

SUMMERLAND UNITED CHURCH
celebrating faith
seeking justice and
serving others in a loving community

Welcome to our Sunday Service
Rev. Donald Schmidt - Presiding
Sunday, September 19th, 2021

**Whoever
welcomes
one of these
children
welcomes
me**

Mark 9.30-37



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GATHERING TIME
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

9:45AM
Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BELL RINGING
WORDS OF WELCOME

Joan Gasior

A warm welcome to all, those from Summerland United and those joining us from other communities or congregations. If there are any visitors today, we welcome you and thank you for joining us this morning. If you are comfortable, please unmute yourself and tell us where or what congregation you are from. Please remember to re-mute yourself.

MOMENT OF SILENCE TO VIEW THE CONGREGATION

Friends, we gather apart but together. I invite you now to switch to gallery view or scroll through your screen to witness the children of God gathered with us today.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE
WE SING TOGETHER

Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt
MV 163 – River Running in You and Me

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsorial

Come let us gather to worship God together. Let us listen for God's word,
that we might put down our roots and drink deeply from the river of God's love and wisdom.

Come let us listen for God's word to us,
and find joy in responding to it.

Come, friends, and let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

In Unison

Loving God, we are glad to come into your presence this day. Thank you for welcoming us. Thank you for forgiving us. Thank you for challenging us to go from this place refreshed and to tell others of your love that has no limits. Amen.

WE SING TOGETHER

VU 51 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 9: 30-37 – Common English Bible

Larry Harder

Jesus predicts his death

³⁰ From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. ³¹ This was because he was teaching his disciples, "The Human One^[a] will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up." ³² But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

³³ They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" ³⁴ They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." ³⁶ Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

REFLECTION

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We SING TOGETHER

VU 595 – We Are Pilgrims On a Journey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

An Adaptation by Jim Cotter

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain Bearer, Life-Giver, source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer to you, Holy One, the work of our hands, the thoughts of our hearts, the dedication of our spirits. Take all that we have and are, and use it to make the world a little closer to your hopes and dreams for us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

COMMUNION

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WE SING TOGETHER

MV 187 – We Give Our Hands to You

BLESSING

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People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

CHAT ROOMS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

There is no story this week