

Rev. Beryl Barraclough Officiating

June 21, 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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We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Introit *"God of the Sparrow"*

VU 229

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

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Inviting the Light (Words from Peter Chynoweth, Yellowknife, N.W.T.)

Let this candle dance with the presence of Spirit, reminding us of the warmth of the community in which God calls us to gather and the light that shines with wisdom, insight, and clarity for us in our time of worship. Amen

Call to Worship (From UCC Aboriginal Day Celebration)

We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all. ***We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love.*** With gratitude, we gather as a community to ***praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.***

Opening Prayer

Creator, as we gather here to worship and learn, to sing and to pray, to build community and right relations and restore ourselves for service, be with us. Encourage us to open our hearts and minds to encounter your goodness so that our souls be lifted by your loving presence. Amen

Opening Hymn “We Are One” **VU 402, (Vs. 1,2,4)**

Prayers for Grace and Transformation

(From a UCC's Song of Faith)

God forgives and calls us to confess your fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.

Words of Assurance

Hymn “Come Touch Our Hearts” **MV 12, (Vs. 1,3,5)**

We Listen to the Word of God

Scripture Reader: Barbara Costello

Prayer for Illumination: *God, we pray for our own understanding as we listen to the words of scripture today. Create in us hearts which are open to your holy mystery so our lives may be changed forever. Amen*

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86: 1-10, 16-17, VU 803

Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love

Anthem “Come to the Feast”

Holy Communion (See insert)

Communion Hymn

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

VU 468

Invitation to the Offering

**As we take up our offering today, I am reminded of the words from Corinthians 9:7
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

Offertory Prayer

**O God, bless these gifts and multiply them, that they may be used to support those in
need, and spread your love both locally and globally. May our lives reflect the incredible
generosity you have shown to us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

MV 191

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (2 times)**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Witness in the World

Closing Hymn

"Called by Earth and Sky"

MV 135

Extinguishing the Light

**As we extinguish this flame, we will keep the light of Christ in our hearts until we are
together again. Amen**

Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude