

## Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

Online Worship

Sunday April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

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** indicates text to read/sing in unison.

#### 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.

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE *light a candle at home if it is safe to do so*

#### SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Like the disciples in their homes we call to the Divine,

**For we have many doubts.**

In this world of uncertainty,

**We look for answers we turn to God.**

Demanding what the others have received,

**Like Thomas, revelation of the risen Jesus;**

**Who blesses us with peace.**

HYMN MV 161

I Have Called You By Your Name

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH

**O Loving God, we have doubts, unable to believe our current situation, we come seeking meaning. Speak to us, Spirit of Life, by your Word to shine a light in our lives and in our doubts, reminding us that to ask questions is to open ourselves up to greater understanding. Be with us, Lover of the Universe, as we seek to find a deeper understanding of our connectedness with you and all the world; as we seek to awaken your dream for us all. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."**

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

**Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"**

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

#### APPLICATION FOR TODAY

The promise of Doubt

#### 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

Papillons  
by Edvard Grieg

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts provide for your work to be done, O Spirit of life.  
May they bring hope to those in fear and peace to those in despair.  
Revealing your 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 703

In The Bulb There Is A Flower

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

## MUSICAL SENDING

Jazzalujah  
G. F. Handel  
arr. Michael Woytiuk

Thank you to for joining us today  
Peace be upon your journey

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Welcome Grace Service Love  
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### UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

April 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Second Sunday of Easter
April 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Third Sunday of Easter
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 10 <sup>th</sup> .	Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship at Merging Waters: [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)

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## HYMN LYRICS

More Voices 161

I Have Called You By Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen;  
you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, .  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,  
then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people  
they are mine.

Voices United 703

In The Bulb There Is A Flower

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Office is closed but work of the church continues** - Please be patient

**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*

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.

**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.

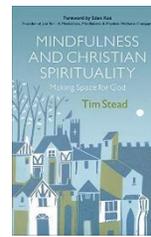


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**Spiritual Practices** - We are still supporting those practices that nurture the faith life of the community. Check out the new Merging Waters Web resources at [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca) Click on "Spiritual Life" in the menu 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541686995> or by phone: +1 438 809 7799 Meeting ID: 885 4168 6995



**Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality: Making Space For God** – Join Rev. Ryan in a 3 week study, and practice, of meditatio. 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 [Google Play Books](https://www.google.com/books) (hard copy not recommended due to delivery times).

**Let's seek our spiritual centre.**

Dates: Wednesdays April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> with Susan Smith [mergingwaters@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwaters@bellnet.ca) or Rev. Ryan [ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online/) and you will find videos, music, and the opportunity to make your weekly offerings. All the goodness of church without having to leave home.



**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](mailto:ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com) by Friday night, or they will be included the following week.

**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

Bearepaire 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](mailto:par@united-church.ca) providing them your name and congregation and how much you would like to increase your monthly amount.