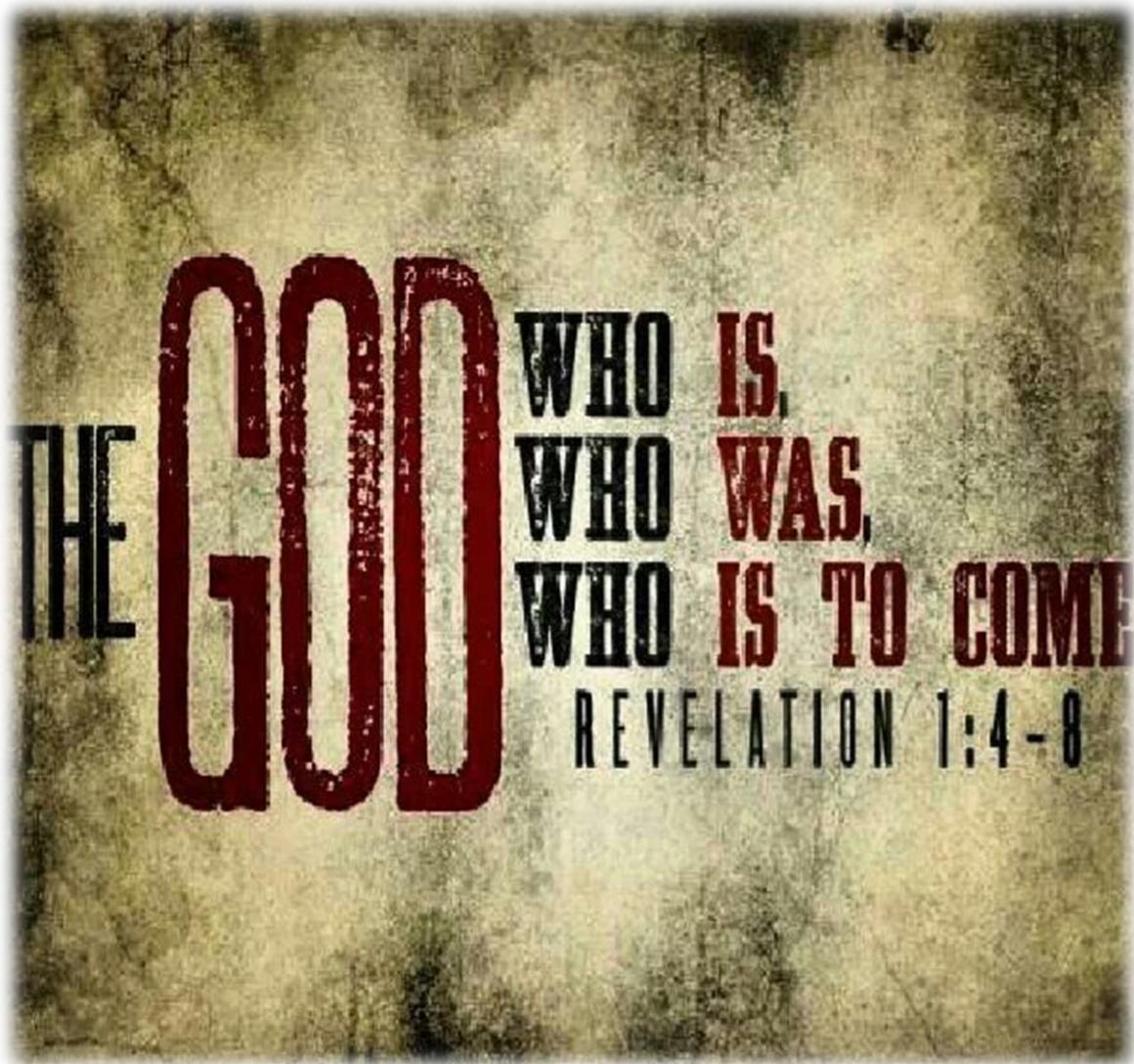


SUMMERLAND UNITED CHURCH
celebrating faith
seeking justice and
serving others in a loving community

Rev. Paul James - Presiding
Sunday, November 21st, 2021 - 10 a.m.



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Words of Welcome: Olive Hunter
Scripture Reading: Reed MacWilliams

GATHERING TIME
INTRODUCTION
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

9:45AM
Rev. Paul James
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
BELL RINGING
WORDS OF WELCOME

Oliver Hunter

A warm welcome to members of Summerland United who are with us today and to all those joining us from other locations or congregations. If there are any visitors today from other congregations or other places, 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

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Rev. Paul James

WE SING TOGETHER

VU 213 – Rejoice the Lord is King

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Paul James

Rejoice in the light of the morning!

Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through the clouds.

God has spoken to us and meets us here.

We live in covenant with the Eternal One.

Gather in the presence of Jesus, the Christ, whose name we bear.

Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death.

We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.

Come, followers of Jesus, let us pray....

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Paul James/In Unison

Alpha and Omega, whose creative energy through untold billions of years has brought us to this time and place, we rejoice in the ministry of Jesus that reveals your love and provides us with forgiveness of sins and fullness of life. May we embrace that reign which is beyond the

standards of this world, testifying to your truth by our words and deeds, that others may learn to trust your love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 1: 4b-8 & John 18: 33-37

Reed MacWilliams
New Revised Standard Version

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed^[a] us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made^[b] us to be a kingdom, priests serving^[c] his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18: 33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[a] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me

from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

These words come from the scriptures of our traditions. May we find wisdom for our daily living. Amen

WE SING TOGETHER

MV 120 – My Soul Cries Out

REFLECTION – Who Is In-Charge?

Rev. Paul James

WE SING TOGETHER

VU 264 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul James

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Traditional

OFFERING

Rev. Paul James

The Church is not a private club that we maintain for our own benefit.

It is a mission post, constantly enlisting us and our resources for the spreading of Good News and increase of God’s reign of love. Our offerings are one measure of how seriously we take our call as ambassadors of Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In Unison

For the saving faithfulness of Jesus, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ’s ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Amen

WE SING TOGETHER

VU 211 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

BLESSING

Rev. Paul James

CHAT ROOMS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

A SECOND CHANCE

“Without the support that I regularly get here, I don’t know where I’d be.”



Chance at home in Hope Terrace

Credit: Bissell Centre

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, one in five Canadians experience mental health problems. Your Mission & Service gifts help.

In his own words, Chance shares how the mental health support he received through the Bissell Centre—an organization supported through your Mission & Service gifts—helped him change his life.

“My name is Chance. I’m 25 years old and live at Hope Terrace, a permanent supportive home that is run by the Bissell Centre. I have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder—a type of brain injury with no cure—so I need help with things like coping with my emotions, keeping appointments, and cooking.

“Before I moved into the Hope Terrace residence, life was frustrating and stressful. I used to live at my grandmother’s house, along with my mom and four other family members. When everyone was home it was chaos, which made it even harder to manage my emotions—even happy emotions were too much at times.

“Mom and I knew I needed help, but we didn’t have money and we didn’t know where to start. So, a few years ago, I tagged along with my friend to Bissell Centre’s Easter meal. He was getting help from Bissell and seemed to like it enough. Maybe I could get help too? “It was at that very meal that I first heard about Bissell’s mental health resources and the Hope Terrace house.

“When I was invited to to move into Hope Terrace a few months later, Mom and I both agreed it would be a good decision. I finally felt some hope. Maybe life doesn’t have to be so hard all the time? Maybe I could have a better life?

“The staff here help me with the things that overwhelm me most—like budgeting, cooking, and dealing with my emotions. They are awesome! They’re really good, kind people—they’re my family.

“Without the support that I regularly get here, I don’t know where I’d be.”
*Thank you for your generosity through **Mission & Service**.*