

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Online Worship
Sunday April 5, 2020 - Palm 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

Hosanna
music by Aaron Copeland text by Michael Woytiuk Recited by: Allan Davis

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Jesus is coming,
SHOUT HOSANNA!
He's riding on a donkey,
SHOUT HOSANNA!
Open the gates to our souls,
SHOUT HOSANNA!
Open the doors of our hearts,
SHOUT HOSANNA!

HYMN VU 268

Bring Many Names

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Spirit of love, in our time of grief and despair come to us, and speak to us of hope. Bring us, in your Word, O lover of the Universe, your message of love and connection. In hearing of the humble coming of your child, O Creator, inspire us to find promise in the unexpected and bring us peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

**"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

HYMN VU 124

He Came Riding On A Donkey

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

What We Expected

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](#) If you are on PAR and want to make a change to monthly giving please email: par@united-church.ca

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Not Afraid

by John Michael Talbot
arr. Michael Woytiuk and Guitar
Lead vocal Keith Whittall

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 MV 8

And On This Path
(vv. 1, 2, & 1)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

A Joyful Hosanna
words Jenette Threfall
a traditional German tune
arr. by Michael Woytiuk

Thank you to for joining us in worship

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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

April 5th. Palm Sunday Online
April 9th. Good Friday Online
April 12th. Easter Sunday Online
April 19th. Second Sunday of Easter Online
April 26th. Third Sunday of Easter Online
Worship at Merging Waters: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Would you like to get on Pre-Authorised Remittance?

Download the [PAR Form](#), print and send it in with a void cheque to either:

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

Beaurepaire United
25 Avenue Fieldfare
Beaconsfield,
QC H9W 4W4

If you are on PAR you may also update your monthly PAR giving by sending an email to par@united-church.ca and ask to increase your monthly amount by providing them with your name and congregation.

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Voices United 268

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
 celebrate, in parable and story,
 holiness in glory, living, loving God:
 Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
 planning all the wonders of creation,
 setting each equation, genius at play:
 Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
 feeling all the strains of human living,
 caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
 Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, grey with endless care,
 calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
 glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
 Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
 saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
 crying out for justice, giving all you have:
 Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
 joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
 closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
 Hail and Hosanna, great, living God

Bring Many Names

He came riding on a donkey,
 he came riding into town;
 slow and easy kind of lowly
 he came riding with the dawn.
 His disciples walked beside him,
 staying close, a little shy;
 not too sure where he would guide them,
 on to live or on to die.
 But all the morning sang his praises;
 waking birds and dancing wind;
 here he is, the Son of David;
 riding on to take his throne.

Then the children gathered, singing
 shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
 in the streets their song was ringing,
 "Hosannas" filled the morning air.
 Timid adults strained to see him,
 caught the Spirit, joined the song;
 spread their cloaks along before him,
 branches flashing in the sun.
 So all the city sang his praises;
 waking streets and dancing crowd;
 here he is, the Son of David;
 our Messiah, Son of God.

In our fasting, and our feasting,
 called to follow in his way;
 called to walk his road to Easter,
 called to live his cross today.
 Hosanna to the Son of David,
 hosanna in the heavens above;
 blessed is he who comes to save us,
 blessed is he who brings his love.
 Let us join to sing his praises;
 open hearts and souls to God;
 he is with us, Son of David;
 God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide!
Open wide, the gates are open wide!

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide!
Open wide, the gates are Open wide!

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide, (3x)
Open wide! Open wide!
Open wide, the gates are open wide!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office is closed but work of the church continues.

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

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, to keep the life of the community safe, growing, and adapting to life today.

Gatherings Postponed: As we all deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 virus on daily life, both Merging Waters Pastoral Charge preaching points will be closing their buildings for the time being. The buildings will be checked in on regularly by members of the building committees. Many groups have halted their gathering practice and gone online, remember to check their websites or call if you are still deciding to head out.

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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Spiritual Practices: We aren't meeting in person, but we are still supporting 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 to find new pages with routines for at-home yoga by Bryson, with chair yoga now available, meditation and contemplation, and our online worship. Keep an eye out for new options to connect with Rev.

Ryan for times of study/discussion, reflection, and prayer online. Coffee hour is now online.

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 worshipping 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.



Grab your favourite beverage and joining the conversation after church in our **ONLINE COFFEE HOUR** on Zoom. You need only install Zoom client if you don't have it already, no need to a Zoom account.

Online Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/112243601>

Or

By Phone: +1 438 809 7799

Meeting ID: 112 243 601

One tap mobile: +14388097799,,112243601#

Link will work from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm EST April 5th, 2020

Joy And Concern: Are there individuals and situations you would like us to pray for aloud in the time of prayer at this week's online worship? **Please email them to Rev. Ryan: ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com by Friday night.** If you miss the time to submit, any prayers not mentioned at the service will be prayed in our hearts or over the next week by the prayer circle.