

SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH

225, 50th Avenue, Lachine



March 22, 2026

10:30am

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 *"O God Why are You Silent"* **MV 73, Vv. 4&5**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Lighting the Christ Candle

May this light give comfort to all who suffer, all who
mourn, and all who are in pain. May this light be visible
to all who have need of it. May it light the deepest and
most difficult of nights and draw us closer to the love of
God that we know through Christ.

(Christine LeBlanc, East End United Reginald Ministry, Toronto, Ont.)

Call to Worship

One: May the God of grace be welcome in our midst.

All: **May we receive the power and peace of divine
love.**

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Sunday, March 22 2026 le dimanche 22 mars

FIFTH IN LENT

One: Come let us worship with our hearts and minds and bodies.

All: **Let us become one seeking justice and compassion.**

One: Blessed be God who challenges, heals, and unites us.

All: **Blessed by our learning and blessed be our vision.**

One: Blessed be God who inspires all things to be new.

Opening Hymn *"Spirit of the Living God"* **VU 376**

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Gracious, Living God,
there are times when we feel dry and empty, like the
dry bones Ezekiel saw in the valley. Breathe upon
us, O God, and revitalize us, reanimate us, reawaken
us, rekindle in us the fire of your Spirit, that we may
share fully in the grace and the life you give. Amen.**

(George Allan, Chatham, Ont.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God, you have called us to be pilgrims.
Forgive us when we are weary of the journey
and seek security rather than the open road.
Forgive us when we feel
the risk of the journey is too great.
Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season
and lead us to the new life of Easter. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Friends, God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God has compassion for our fears and failures;
God stays with us on our Lenten journey.
We are a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

VU 382

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Mel Cockhill

Prayer for Illumination:

*God of call, God of transformation,
God of the Lenten journey,
help us to discern your still, small voice.
Open us to change and growth
that we may walk with Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Psalm 130, VU 853

Epistle: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn *“How Firm a Foundation”*

VU 660

Message by Lorane McKenzie

We Respond to God's Love

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Offertory

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.

Offering Dedication (unison)

Loving and generous God,
you have blessed us in so many ways.
We now return a portion of your gifts;
use them for the work of your church,
multiply them and share them with those in need.
By your grace, make our lives a testament to your love.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn

"My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

MV 138

Commissioning and Benediction

One: As we travel on this Lenten journey,

All: **we know that God leads and guides us.**

One: As we travel on this Lenten journey,

All: we notice the words of Jesus
making choices for life.

One: As we travel on this Lenten journey,

All: we dream and work with the Spirit for a world
where peace and harmony are restored.
We leave this place in peace,
going in the love of God.

One: God with God. Go with blessings. Go with love.

Threefold Amen

Postlude

(Worship resources also adapted from Celebrate God's presence)

Grace before soup lunch

For food in a world where many walk-in hunger;

For faith in a world where many walk-in fear;

For friends in a world where many walk alone;

We give you humble thanks, O Lord.

Summerlea United Church Calendar

March

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| 25 | 9:30am | <i>Sandwich Making (Bread & Beyond)</i> |
| 28 | 10am-12pm | <i>Used Puzzle Sale</i> |
| 29 | 10:30am | Palm Sunday |

April

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| 02 | | <i>Maundy Thursday</i> |
| 03 | | <i>Good Friday</i> |
| 05 | 10:30am | Resurrection Sunday; Easter Day |
| 12 | 10:30am | 2nd of Easter |
| 19 | 10:30am | 3rd of Easter; Earth Sunday |
| 21 | 1:00pm | <i>Summerlea Council Meeting</i> |
| 24 | 10am-4pm | <i>Used Book Sale</i> |
| 25 | 10am-3pm | <i>Artisan Fair & Used Book Sale</i> |
| 26 | 10:30am | 4th of Easter; Camping Sunday |

May

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| 02 | 3:00pm | <i>Octet Plus Benefit Concert</i> |
| 03 | 10:30am | 5th of Easter; Mental Health Sunday |
| 10 | 10:30am | 6th of Easter; Mother's Day |
| 17 | 10:30am | 7th of Easter |
| 23 | 9am-12pm | <i>Summerlea's Annual Plant Sale</i> |
| 24 | 10:30am | Day of Pentecost |
| 31 | 10:30am | Trinity Sunday |

Mission Statement

At Summerlea United Church, our Christian faith and love of God inspire a keen sense of community. We seek to worship together, care for each other and reach out to those in need, near and far. In partnership with others, we support action to address food security, poverty, education, social justice and the care of refugees and new immigrants. We share our green church home with organizations that serve the local community.

We are committed to welcoming all people regardless of age, race, ability, language, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic background.

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