

Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, May 10 2026 le dimanche 10 mai

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.

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 *"In the Bulb There is a Flower"* VU 703

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Responsive Call to Worship

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.192, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

This is the season of Easter:

The celebration of resurrection,

The festival of hope,

The promise of new beginnings,

The dance of faith,

The song of joy,

The music of gladness,

The hymn of love.

Let us worship our life-giving God!

Amen. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

VU 395

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.195 & p.197, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

Jesus said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.

Period of silent reflection.

Forgive us, blessed God,

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

As the sun melts the ice in spring,
As blossoms burst forth on dry branches-
So God's warmth heals and transforms
The deadness and brokenness within us.
In Christ we are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!

Amen!

Hymn "*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*" **VU 559**

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Richard Jeffries

First scripture reading: Acts 17: 22-31 NRSVUE

Responsive reading: Psalm 66:8-20, VU 784-785

Refrain: God of all, to you we raise this our song of joyful praise.

Reading from the Gospels: John 14:15-21 NRSVUE

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn "*Spirit, Open My Heart*" **MV 79**

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem "Family of Faith"

Offertory

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.47

As we come to present our offerings at this table,
We remember God's generous hospitality.
Our calling is to feed
Those dismissed from the world's tables,
That they may no longer feel hungry or alone.

Offertory Dedication

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.197

O God, this is the offering
Of our time, talent and treasure.
May these gifts be used
With wisdom, and with justice
In the church, and throughout the world. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn “*For the Gift of Creation*” **VU 538**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

From The Presbyterian Church in Canada Worship Planner for the 6th Sunday of Easter, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

God of homes and families,
This Sunday, we give you thanks for our families,
Especially remembering mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers.
We are grateful for their love and attention,
Their hard work and the deep hope they have cherished for each one of us.
We honour before you each one who has mothered us
And now lives with you in your eternal care.
In addition, dear God, we also pray for those who have Difficult relationships with their mothers on
this day
And we ask you to remind them that you are their true Parent
And we continue to ask your blessing on our families,
Whatever they may look like this Sunday.
God with a loving heart,
Hear our prayer.

God of connections and compassion,
Today we thank you for our friends and relations,
For the neighbours and fellow citizens who help to make our Lives complete.
We thank you for glad times shared, helping hands offered, and commitments honoured.
And we pray for those around us facing particular Challenges this day.
Period of Silence
God with a loving heart,
Hear our prayer.

God of courage and new possibility,
Today we pray for all those who feel life or love slipping Through their fingers,
For those who face the loss of good health,
And for those who face the loss of good times.
We pray for communities facing upheaval through natural Disaster and human misjudgement,
And for countries facing economic turbulence and Environmental collapse.
Period of Silence

God with a loving heart,
Hear our prayer.

God of forgiveness and renewal,
Today we pray for those caught up in relationships in need of repair
And for all who seek peace and seek to make peace.
We pray for families, churches, communities, and countries caught up in division.

Period of Silence

Send your Spirit to bring peace to troubled lives.
God with a loving heart,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

As those who seek peace in Jesus' name, we pray together the words he taught us...

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn

"We are Pilgrims" (The Servant Song) **VU 595**

Commissioning and Benediction

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p. 70 & 201, with modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

Like the woman who ran to share the Good News
Of the empty tomb,

Let us go forth with joy.

Like the travellers walking on the Emmaus Road,

Let us go forth with opened eyes.

Like the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit,

Let us go forth with peace.

Like Thomas, filled with doubt,

Let us go forth with faith.

Like fishers pulling heavy nets,

Let us go forth with abundant life.

And may the God of hope
Fill you with all joy and peace,
So that you may abound in hope
By the power of the Holy Spirit.

Threefold Amen

Postlude