

SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH  
225, 50th Avenue, Lachine



Amalgamation Service between  
SouthWest United & Summerlea United  
September 22, 2024 - 2:00pm

Officiants: Rev. Dr. Christine Marie Gladu  
Rev. Beryl Barraclough  
Organist: Constance Osborne

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.

## **Ceremony of Amalgamation of SouthWest United to Summerlea United**

**Prelude** "Praeludium III" *J.S. Bach*  
(The Well-Tempered Clavier II)

**Introit** "There Is Room for All" MV 62

**Welcome and Introduction**  
by Barbara Moffat & Dennis Brown

**Hallelujah – VU 717 *leading into***  
**Hymn** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" VU 395

**Candle Lighting**  
by Reverend Beryl Barraclough

A covenant is a promise we make with God  
and with one another,  
a promise to live God's way.  
Let us now *make a covenant*  
with God and each other.

# Église Unie Summerlea United Church

Sunday, September 22 2024 dimanche 22 Septembre

**AMALGAMATION SERVICE SOUTHWEST UNITED & SUMMERLEA UNITED**

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**In the presence of God and one another,  
we give thanks for the example and lasting  
love of Jesus Christ,  
who shows us how to live God's Way.**

## **Call to Worship**

Jesus is here, let us gather around him and hear him  
talk to us.

**We come from all along the plains of the Saint-  
Lawrence River**

**From the suburbs of Montreal**

Gathering to be united, strong, and resolutely  
determined to share God's Word and to live  
according to The Way of Christ.

**This is our new home, this is our new Community  
of Faith**

Wanted by God, planned by God, and created by God.

**Praise and Glory to God, to Jesus and to the Holy  
Spirit!**

**Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn of Joy – “Let Us Build a House”**

MV 1

## **Thanksgiving Prayer**

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

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Psalm 133 (*from the Bible*) – Dorothy Brown

John 17:13-23 – Mel Cockhill

Romans 12:1-13 – Barbara Costello

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Message by Rev. Beryl Barraclough  
and Rev. Christine Marie Gladu*

### ***Anthem "Family of Faith"***

*Valerie MacKenzie*

### **Covenanting**

Members of the Uniting Communities of Faith

Please stand as able, and covenant together before God,  
and in the presence of representatives of the Nakonha:ka  
Regional Council, and the wider Christian community.

Uniting Communities of Faith

Heaven is here, and earth,  
and the space is thin between them.

Distance may divide,

But Christ's promise unites those bounded by time,  
Those blessed by eternity.  
Years ago, God led our ancestors to the shores of Lachine  
and Verdun  
Where we established worshipping communities;  
Sisters and brothers seeking God's kingdom  
Along different paths.  
Today we celebrate our coming together;  
A journey that, through God's grace,  
Has led us to covenant together;  
To be one people of God in this place:  
To celebrate God's presence  
In Word and Sacrament,  
To care for one another in love,  
To nurture one another in faith and doubt,  
And to share in the life and mission  
Of the United Church of Canada  
And the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

**Let heaven be glad!**

**Let the whole earth cry glory!**

The Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council has  
consented to the union of our congregations,  
Please welcome its representatives to stand with us  
and covenant with our uniting Communities of Faith:

Nakonhaka Regional Council, President **Norman Robert Boie** :

Heaven is here, and earth,  
and the space is thin between them.  
Distance may divide,  
But Christ's promise united those bounded by time,

Those blessed by eternity.  
We acknowledge the journey  
That has led you to this moment,  
And the covenant with you in your life and service  
As Christ's people in this place.  
We recognize you as one community of faith in this  
communion.  
We promise to support you in your ministry  
And offer any guidance you may need.  
Together, we share in the life and mission of  
the United Church of Canada  
and the whole church of Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

**Circle Prayer:**

**Circle us God, Keep harm without.**  
**Circle us God, keep evil without.**  
**Circle us God, keep strife without.**  
**Circle us God, keep lies without.**  
**Circle us God, keep hatred without.**

We light the New Summerlea Ceremony Candle and  
we share the light:

God as a light illumine and guide each of us and us all.  
May God be with us, before us, behind us, in us, above us,  
beneath us.  
May God be on your right, on your left, when you lie down  
and when you arise.  
May God shield us and be in the heart of a stranger or a  
friend.  
May God be our light, every day of our life.

**Circle us God, keep peace within.**  
**Circle us God, keep love within.**  
**Circle us God, keep trust within.**  
**Circle us God, keep truth within.**  
**Circle us God, keep good within.**

**Norman Robert Boie:**

Friends, this is Summerlea United Church, a community of faith of the United Church of Canada, a community of God's kingdom.

**Hymn** "The Church Is Wherever God's People" VU 579

**We Respond to God's Love**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Prayer on the Offering**

**Praise and glory to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit  
who inspires our love, kindness, and generosity.**

**Grant that our new community of Faith**

**be a reflection of your love for us all**

**and that we continue to work at the coming of your  
Kingdom.**

**Amen.**

**Offering Hymn**

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU 541**  
*in French and English*

**Liturgy of Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## **The Lord's prayer**

Sharing the bread and wine among the congregants.

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Hymn** "Isaiah 55" (You Shall Go Out with Joy) VU 579

## **Commissioning (From John 17: 21)**

We have come to celebrate the amalgamation of our communities.

It is done. It is now past!

**Now, we are one according to Jesus' prayer.**

Yes, Jesus said: May they be one as we are one.

We leave this place, enriched by one another

**Strengthened by the Word of God**

**Reassured by the power of Christ.**

**We go, pushed by the Spirit and trusting in God always.**

Well, go! Go share the news, the good news and be happy always.

You are loved, important and necessary to this world.

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" VU 958

**Postlude** "Prélude" *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*  
(from the *Te Deum*)

## **St. Andrew's / Summerlea Church History 1818 – 2005**

- 1818: Founding of St. Andrew's Scotch Presbyterian Church in Lachine.
- 1832: St. Andrew's Scotch Presbyterian church and manse built on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue at St. Joseph.
- 1904: First meetings of the Summerlea mission of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in a "little red schoolhouse" on Lakeshore Road in western Lachine.
- 1907: Summerlea Presbyterian mission moved to a building on 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- 1907: Grace Methodist Church was built on St. Joseph at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 1914: Summerlea mission became an independent Presbyterian congregation.
- 1925: Summerlea and St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregations join the new United Church of Canada. About 100 members remained with the Presbyterian Church and began holding services in the Masonic Hall on Notre Dame Street, retaining the name St. Andrew's Presbyterian.
- 1926: St. Andrew's Presbyterian purchased the Molson's Bank Building on Notre Dame at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 1952: Dedication of new Summerlea United building on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 1957: Dedication of new St. Andrew's Presbyterian building at 5065 Sherbrooke.
- 1971: Grace United (originally Methodist) Church closed, members joined Summerlea. Grace Chapel commemorates the Grace congregation.
- 1997: St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation severed ties with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which refused to ordain a homosexual minister.
- 2001: St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation decided to leave their home of 44 years and accept a Summerlea United invitation to share facilities.
- 2004: Summerlea and St. Andrew's voted to amalgamate, retaining the name Summerlea United. Fellowship Hall renamed St. Andrew's Hall.
- 2005: Covenanting service on January 16, 2005, for the joining of St. Andrew's Presbyterian with Summerlea United, both of Lachine, Quebec, Canada.
- 2022: Summerlea receives a request in July to meet with Council of SouthWest to discuss the possibility of renting space or amalgamating with Summerlea. First meeting of both boards takes place on August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2024: The amalgamation celebration between SouthWest and Summerlea United takes place on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

## **SouthWest United Church: A Short History**

2007 Spring: Verdun United Church & Crawford Park United Church agree to amalgamate and establish SouthWest United Church. SouthWest United sets up a mission & office in space rented from Verdun Elementary school. Stained Glass from Verdun United is installed in Crawford Park United.

2007: May 7<sup>th</sup>: First service at the newly created SouthWest United Church following the amalgamation of Verdun United and Crawford Park United.

2007: September: A breakfast meal program is started for the school children at Verdun Elementary school.

2008: January: Funds from the sale of Verdun United buildings are committed to the purchase of a piano, to renovate mission space to support food ministry and for construction of a tracker pipe organ.

2009: Food ministry in Verdun is supporting meal programs for the school and neighborhood. Good Food Basket program starts up.

2010: September 19<sup>th</sup> the Imam of the Centre Islamique de Verdun visits SouthWest United and presents a copy of the Holy Quran.

2010: Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> the members of First Presbyterian Verdun join SouthWest.

2013: On January 13<sup>th</sup> the Right Rev, Gary Patterson Moderator of the United Church of Canada visits The Mission of Southwest with Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive minister of the Ottawa-Montreal Conference.

2018: On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. David Lefneski celebrates his last service at SouthWest, after 20 years of dedicated ministry. Pastor Beryl Barraclough assumes continuation of pastoral care and services.

2018 June: Lester B. Pearson School Board terminates the lease of the mission/office space. All activities cease and the office moves to the church hall. Support continues for the breakfast club at Verdun Elementary school.

2020 – 2021: Covid Years engender creativity, hope and stamina in pastoral care for SouthWest people.

2022: December 10<sup>th</sup>, the SouthWest stained glass is moved to Summerlea United Church in Lachine, following the decision to sell the church building and rent at Summerlea United.

2023: In October, the difficult decision to amalgamate is voted unanimously by the congregation of SouthWest United.

2024: Feb 1st, SouthWest is officially amalgamated to Summerlea United.

2024: May 29<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Beryl Barraclough is ordained by the Nakonha:ka Regional Council and hired by Summerlea United.

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