

# SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH

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



March 08, 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** *"Love Us into Fullness"*

**MV 81**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Centering**

Words from the book "How the Stars in Your Bones"  
by Jan Richardson.....it is a blessing of light....your light.

### **Inviting the Light**

***Let this light remind us of the sacred fire that dwells  
within our hearts and that our hearts are connected  
with God, with our families, with our communities,  
and with our universal family. May the flame of  
Christ's eternal light find and welcome every Spirit.  
Amen.***

### **Call to Worship (based on Psalm 95)**

Come, let us sing a song to our God! ***Let us raise a  
joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!*** Let us come  
before God with thanks; ***let us shout words of praise***

# Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, March 08

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## **THIRD IN LENT WITH COMMUNION**

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**to our Creator.** For God is great, ruler of all creation.  
***Mountains and oceans are in God's hands, come let us worship God!***

### **Opening Hymn**

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"*

**VU 626**

### **Opening Prayer**

***In the driest desert, O God, you provided a rock that held a fountain for those who were thirsty. In a helpless world, at the right time, you sent us Jesus, the living word. In a place of wonder, you provided living water for those who met there. Be with us now, gracious Creator, and fill us with your love. Amen***

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

When we quarrel, hear us, O God. When our faith in you is thin and we turn on each other, and we thirst for unity; ***forgive our words that hurt, O God, so we may drink again from the water of life.***

In our prejudice, hear us O God, when our insecurities bring on fear of others and we thirst for trust; ***forgive our narrowness of grace O God, any may we drink again from the water of life.*** In our hurt of others, hear us, O God. When we sum people up on hearsay rather than meet them in their living and we thirst for honesty; ***forgive the gossip we believe, O God, and may we drink from the water of life. Amen***

## Words of Assurance

Hymn *"I Have Called You by Your Name"*

MV 161

### We Listen to the Word of God

*Scripture Reader: Richard Jeffries*

#### Prayer for Illumination:

O God, as your beloved children, we look for your presence among us. Be with us and open our hearts as we listen to the words of Scripture today.

**Exodus 17:1-7:** Water from the rock

**Psalms 95, VU 814:** Let us shout to the rock of salvation

**John 4:5-42:** Jesus and the Samaritan woman

*Sermon by Rev. Beryl*

*The Woman at the Well - A Woman's Perspective*

*written by Karen Googan, Oasis UC, Penticton B.C.  
as published in "UCC Gathering Lent/Easter 2026 Year A"*

### We Respond to God's Love

Anthem *"Panis Angelicus"*

*Holy Communion (see insert)*

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**On our Lenten Journey, we become more aware of our inter-connectedness to all of creation. This is an opportunity to share our blessings of money, time and talent. Let us do with our hearts as we take up our offering today.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

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

### **Offertory Hymn VU 541**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

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

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

### **Closing Hymn**

*"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"*

**VU 635**

### **Extinguishing the Light**

### **Commissioning and Benediction**

### **Threefold Amen**

### **Postlude**

## 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.*

## Summerlea United Church Calendar

### March

10	1:00pm	Worship & Membership Meeting
15	10:30am	4 <sup>th</sup> in Lent – Food Sunday
17	1:00pm	Summerlea Church Council Meeting
22	10:30am	5 <sup>th</sup> in Lent
28	10am-12pm	Used Puzzle Sale
29	10:30am	Palm/Passion Sunday

### April

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

## **Bread and Beyond Essential Boxes**

Summerlea has been supporting the Bread and Beyond program by making 300 sandwiches every 2 weeks and delivering them to Ricochet and the Dorval Warming Center.

The Outreach Committee would like to try and expand into the Beyond and contribute to The Essential Boxes Initiative which works to support rehousing programs in Montreal. The objective is to provide people moving out of homelessness the basic essentials for daily living. They are provided with 5 boxes: a kitchen, bed, bath, cleaning, and groceries which allows them to eat, sleep and bathe in comfort in the first night in their new home.

The Outreach Committee would like to start by collecting items for the Bathroom Essential Box.

The items needed are: bath towel, hand towel, washcloths, shower curtain and rings, bathmat, shampoo, soap, razors, shaving foam, toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, sanitary products, comb, toilet paper. Gently used items are fine.

You can google Bread and Beyond Montreal if you would like to learn more about the program and the boxes.



**Valois United Church, 70 Belmont, Pointe Claire**  
*on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – 10am-12:30pm*  
Sale: Books, Baking, Crafts, and a Tea Room



**Outreach News - Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm**  
Puzzle Sale in St. Andrew's Hall.

If you have puzzles that you would like to donate for the Outreach Committee's upcoming Jigsaw Puzzle Sale, please drop them off at the church weekday mornings or on the morning of the sale, **at 9:00am.** Thank you.