

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

Welcome to our Sunday Service
Kathleen Estabrooks - Presiding
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TEAMWORK MAKES SUNDAY WORSHIP HAPPEN

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Kathleen

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Sharon O'Shaughnessy

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

A MOMENT TO VIEW THOSE PRESENT**LIGHTING THE CANDLE**

Kathleen

CALL TO WORSHIP**OPENING PRAYER****WE SING TOGETHER – VU 245**

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Cor. 13: 1-13 - CEB

Charlotte Burley

Common English Bible:

Love: the universal spiritual gift

13 If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. ³ If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, ⁵ it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, ⁶ it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. ⁷ Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. ⁹ We know in part and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. ¹¹ When I was a

child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. ¹² Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. ¹³ Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

Reader: These words come from the Scriptures of our traditions.

All: May we find wisdom for our daily lives.

REFLECTION	Kathleen
WE SING TOGETHER – MV 8	And on this Path
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Kathleen
THE LORD'S PRAYER	Jim Cotter Version
OFFERING	Kathleen
PRAYER OF DEDICATION	
WE SING TOGETHER – MV138	My Love Colours Outside the Lines
BLESSING	Kathleen

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You Give Skills for Success: **Kathleen's Story**

Photo: Kathleen White



Camp is more than a holiday. It gives young people skills that last a lifetime.

Kathleen is a special education teacher, a busy mom of three children under the age of five, and a youth and young adults coordinator at her church. She says her early summer church camp experience continues to impact her approach to each of these important roles.

“Camp taught me that children are precious and we’re there to help them and guide them. Vespers taught me to take a deep breath in times of stress. Chaplains showed me how to bring out the best in children and draw out their talents. All those things I learned from camp I now apply to my everyday world, including motherhood,” says Kathleen.

Kathleen grew up in very formal churches where she felt she had to be perfect all the time. Outdoors, in an informal setting, her faith blossomed.

“I never felt really connected to God before going to camp. It opened up my perspective of what church is. My relationship with God expanded. I learned to pray, to reflect, and to experience God in nature.”

Those early lessons continue to ground Kathleen in trying moments.

“Today, because I learned to connect with God in nature, I can take time to reflect and I can show God’s love. When I’m too stressed, I can take a quick look at a bird or tree and remember that God is with me when a student is expressing their frustration. Staying calm and showing God’s love is huge. It goes a long way. I remind my own children that God is with them, even in the hardest times too,” she says.

Before COVID, approximately 20,000 children attended a United Church camp every year. During the pandemic, many camps provided virtual support to young people during lockdown.

“I just want to say a huge thank you to [Mission & Service](#) donors for their support of camps,” says Kathleen. “I wouldn’t be where I am today if it weren’t for their support. Thank you.”