

Officiant: Rev. Marie Silvenie Chéry

October 4, 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.

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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** *"This Is God's Wondrous World"* **VU 296, vs 3**

This is God's wondrous world:

O let me ne'er forget

that though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world:

why should my heart be sad?

Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:

God reigns, let earth be glad!

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Time of Centering Lighting of the Christ Candle**

What is the Body of Christ?

**We are the Body of Christ.**

What does the body consist of?

**People worldwide and give thanks to the One**

**Who calls us here and lights our way.**

Come, let us gather in the light of Christ to worship  
as the Body of Christ!

*(Sandy Ferguson, Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, Alta).*

### **Call to Worship**

### **Opening Hymn**

*"Praise Our Maker"*

**VU 316**

## Opening Prayer

Our presence here this morning is an act of commitment to the communion of faith.

**Thank you, God, for your eternal love that draws us to you and to each other.**

Our openness to your word, O Lord, is an act of faith.

**Help us grow together in understanding and compassion, in mercy and love, as part of the worldwide community of Christ.**

Our involvement in this time together is an act of worship.

**Accept our praise today, the songs from our hearts and the psalms of our lives. Amen!**

*(Gill Le Fevre, Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont).*

**Hymn** *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

**VU 375**

## Prayer for Christian Unity

## Words of Assurance

**Hymn**

**VU 425**

*"One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All"*

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

*Scripture Reader: Mary Reynolds*

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

## **Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

"God gives Moses the Ten Commandments" (NRSV)

## **Psalms 19, VU 740-741**

"The heavens declare the glory of God" (NRSV)

## **Matthew 21: 33-46**

"The Parable of the landowner and the violent tenants" (NRSV)

**Reader:** May God bless to our understanding this reading from the Holy Scriptures.

**Sermon:** From the Lord's Table to the Vineyard of the Kingdom: United in Christ to Serve Creation

**All: Thanks be to God**

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

**Anthem** *"Wings of the Dawn"*

## **Invitation to the Offering**

With joy, let us present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

## 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

## Holy Communion

### Liturgy of Communion

Invitation to the Table

God is with us!

**We are not alone!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Prayer

Holy mystery that is wholly Love,  
You are beyond complete knowledge,  
Above perfect description.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,  
You are creative and self-giving,  
Generously moving.  
In all the near and distant corners of the universe,  
Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.  
Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;  
Your presence never fails us,  
Your gifts of hope and new life transform us.  
We praise you for Jesus-Christ,  
Eternal as your love, our bond to one another.  
We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,  
And with the angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, are you.  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,  
Who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:

Loving what he loved  
Living what he taught, and  
Striving to be his faithful servants  
In our time and place.  
In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,  
And the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

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

### **Remembering Jesus at Table**

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Communion Hymn**    "I Come with Joy, a Child of God"    **VU 477**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

**All: Here we have tasted your goodness  
And Hungered for a world more just.**

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**All: Here we have heard your call  
To be a people of healing community.**

Though daily we touch our limits,

**All: Here we have received  
The fullness of your grace**

Send us forth, O God,

**In faith, in hope, and in love.**

**Amen!**

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

### **Closing Hymn**

*"We Are One as We Come"*

**VU 402**

### **Extinguishing the Light**

### **Blessing and sending forth**

### **Threefold Amen**

### **Postlude**