

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

Welcome to our Sunday Service

Rev. Donald Schmidt - Presiding
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PowerPoint Creation: Judi Ritcey, Summerland United
Scripture Reading: Marilyn Hansen
Words of Welcome: Colleen Power

GATHERING TIME
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

9:45AM
Donald Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BELL RINGING
WORDS OF WELCOME

Colleen Power

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

Donald Schmidt
VU 230 – Heaven Is Singing for Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsorial

Let's praise God together.

Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

A poor one called, and God heard her; God saved her from her troubles.

The eyes of God are on the helpless, and God's ears are attentive to their cries.

I sought God, and God answered me; God delivered me from my fears.

Those who look to God are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

Taste and see that God is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in God.

God is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Let's worship God together.

Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

In Unison

Loving God, Mother and Father of all people, we open our hearts to you and the life you give. Help us to breathe in deeply of your wild and wonderful spirit and inspire us with your presence so that

we might be at peace with all of who we are, and more fully become the people you have called us to be. Amen.

WE SING TOGETHER

MV 30 – It's a song of Praise to the Maker

SCRIPTURE READING – Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17
Common English Bible

Marilyn Hansen

Encounter at the threshing floor – Chapter 3: 1-5 & Chapter 4: 13-17

³ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shouldn't I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? ² Now isn't Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight, he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. ³ You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don't make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.”

⁵ Ruth replied to her, “I'll do everything you are telling me.”

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife.

He was intimate with her, the LORD let her become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴ The women said to Naomi, “May the LORD be blessed, who today hasn't left you without a redeemer. May his name be proclaimed in Israel. ¹⁵ He will restore your life and sustain you in your old age. Your daughter-in-law who loves you has given birth to him. She's better for you than seven sons.” ¹⁶ Naomi took the child and held him to her breast, and she became his guardian. ¹⁷ The neighborhood women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They called his name Obed. He became Jesse's father and David's grandfather.

These words come from the Scriptures of our traditions.

May we find wisdom for our daily lives.

REFLECTION

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We SING TOGETHER

VU 580 – Faith of Our Fathers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional

OFFERING

Rev. Donald Schmidt

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, source of all, you provide everything we need and more. Accept these gifts we offer as a symbol of our heartfelt gratitude and our desire to love our neighbours as ourselves. Amen.

WE SING TOGETHER

MV 154 – Deep in Our Hearts

BLESSING

Donald Schmidt

CHAT ROOMS

A Step Toward Peace



Leila presses carob paste thanks to new grinding equipment provided by Mission & Service partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

Credit: DSPR

One of the things we can do to promote peace is share what we have to ensure that everyone has enough. That's why your generosity through Mission & Service supports economic development programs that offer things like micro-loans and business training and support to purchase equipment.

Leila Basheer is a 46-year-old mother of five who lives in a village in the northwestern part of the West Bank in Palestine. Leila's husband is in poor health, which makes it hard to get by. Since she was a child, Leila has been preserving carob paste, which helps with upset stomach. Four years ago, as her family struggled, she had the idea to sell her carob paste. But processing it by hand is labor-intensive so she turned to DSPR—the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees—for help.

"As I made some profit from local sales, I decided to expand. DSPR helped me out with buying grinding equipment that facilitated making carob paste enormously," she says. The outcome is amazing. Not only can Leila produce high-quality paste but her income has also grown. "The grinding equipment helped me increase my income by 40 percent. I look forward to buying a second grinding machine, this time to produce tomato paste," says Leila. Palestinians in the West Bank are subject to complex systems of control. These systems of control include physical barriers like the Separation Wall, checkpoints, and roadblocks, and bureaucratic ones like permits and closure of areas. These restrict Palestinians' right to freedom of movement. The Israeli occupation has confiscated thousands of dunums (1 dunum = 1,000 square metres) of land from Palestinian farmers to build illegal settlements, bypass roads, and build the Separation Wall. Moreover, the checkpoints, roadblocks, and crop destruction create extreme challenges for farmers attempting to reach their land and their markets.

Every step we take to support families like Leila's brings us a step closer to peace and justice. Thank you for your generosity through [Mission & Service](#).