

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

Online Worship
Sunday April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome in the Merging Waters family. Wherever you are, we welcome you in love and community to worship. Physically distant but close in one another's hearts.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Bold print for congregational response

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. Merging Waters honours, recognizes and respects these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

MUSICAL CENTERING

HALLELUJAH

Words and Music: Leonard Cohen
Arr: Lindsey Stirling, adapted by Pierre Gallant
Judy Hung violin soloist

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE

light a candle at home if it is safe to do so

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Christ is risen
HALLELUJAH!
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HYMN VU 155

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Move the stone and you are there, O Spirit of life, bringing us from death to new life. We feel ourselves alone in the tomb, filled with despair, and you show us we are alive in your presence. Remind us, O loving God, that you are there in the light and in the dark; holding us in your love that will never let us go. Praising you.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1–18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them,

“They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

“Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

“I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

HYMN VU 183

We Meet You O Christ

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Never Alone

SUNG RESPONSE

Bless the Lord

Words and Music: Stephen Schwartz (from 'Godspell' musical)
Cyndi Charlemagne soloist

OFFERING

We offer our prayer, reflections, and resources

If you are not on [pre-authorized remittance \(PAR\)](#) and want to continue to support Merging Waters please click these links, or those provided on the site to give to: [Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Blue Green Hills of Earth - African Alleluia

Words and Music: Kim Oler - Words and Music: Jay Althouse
Denise Pelley soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts provide for your work to be done.
May they bring hope to those in fear and peace to those in despair.
Revealing love through the work they support. Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE JESUS PRAYER FOR TODAY

O, Source of Life

Connectedness beyond simple perception,
We hold our experience of you as sacred.
May we choose to live the good you call for
In our lives as well as our imaginings.
Nourish our bodies and spirits inspiring us
To share the abundance we have.
Challenge us to show understanding and love for others
As we need to be understood and loved.
Help us overcome our shortcomings
To be our best selves
As you have, do, and will always know we can
Forever and ever.
May we all make it so.
Amen

HYMN VU 359

He Came Singing Love

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

MUSICAL SENDING Let There Be Peace On Earth - United We Stand

Words and Music: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson - Words and Music: Tony Hiller and Peter Simons
Jane Weber, Heather Lewis, and Bryson Davis soloists

Thank you for joining us in worship

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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

April 10 th .	Good Friday
April 12 th .	Easter Sunday
April 19 th .	Second Sunday of Easter
April 26 th .	Third Sunday of Easter

Worship at Merging Waters: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Maundy Thursday Zoom Prayers and Potluck 6:30 pm April 9th. We will pray, share the story of the upper room, and end the prayer service in prayer – then all who feel called to do so, and bring their supper to the gathering, we can visit over food.

Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/287591441?pwd=S3ZEbDc3OFFSM0djU0ZieUkwbFF6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 287 591 441 Password: 215736 Dial in: 438-809-7799

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HYMN LYRICS

Voices United 155

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
Praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Voices United 183

We Meet You, O Christ

We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise;
your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack.
We see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.

In millions alive, away and abroad;
involved in our life you live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems you long to be free.
We see you, O Jesus, still bearing your tree.

We hear you, O Christ, in agony cry.
For freedom you march, in riots you die.
Your face in the papers we read and we see.
The tree must be planted by human decree.

You choose to be made at one with the earth;
the dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
Your death is your rising, creative your word:
the tree springs to life and our hope is restored.

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
 He died singing love.
 He arose in silence.
 For the love to go on we must make it our song;
 you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
 He died singing faith.
 He arose in silence.
 For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
 you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
 He died singing hope.
 He arose in silence.
 For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
 you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
 He died singing peace.
 He arose in silence.
 For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
 you and I be the singers.

Sing Along to Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
 The Earth is our mother, her citizens all are we;
 let us walk with each other in peace and harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now,
 With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
 to take each moment and live each moment in peace and harmony.
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Merging Waters supports the community and makes a difference in the lives of others. We need your support to keep our mission going: If you would like to get on Pre-Authorised Remittance [download the PAR Form](#), print and send it in with a void cheque to either church address – you can also send a cheque or post-dated cheques:

Union Church
 24 Maple
 Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue
 QC, H9X 2E6

Beaurepaire United
 25 Avenue Fieldfare
 Beaconsfield,
 QC H9W 4W4

Mail is picked-up regularly. If you are already on PAR and would like to increase your monthly offering to support the ongoing mission and work of the church, please email par@united-church.ca, providing them your name and congregation and how much you would like to increase your monthly amount.

An uplifting Easter message from the Moderator of the United Church of Canada the Right Rev. Richard Bott.:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQe5mYfTasg&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=14ecc38240&mc_eid=9455c8855f

(such a wonderful reminder of why we worship).

Richard Bott will be offering Easter service online: Join us on Easter Sunday for a special livestream Holy Communion service with **Moderator Right Reverend Richard Bott at 3:00 p.m. EDT, 12:00 p.m. PDT, and 4:30 p.m. in Newfoundland.** Bruce Harding and other musicians will be leading us in worship through music, and the Rev. Michael Blair will offer a reflection on scripture.

You are encouraged to participate while you view, using your own communion elements. Everyone is invited to bring some kind of bread (cracker, cookie, muffin, tortilla, bannok, etc.) and some water, wine, or juice, to share in communion.

This Easter livestream worship service will be broadcast on (I am not sure these links will work, until they do or don't): [Zoom](#) (maximum capacity 500 people) and The United Church of Canada's [YouTube channel](#)

Office is closed but work of the church continues - Please be patient when sending messages to the office through email or over the phone as Susan Smith, office administrator extraordinaire, like Rev. Ryan and other staff, will work from home for the foreseeable future, keeping the life and mission of the community safe, growing, and adapting to life today.

LOVE
 is patient
 is kind
 it does not envy
 it does not boast
 it is not proud
 it is not rude
 it is not self seeking
 it is not easily angered
 it keeps no record of wrongs
never fails

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a community that cares - In this time of trial we are here for one another. Rev. Ryan and the pastoral care team are here for you and available through email, phone, and instant messenger. Please reach out to one another in support – stay in touch with others and ask for help when you need it. We may not be in the same room but we are in one another’s hearts and in the love of God. We aren’t sharing germs but we are sharing the love. Keep in touch.

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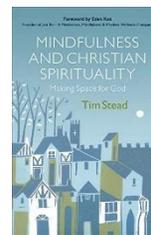
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Spiritual Practices - We are still supporting those practices that nurture the faith life of the community. Check out the new Merging Waters Web resources at www.mergingwaters.ca Click on “Spiritual Life” in the menu and find pages dedicated to at-home yoga, meditation and contemplation, and our online worship. Keep an eye out for new options for connecting with one another and with Rev. Ryan for times of study/discussion, reflection, and prayer online.



Church Café – Grab a coffee or cocoa and join Rev. Ryan for chat and community every Friday afternoon from 2 pm until 3:30 pm on Zoom starting Friday April 17th. We can catch up on how the week has gone, talk about life, the Bible, and the church. We can pray or swap recipes. Zoom link and password will be available in the mid-week message each week.



Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality: Making Space For God – Join Rev. Ryan in a 3-week study, and practice, of meditation. This program will include a book study and applied exercises to deepen the spiritual practice of mindfulness and meditation. We will explore the book Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality: Making Space for God by Tim Stead, available through [Amazon.ca kindle](https://www.amazon.ca/kindle), and [audio book](https://www.google.com/books), and [Google Play Books](https://www.google.com/books) (hard copy not recommended due to delivery times).

Let’s seek our spiritual centre.
 Dates: Thursdays April 22nd, 29th, and May 6th at 2pm (3 sessions)
 Registration required: This will be on Zoom and we will need to send you the link & password – please register by April 21st with Susan Smith mergingwaters@bellnet.ca or Rev. Ryan ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com

Church Online - Worship will be held online Sundays at 10:30 am. Please join us at www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online/ and you will find videos, music, and the opportunity to make your weekly offerings. On top of allowing us to worship together while physically distancing you also have no parking problems, you can refill your coffee anytime, church in your pyjamas, you can mute the pastor – but don’t.



Joy And Concern: Are there individuals and situations that you would ask that we pray for aloud in the time of prayer at this week’s online worship? Please email them to Rev. Ryan at ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com by Friday night, or they will be included the following week.