

SUMMERLEA UNITED CHURCH

225 - 50th Avenue, Lachine

Officiating: Sarah Wicks-Potter

June 07, 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 "Come Oh Spirit, Dwell Among Us" VU 198

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Call to Worship

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.22, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

God has given us this beautiful earth,
All that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God,

With love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Amen.

Opening Hymn "I Danced in the Morning" VU 352

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.31, 32, & 43 modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

We are people of worth and value.
When we honestly acknowledge the shame
And guilt of our lives,
There is a possibility of transformation.
Let us pray,
Putting our trust in the accepting grace of Christ.

**Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,
We confess that too often our words and actions
Are not consistent with our beliefs.
Often, we ignore the needy,
Show indifference to the lonely,
And reject those who seem different from us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance.
Amen.**

God is the love that over and around us lies;
The grace that is totally unearned;
And the healing that makes the earth whole.
Give thanks to God; we are forgiven!

Amen.

Hymn *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* **VU 271**

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Mary Reynolds

First Scripture Reading: Hosea 5:15–6:6 NRSVUE

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33:1-12, VU 760

Refrain: A new song to our God proclaim, from age to age rejoice!

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26 (NRSVUE)

Sermon - - Sarah Wicks-Potter

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem "We Thank You Lord"

Offertory

From *The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Worship Planner for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost*, file available upon request, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

God offers us a future in Christ Jesus,
Sometimes through comfort
And sometimes through challenges.
We present our gifts to God in gratitude
For God's faithfulness to us in every situation.

Offertory Dedication

From *The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Worship Planner for the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost*, file available upon request

God of healing and hope,
You offer us what we need in Christ Jesus,
Not always what we want.
Bless our gifts
And use them to meet needs in lives
Touched by the outreach of our church.
Give each of us courage to reach out
In Jesus' name whenever you call.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" **VU 537**

Prayers of the People (*Celebrate God's Presence*, p.64, modifications by Sarah Wicks-Potter)

We call to mind our concerns and commitments,
And join our prayers for peace and well-being
To the prayers of the whole church
As they are offered this day for the whole world.

Let us pray:

We remember the people we know
Who are in trouble,

And pray for healing and happiness for all.

Silence

We seek God's encouragement:

For honest trade and just commerce;

For medicine and education;

For the gifts and aptitudes in every person

Which serves justice in community living.

Silence

We pray for peace on earth:

For the generous sharing of the earth's resources

And the responsible sharing of the earth's problems;

For understanding of others

And willingness to regard the diversity of human culture

As more stimulating than threatening:

And for the turning of swords into ploughshares

And spears into pruning hooks.

Silence

We pray for the church,

By all its names and in all its places:

For its continuing usefulness as a channel of grace and hope;

For its rescue from bureaucracy and stagnation;

For its witness to unity and justice;

For its commitment to hospitality and compassion.

Silence

We commend to the Lord our families and friends;

And let us ask God to help us in the days of this coming week.

Silence

And we unite all of our concerns together,

Especially the concerns that are known to you alone, Lord,

In the words that you taught us

And in the language of our hearts

As we are bold to say

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" **VU 567**

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Commissioning and Benediction

From *Celebrate God's Presence*, p.71 & 73, modifications made by Sarah Wicks-Potter

Go into the world:

Dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world:

Risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Thanks be to God!

And may the God who dances in creation,

Who embraces us with human love

Who shakes our lives with thunder

Bless us and drive us out with power,

To fill the world with her justice.

Threefold Amen

Postlude