

18th after Pentecost – Creation Time 3

Orange Shirt Sunday

**"We will not hide them from their descendants;
We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done" (Psalm 78, 4 – NIV)**

Officiant:
Marie Silvenie Chéry, Pastor
September 27, 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 *"This Is God's Wondrous World"* **VU 296, vs 2**

This is God's wondrous word:
the birds their carols raise, the morning light,
the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the Candle of Christ, may its flame remind us that Christ is our light, our hope, and our peace. May His presence guide us and shine through us in all we do.
Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, remember the marvelous deeds of the Lord.

All: We will proclaim God's power and wonderful works.

Leader: God led the people through the wilderness with faithful care.

All: God is our guide, our provider, and our strength.

Leader: From generation to generation, God has shown power, mercy, and love.

People: We will tell of God's wonderful works and praise God's holy name.

Leader: Let us worship the God who has done great things.

All: We praise the Lord with grateful hearts. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

VU 559

(Words: R. Robinson 1758 – Music: John Wyeth – Word alteration copyright 1993).

Opening Prayer

Hymn

VU 806, Vv. 1, 4, 6

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Prayer for Orange Shirt Day

Today we wear orange

to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.

Today we wear orange, and we pray

for the residential school and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.

Today we wear orange, and we are thankful

for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.

Today we wear orange in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Help us, God, to remember and act on this this every day.

Amen.

—This prayer was inspired by Honarine Scott's Orange Shirt Day.

Words of Assurance

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Marion Golden

"In Scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God."

Exodus 17: 1-7

"Water flows from the rock for the thirsty people" (NIV)

Psalms 78: 1-7, 12-16

"God has done marvelous things in the past; magnify God's name today!"

Matthew 21: 23-32

"By what authority does Jesus act and teach?" (NIV)

Reader: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection: Remember, Listen to the Truth, and Choose a New Path

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Mission and Service Story *Marion Golden*

Invitation to the Offering

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.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

(Based on Matthew 21:23-32)

Leader: Gracious God, you call us not only to hear your word but to follow your will. Forgive us when our words say "yes" to you, but our actions say "no."

People: God, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for your Church throughout the world. Give us humble hearts that seek your truth and courage to live out our faith each day.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for leaders in our communities and nations. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and a desire to serve with justice and compassion.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who have wandered from your path. May they know your mercy and discover the joy of turning toward you.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness, or fear. Surround them with your healing presence and peace.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for ourselves. Help us to be faithful disciples, responding to your call with willing hearts and faithful actions.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, receive these prayers and the unspoken concerns of our hearts. Guide us to do your will and to trust in your grace.

All: Amen.: God, hear our prayer

The Lords Prayer

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn *"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"* MV 212

Extinguishing the Light

Blessing and sending forth

Threefold Amen

Postlude