

# Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

Online Worship  
Sunday May 10, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

## WELCOME

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 and live today.**

## LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Under your wings  
**You would hide us  
Mothering God**

Under your wings  
**You would shelter us  
Mothering God**

Under your wings  
**You would warm us  
Mothering God**

Under your wings  
**You would nurture us  
Mothering God**

## **HYMN Voice United 320**

## **Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth** (played to the tune from VU 674)

**Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of my life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.**

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Ever Present One, we open up to you as we worship:  
To discover your Way that leads to abundant living and life everlasting.  
To learn your Truth that participates in all our relationships.  
To experience your Life transforming our lives.  
Ever Present Christ receive us into the mystery of your Way,  
your Truth and your Life, that we might share your  
Love with all the families of the earth. Amen.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In God’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him,

**“Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to God except through me. If you know me, you will know the Divine also. From now on you do know God and have seen God.”

Philip said to him,

**“Lord, show us the Eternal One, and we will be satisfied.”**

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Eternal One. How can you say, ‘Show us the Eternal One?’ Do you not believe that I abide in God and God abides in me? ...if you do not, then believe me because of the works I do.

**Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Eternal One.**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Abiding in love

**HYMN More Voices 178**

**Who Is My Mother**

**Who is my mother, who is my brother?  
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:  
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel  
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**

**Differently abled, differently labelled,  
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:  
crutches and stigmas, culture’s enigmas,  
all come together round Jesus Christ.**

**Love will relate us, colour or status  
can’t segregate us round Jesus Christ:  
family failings, human derailings,  
all are accepted round Jesus Christ.**

**Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
we claim each other round Jesus Christ:  
here is my mother, here is my brother,  
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ. Amen!**

## OFFERING

*We offer our prayer, time, talent, 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

Hush Little Baby

Traditional

played by Keith Whittall and Victoria Moulton

## 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

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

The Lord's Prayer

music by W. G. Hamel, sung by Wendy Hamel

## HYMN Voices United 270

**Dear Mother God**

(played to the tune from VU 491)

**Dear Mother God, your wings are warm around us,  
we are enfolded in your love and care;  
safe in the dark, your heartbeat's pulse surrounds us,  
you call to us, for you are always there.**

**You call to us, for we are in your image.  
We wait on you, the nest is cold and bare;  
high overhead your wingbeats call us onward.  
Filled with your power, we ride the empty air.**

**Let not our freedom scorn the needs of others  
we climb the clouds until our strong heart sings;  
may we enfold our sisters and our brothers,  
till all are strong, till all have eagles' wings.**

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

Mothering God

**You watch your children grow  
And you let us go**

Mothering God

**You teach us what is true  
And you let us go**

Mothering God

**You show us what is just  
And you let us go**

Mothering God

**You give us what we need  
And you let us go**

## MUSICAL SENDING

Variations On An Old Hymn  
Tune from the Netherlands, music by Pierre Gallant

**Thank you to for joining us today**

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### UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>. Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>. Seventh Sunday of Easter – We will join in online worship with Summerlea**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>. Day of Pentecost – Joint online worship with West Island United Churches**  
**Worship at Merging Waters: [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)**