

Announcements

The Congregation extends its deepest sympathy to:

Sue Perry, Emily & Jenna and their families on the death of Tony Perry.

Vicki & Dan Homes on the death of Vicki's mother Olga Johnson.

Leonard & Glenna Russell on the death of Leonard's brother, Glen.

Following a life well lived, we are saddened to announce the death of our mom Olga Johnson. She spent many years travelling to Summerside to stay with Dan and I and cherished all the friendships she made. Thank you for welcoming her to the Summerside church family." Rev. Vicki & Dan

Her obituary can be found at

https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/mountlawn?utm_source=G&utm_medium=lpm&utm_campaign=Arbor_Mem

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Thanksgiving Sunday &
~ Anniversary Celebration Service ~

*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and
to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

At a congregational meeting held on April 15, 2007, the congregation gave approval to proceed with plans to build a new church building. Four years later, on April 11, 2011, a sod turning ceremony was held as the construction began.

On Thanksgiving weekend 2011 Rev. Linda Berdan led us as we worshipped for the first time in our new church building.

This morning, ten years later, as we remember and celebrate that occasion, we give thanks for the many ways that God has been – and continues to be – at work in and through this church family.

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: **#757 Come sing, O Church, in joy**

Opening Prayers

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

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& MEGA Mission Wrap Up

Hymn: **#441 Can a little child like me**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds.** ♪
Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-3
Living Faith 7.1 & 7.2 (responsive)

Ministry of Music: "Bless This House" (Susan Cameron & Marilyn Bigger)

Message: "Giving Thanks for our Past & our Future"

Hymn: **Faith in Our Future**

Our Response to God's Word

Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.** ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: **#338 Let all things now living**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following thoughts...

"Sacred space and beautiful space are not the same thing, but all churches attempt to build buildings that elevate the human spirit, that speak of what cannot be fully understood, that are reminders of holiness beyond all words."

~ Howard Rice & James Huffstutler

"Because we are creatures of time and place, colors and textures, where we worship has an impact on our faith... Someone has wisely observed that we first shape our church buildings, and then for several generations they shape us. The place where worship happens is crucial."

~James De Jong



Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-3 (NIV)

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the Lord:
Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;
²Look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.
³The Lord will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

Responsive Reading: Living Faith 7.1 & 7.2

The church is Christ
together with his people
called both to worship and to serve him
in all of life.

The church is one.
**It is one family under God whose purpose it is
to unite all people in Jesus Christ.**

The church is holy.
**It is set apart by God through the Holy Spirit
to be a chosen people in the world.**

The church is catholic.
**It is universal, including all people of all time
who affirm the Christian Faith.**

The church is apostolic.
**It is founded on Christ and the apostles
and is in continuity with their teachings. ...**

The Lord continues his ministry
in and through the church.
All Christians are called
to participate in the ministry of Christ.
**As his body on earth
we all have gifts to use
in the church and in the world
to the glory of Christ, our King and Head.**