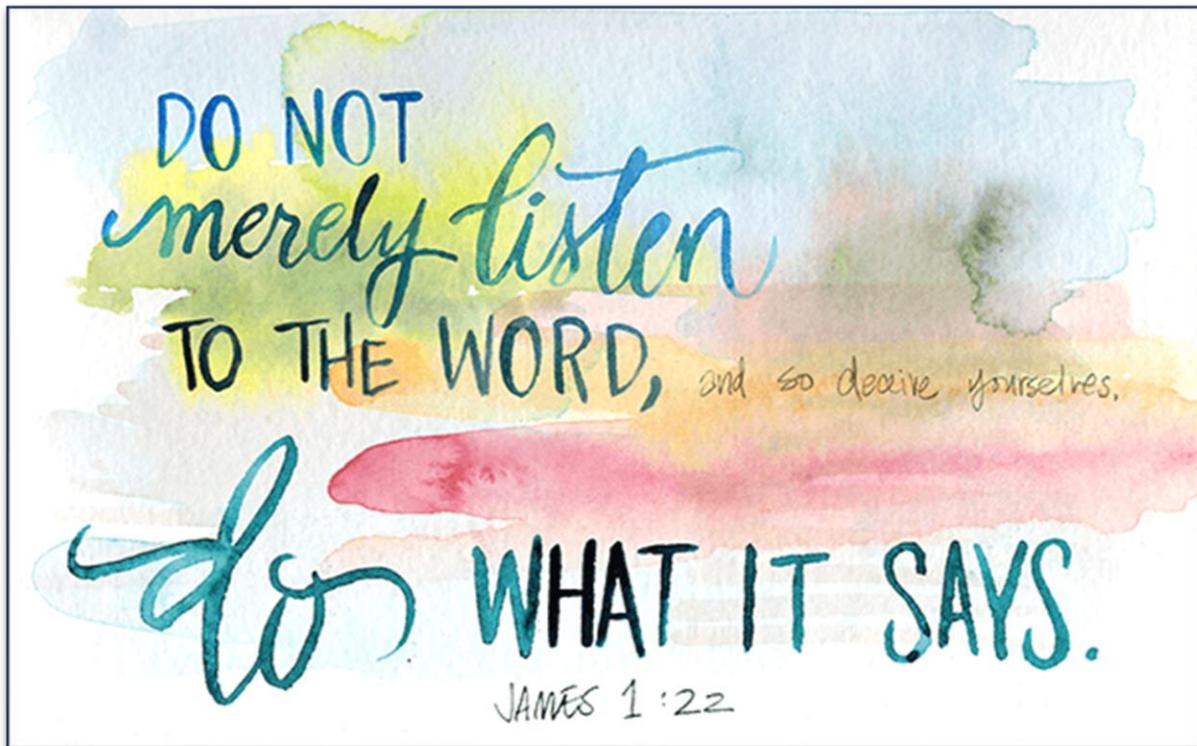


SUMMERLAND UNITED CHURCH
celebrating faith
seeking justice and
serving others in a loving community

Welcome to our Sunday Service
Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt - Presiding
Sunday, August 29th, 2021



PowerPoint Creation: Judi Ritcey, Summerland United
Words of Welcome: Rick Gasior, Summerland United
Scripture Reading: Judi Ritcey, Summerland United

GATHERING TIME
INTRODUCTION & EXPLANATION
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

9:45AM
Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
BELL RINGING
WORDS OF WELCOME

Rick Gasior, Summerland United

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 156 – Dance with the Spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsorial

The days of summer are coming to an end and the earth is a hub of activity. Mother Earth prepares herself for yet another change of seasons, for another cycle of the planet's life.

We, too, prepare ourselves for new rhythms of life: for return to school, for leaves that will soon be turning to vibrant, wonderful colours, for birds that are readying themselves for a long journey south, for animals that are preparing themselves for the harsh winter.

Yet there is also anxiety, uncertainty, as we face new realities that are different from before.

We behold the wonder of all the changes around us as we gather to worship this day.

Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

In Unison

Creator God, every day is a new day. Every day, you show us the world that you've made. Every day, you show us people who love us. Every day, you show us how you care for us. Teach us to see you in everything and everyone, and to be the best that we can be – for the world, for each other, and for you. Amen

WE SING TOGETHER

MV 145 – Draw the Circle Wide

James 1:17–27 (*The Message*)

There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle. He brought us to life using the true Word, showing us off as the crown of all his creatures.

¹⁹⁻²¹ Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God’s righteousness doesn’t grow from human anger. So, throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.

²²⁻²⁴ Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! Those who hear and don’t act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

²⁵ But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life! - even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

²⁶⁻²⁷ Anyone who sets himself up as “religious” by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

REFLECTION

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We SING TOGETHER

VU 600 – When I Needed a Neighbour

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt

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

Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt

God among us, you show us who you are by what you give us. What we give others is a sign of who we are, too. Bless our gifts, that they may do your work, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE SING TOGETHER

MV 37 – Each Blade of Grass

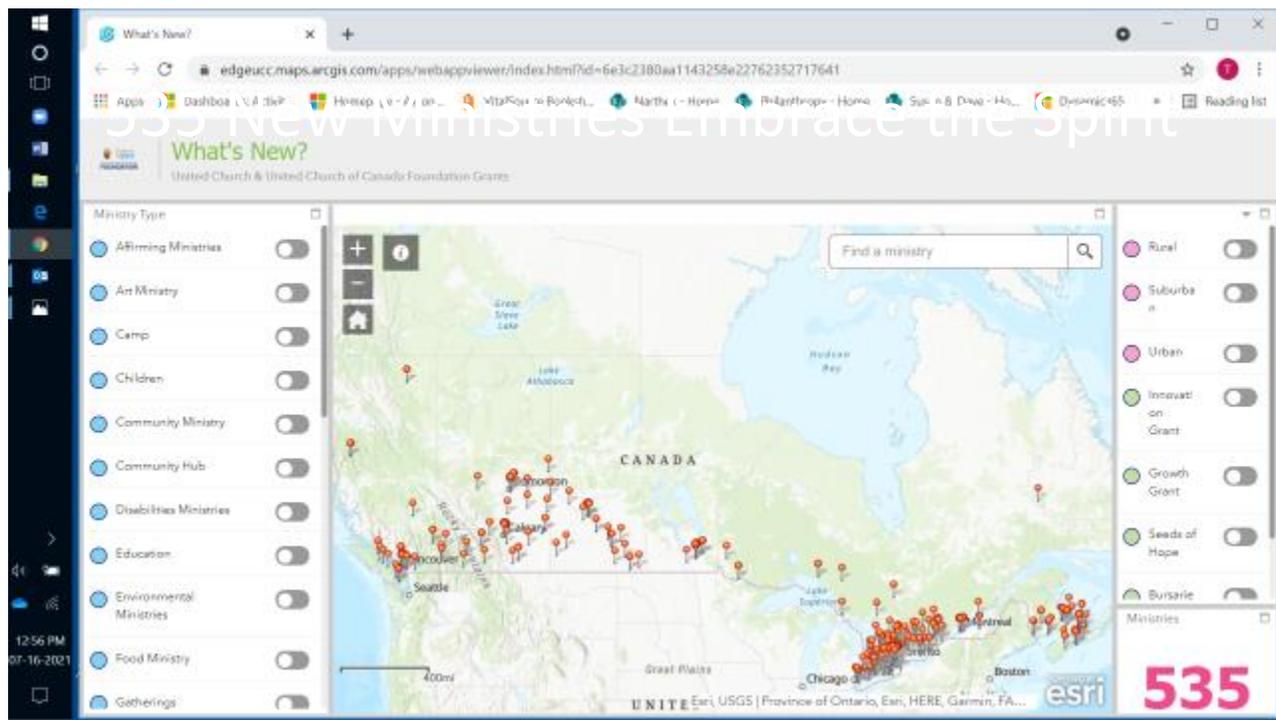
BLESSING

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BREAK INTO CHAT ROOMS

535 New Ministries Embrace

Thank you for giving good ideas a chance to fly.



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There is no doubt that the church is in the midst of a radical transition. What does the future hold?

Honestly, no one knows for certain. But one thing is sure: The best way to fail is to try nothing, and the only way to succeed is to experiment by doing something new.

That's where you come in. Your gifts through Mission & Service support innovation through our church's Embracing the Spirit grants. Embracing the Spirit is a grant program supported by Mission & Service. Any church called by God to pursue a great ministry idea can apply to Embracing the Spirit for funding support.

In the bottom right corner of the interactive Embracing the Spirit online map(opens in a new tab), the number 535 is highlighted in bold red. The number, which refers to new ministry projects awarded grants, is steadily rising—535 is the tip of the iceberg. Since 2016, Embracing the Spirit has awarded over \$3,600,000 to help communities of faith develop new ministries. Want to be inspired? Simply click one of the map pins and read the description. You will be amazed at the new ways congregations across the United Church are joining God’s mission. Take it a step further and connect with one that piques your interest. Learn about ways your community of faith can grow its vision and practice of ministry.

The last Embracing the Spirit granting round of 2021 is open now, and applications are due on October 15. Even if you don’t have a new ministry idea you want to pursue right now, by simply making a Mission & Service gift you are helping our United Church network with and support others striving to live out God’s mission in new ways.

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