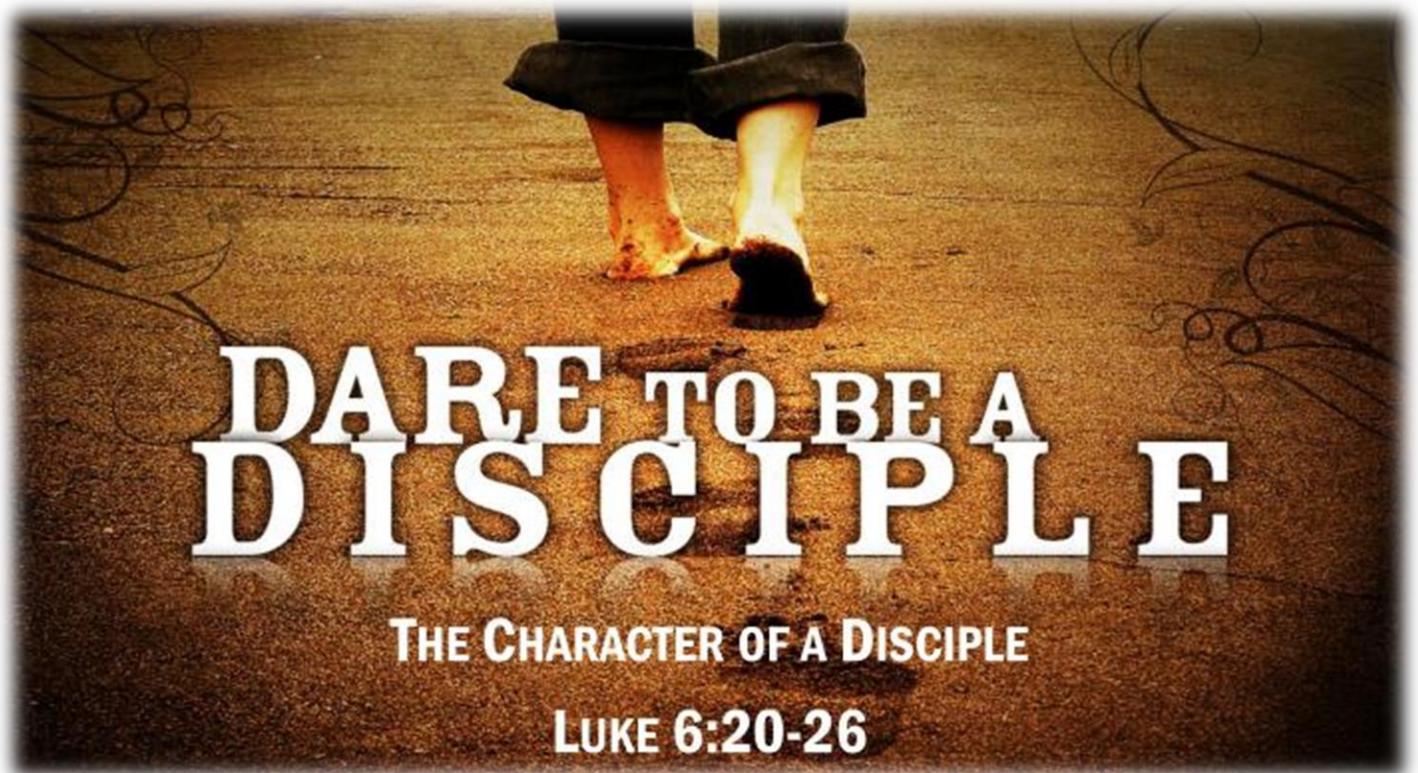


**SUMMERLAND UNITED CHURCH**  
*celebrating faith*  
*seeking justice and*  
*serving others in a loving community*

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**Welcome to our Sunday Service**  
**Rev. Donald Schmidt**  
**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Communion Sunday**



***TEAMWORK MAKES SUNDAY WORSHIP HAPPEN***

**Words of Welcome:** Fred Gartrell

**Scripture Reading:** Sharon O'Shaughnessy

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**GATHERING TIME**  
**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BELL RINGING**

9:45  
**Donald**  
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10 AM

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**

**Fred Gartrell**

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.

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE**  
**WE SING TOGETHER:**

**Donald**  
MV 140 - As Long As We Follow

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bring your thirsty souls before God to be drenched in love and kindness.

**Blessed are those who trust in God.**

Like a tree planted by the water, our lives shall be nourished and nurtured by the love of God.

**We come to God's stream of living water to nurture our souls so that we can do the work God calls us to do in this world.**

Come, let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER**

We come to your healing stream, Holy One,  
seeking to be refreshed and made new.

Give us the strength to bear good fruit,  
to nourish those around us,  
and the ability to provide shade and shelter  
to those who are weary. Amen.

**WE SING TOGETHER**

MV 178 Who Is My Mother?

**THEME CONVERSATION**

Donald

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 6:20b–26 (CEB)

Sharon O'Shaughnessy

**Happy people and doomed people**

<sup>20</sup> Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours.

<sup>21</sup> Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>23</sup> Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> But how terrible for you who are rich,  
because you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> How terrible for you who have plenty now,  
because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,  
because you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> How terrible for you when all speak well of you.  
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

**REFLECTION:** Donald

**WE SING TOGETHER:** VU 602 - Blest Be the Tie that Binds

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Donald

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Donald

**OFFERING:**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Loving God, we bring to you our gifts of love. This is our time to thank you for all you have given us. You are the source of all life and goodness. Bless our gifts as we reach out to others through them. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Donald

**WE SING TOGETHER:** VU 509 - Here I Am Lord

**BLESSING** Donald

**Thank you for showing love for neighbours at home and around the world.**



Love the way God loves. That’s arguably what Jesus’ whole ministry was about, and it’s summarized in his most travelled quote: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37–39)

We want to thank you—our amazing Mission & Service supporters—for showing love for neighbours at home and around the world. Thank you for turning compassion into action.

Since the pandemic struck, you have helped raise over \$500,000 in emergency gifts to support Mission & Service partners. Your generosity helps deliver personal protective equipment, distribute food, install sanitation stations, and support education programs to help prevent and control the spread of the virus.

What’s more, through our Gifts with Vision catalogue, we have provided over 8,360 full vaccinations to those who need them most across the globe.

Altogether, that’s over \$750,000 in COVID relief. Amazing!

Once again, this year, your local region will receive \$240,000 to support Mission & Service partners near you. From coast to coast, our partners are helping record numbers of families in need. Your generosity through Mission & Service is providing shelter to Canadians without a home, serving nutritious meals to families struggling to make ends meet, offering critical pastoral care in hospitals and schools, and extending life-changing education and job training opportunities.

Thank you for joining with members across our United Church to show and share love.

Thank you for loving your neighbour. Your generosity is a blessing.