i>Good Friday</i>                              |
| 05 | 10:30am  | <b>Resurrection Sunday; Easter Day</b>          |
| 12 | 10:30am  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter</b>                 |
| 19 | 10:30am  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter; Earth Sunday</b>   |
| 24 | 10am-3pm | <i>Used Book Sale</i>                           |
| 25 | 10am-3pm | <i>Artisan Fair &amp; Used Book Sale</i>        |
| 26 | 10:30am  | <b>4<sup>th</sup> of Easter; Camping Sunday</b> |

**Save the Date: Summerlea Plant Sale – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## February 8<sup>th</sup> – Outreach Sunday followed by Soup Sunday



Our guest speaker will be Kirstie Jagoe from Bread & Beyond.

Please join us following the February 8<sup>th</sup> service in the church hall for a delicious bowl of soup, bun, and piece of apple pie. Any donations received will be given to support food insecurity.



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### 2025 Annual Reports

Are available this morning at the back of the church.

Reminder to bring a lunch for the Annual General Meeting taking place following the Sunday service on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### Summerlea Minister Search Update:

The Search Committee continues their task to find a minister for our church. This process has involved reviewing dossiers of applicants, sifting through C.V.'s on the United Church Hub, contacting potential matches and leads, and setting up interviews.

Your prayerful participation in this process plays a necessary and valued role.

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### Would you Like to Serve as a Council Member?

The slate of council members is voted on at the AGM on February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to serve on the Council, please speak with Nancy Mark as soon as possible concerning this possibility as well as any questions that you may have regarding this issue.

## Mission Statement

*At Summerlea United Church, our Christian faith and love of God inspire a keen sense of community. We seek to worship together, care for each other and reach out to those in need, near and far.*

*In partnership with others, we support action to address food security, poverty, education, social justice and the care of refugees and new immigrants. We share our green church home with organizations that serve the local community.*

*We are committed to welcoming all people regardless of age, race, ability, language, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic background.*

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