

Officiant: Rev. Marie Silvenie Chéry
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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 "We Plough the Fields" VU 520, Vs 3

We thank you then, O Maker,
for all things bring and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Lighting of the Christ Candle (All)

We light this candle defiantly, courageously, boldly, to help us remember that the shadow of
lament and rage and sorrow do not last forever. The light of Christ is still there, always there,
even when we cannot see it. Thanks Be to God.

Call to Worship

Sometimes, God, we need to gather to lament.

We come ready to trust you with our grief.

Sometimes, God, we need to gather to rage.

We come ready to trust you with our anger.

Sometimes, God, we need to gather to witness and to weep.

We come ready to trust that you will comfort us in our time of need.

Sometimes, we just need to be here together and sit in the pain.

And so, we come ready to just be, together, and to trust you with all of who we are.

Let us worship the God who loves the whole of us beyond measure and without exception.

Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" VU 264

Opening Prayer (All)

Holy and gracious God, we gather as seekers, lovers, disciples, and friends. We gather to give you thanks for the blessings of our lives and to replenish and refuel our spirits for the road ahead. We gather to learn the wisdom of your way and feel the warmth of your love. Bless our gathering as we join our hearts and minds together in worship. Amen.

Hymn

“Come and Find the Quiet Centre” VU 245

Prayer of confession VU 928, Prayer B

Gracious God,
as people called to be your presence in the world,
we search our hearts, and ask for your forgiveness:

for opportunities not taken,
for car not given,

forgive us, we pray.

For sorrow, not shared,
for joy not celebrated,

forgive us, we pray.

For love not offered,
forgiveness not extended,

forgive us, we pray.

For those failings we cannot speak aloud,

forgive us, we pray.

Gracious God,
we seek your healing grace,
and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Donald Daniel 1989, alt.

Words of Assurance

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger; my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, and I have promised, promised to be always near.

(MV 90) – Words: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995)

Hymn VU 249

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Mel Cockhill

Prayer for Illumination (All)

Holy One, as we prepare to hear the wisdom of your Word, help us to be receptive. Help us to be curious about what you might want us to hear, to feel, and to understand anew. Amen.

Scripture Reader: “In Scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.”

Acts 4:32-35 (NRSV)

Psalm 22, 744-745 Part One (1-18)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19: 16-21

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

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection: "Sharing Bread, Sharing Life"

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem "Come Follow Me"

Minutes for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

As we journey together in faith, we are blessed to be a blessing. Let us share our gifts with gratitude, supporting the ministry of this community and our Mission and Service partners.

Offertory Hymn

"We Give Our Thanks" **MV 187, Vs 1,2,5**

We give our thanks to God (3x) – we give our thanks to God.

We give our hands to you (3x) – because you reached for us.

We give our hearts to you (3x) – because you first loved us.

Prayer of Dedication (all together)

Holy and gracious God, we pray that these gifts help to bless and sustain the work of this church and its mission and ministry in our neighbourhood and in the wider world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, thank you for hearing us when we cry out to you. When pain and suffering, ours or someone else's, seem too much to bear, help us remember that you are there with us.

Lord in your mercy.... Receive our prayer.

Loving God, please help us to remember that this church is your church. Help us to live faithfully into the mission of the Church universal.

Lord in your mercy.... Receive our prayer.

Gracious God, please touch our hearts that we might love the world as you do. Help us to steward resources faithfully, live generously, and serve others cheerfully.

Lord in your mercy.... Receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, help us to accompany and care for those who are dealing with illness of the mind or body. May they receive all they need to heal and regain vitality.

Lord in your mercy.... Receive our prayer.

Spirit of God, we take a moment now to remember aloud or in silence those we know and love who are suffering or celebrating in some way.... **(Time of silence)**

Lord, in your mercy, receive the prayers of all our hearts this day. Let us now pray together the prayer that Jesus taught:

The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn "Psalm 23 – The Lord's My Shepherd" **VU 747**

Extinguishing the Light

Commissioning

This week, take time to thank God for the bread that sustains you.

Take time to notice those who hunger, whether for food, friendship, or hope.

Take time to share what you have been given.

And as you are nourished by God's love, go and share that life with everyone you meet.

By God's grace, we will share bread, share life, and share God's love with all.

Blessing

May the grace of God enfold you, may the light of Christ shine upon you, and may the power of the Holy Spirit move in and through you, today and all your days.

Amen.

Threefold Amen

Postlude