

May 17, 2026, 10:30

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 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* VU 333

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Eternal God, you reign over all the universe.

Praise to you for your wondrous love!

Christ, you have ascended and enthroned over all things.

Glorify be to you, who are above all powers and authorities.

We praise you. Reign over us and make us your holy people.

Alleluia! Praise be to the eternal God of Heaven!

Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.

Alleluia! To God all praise and glory!

Opening Hymn

VU 216

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Prayer of Approach:

Eternal God, we gather to honor and glorify you.

Receive our invitation to dwell with us. Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery. We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and forgiveness, You have created human beings for your glory and pleasure.

We confess the times when we forget you and instead choose to live selfish lives. We confess that too often our thoughts, words and actions betray your goodness and our calling. Forgive us when we prefer to foster division rather than unity. Forgive us for ignoring your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Forgive us, merciful God. Mend what is broken, heal our wounded relationships and convert our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have fallen short in our call to follow Jesus, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through his grace. Remember the Good News! In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

Hymn *"Come to My Heart"*

VU 661

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Barbara Costello

Prayer for Understanding

God of Wisdom and Truth, send your Holy Spirit to give us fresh understanding of your Word in Scripture. Inspire us to respond with renewed commitment to follow Christ Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 68, VU p.787**

First Reading: **Acts 1:6-14**

Second Reading: **John 17:1-11**

Lord, thank you for the gift of your Word.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn *"Draw the Circle Wide"*

MV 145

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem "Love Changes Everything"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Offertory Dedication

Eternal and ever-present God, we offer you these gifts in thanksgiving for the work of Christ in our lives. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs, both hidden and apparent of your beloved servants. Help us to be One in Christ as we bear witness to the love of Christ in our world. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (x2) VU 400

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn "*Praise Our Maker*"

VU 316

Commissioning and Benediction

Go forth from this time of song, praise, and worship, empowered by the love of the Risen Christ, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and God's love in your hearts. **Amen.**

Threefold Amen

Postlude