

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

Online Worship

Sunday May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Earth Day

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 (Sandy Davis)

Bold print indicates text to read/sing in unison

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE (Sandy Davis)

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY (Rev. Ryan Fea)

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.*

MUSICAL FOCUS *What A Wonderful World*
by Louis Armstrong

SPIRITUAL FOCUS (Sandy Davis)

**Let us be aware of the source of being
That is common to us all
And to all living creatures**

Silence

**Let us be filled with the presence of the great compassion
Toward ourselves and towards all living things**

Silence

**Realizing that we are all nourished
From the same source of life
May we so live that others are not deprived
Of air, food, water, shelter or the chance to live**

Silence

Earth Day Part I: Nature Can Help Us Cope (Helen Fyles)

HYMN VU 299

Teach Me God To Wonder

PRAYER OF APPROACH (Helen Fyles)

You are with me, God

And with all that lives

Not only in the lean hours of the night

Nor the rush of new morning

But now and throughout the day.

Thank you.

Earth Day Part II: Listen to the Earth (Helen Fyles)

POEM (Sandy Davis)

HYMN VU 678

For the Healing of the Nations

ACTION – From Susan Hawker ([sample letter to MPs](#))

A Meditation from the UN Environmental Sabbath Program (Susan Hawker)

We join with the earth and with each other

To bring new life to the land

To restore the waters

To refresh the air

We join with the earth and with each other

To renew the forests

To care for the plants

To protect the creatures

We join with the earth and with each other

To celebrate the seas

To rejoice in the sunlight

To sing the song of the stars

We join with the earth and with each other

To recreate the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children of the earth

We join with the earth and with each other

We join together as many and diverse expressions of
one loving mystery: for the healing of the
Earth and the renewal of all life.

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

Let It Grow
by Eric Clapton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Mother Nature Natural Anthem

Commissioning and Benediction

Against the dark backdrop of infinite space,
our planet appears so small, so vulnerable.

Guide me, dear God

that I may cherish your earth

and the life it sustains

with the best of my energy

**intelligence, imagination,
and love.**

Musical Sending

Blue-Green Hills of Earth
by Kim Oler

Thank you for joining us today



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Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

May 3rd. Fourth Sunday of Easter (Earth Day Worship)

May 10th. Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 17th. Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 24th. Seventh Sunday of Easter-Summerlea United

May 31st

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

HYMN LYRICS

Voices United 299

Teach Me God To Wonder

EN

**Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.**

REFRAIN **Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**

**Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. R**

**Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. R**

**Teach me, God, to know you,
hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

FR

**Enseigne-moi, mon Dieu, à voir tes bienfaits,
à aimer la beauté de ton œuvre.**

REFRAIN **Gloire te soit rendue pour le don de vie;
nous chantons ton amour, notre joie.**

**Mets dans mon cœur l'amour né de ton Esprit,
pour ce monde que tu as tant aimé. R**

**Fais de moi l'instrument de ta sainte paix,
qui veut faire s'étendre ton amour. R**

**Fais-moi te connaître, apprendre à t'aimer,
fais-moi te servir, aimant mon prochain. R**

Attributions: Spiritual Focus The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Earth Gospel (2008),
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Kate Brown, MIT <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/annals-of-inquiry/the-pandemic-is-not-a-natural-disaster>;
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A Meditation from the UN Environmental Sabbath Program from Earth Gospel pg. 91 Benediction Earth Gospel pg. 116
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For the healing of the nations,
 God, we pray with one accord;
 for a just and equal sharing
 of the things that earth affords.
 To a life of love in action
 help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
 from despair your world release;
 that, redeemed from war and hatred,
 all may come and go in peace.
 Show us how through care and goodness
 fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
 let it from the earth be banned;
 pride of status, race or schooling,
 dogmas that obscure your plan.
 In our common quest for justice
 may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
 your great name on humankind;
 for our growing in your likeness
 bring the life of Christ to mind,
 that by our response and service
 earth its destiny may find.

Oh, Mother Earth, with your fields of green
 Once more laid down by the hungry hand
 How long can you give and not receive
 And feed this world ruled by greed
 And feed this world ruled by greed.

Oh, ball of fire in the summer sky
 Your healing light, your parade of days
 Are they betrayed by the men of power
 Who hold this world in their changing hands
 They hold the world in their changing hands.

Oh, freedom land can you let this go
 Down to the streets where the numbers grow
 Respect Mother Earth and her giving ways
 Or trade away our children's days
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Please consider sending a letter to: The Prime Minister, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, Member of Parliament for Laurier. You can use this letter or craft one of your own:

[Download the sample letter to MPs re: Living In Right Relations With the Earth](#)

The link for our ZOOM gathering from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday, May 3rd

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82401363343>

or by phone: 438 809 7799

Meeting ID: 824 0136 3343

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Plant Sale As most of you know the corona virus (COVID-19) has shut down our plant sale so we have decided to try and sell plants online. I have made a Facebook page called Union Plant Sale where you will see photos of what we have for sale. <https://www.facebook.com/Union-Plant-Sale-109311067422181/> Please either email hfiles@bell.net or message on the Facebook page if you are interested,

Yoga at Home-Online Those videos supplied by our own Bryson Davis for Yoga are on our website, click on the Spiritual Life tab at the top. Even watching the videos and imagining you are doing the poses helps to relax you. There are two videos: regular floor Yoga and chair Yoga. Give it a try.

Broadview subscription renewals have arrived. If you have a subscription, it would be \$25 for the year, if we have a minimum of 5 subscriptions (so far we do). If you have always wanted a subscription this is your chance! Please send the church office a cheque (payable to Broadview) by the end of May and you will receive the issues to your own door. What do I like about the Broadview? So glad you asked: there are often ideas for how congregations found a new spark to renew their church families and mission. There are articles about how people have struggled with their faith. All good stuff.

Save the Date Our hard-working Rev Ryan Fea will be having a study break, so for the Sunday May 24th worship we are invited to the online service at Summerlea. Rev Scott Patton has welcomed us. Details about how to join will be coming soon.

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

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.



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 May 1st**. 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 for this week are:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541686995>

or by phone
+1 438 809 7799
meeting ID: 885 4168 6995

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 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.

Joy and Concern: Are here 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.

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.

Community News



West Island Citizen Advocacy WICA

SOCIAL SUPPORT, HELP WITH GROCERIES?

<http://volunteerwica.com/en/wica-can-help/>

ABLE TO HELP? CALL US! 514-694-5850 Ext. 22

www.volunteerwica.com Want to send support? here is their donation

link: <https://volunteerwica.com/en/giving-tuesday-covid19/>

Maison Saint Columba House:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/saint-columba-house/campaign/covid-19-emergency-request-to-support-our-meal-program-for-those-at-risk/>



Food Banks need our support, there are 3 West Island Food Banks. If you are able and would like to contribute but can't get to stores, donations may be made directly to the following:

On Rock in Pierrefonds east: <http://onrock.org/donate.html>

Fonds d'aide in Roxboro: (through Canada Helps)

<https://www.canadahelps.org/fr/dn/15557>

West Island Mission: (also through Canada Helps)

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/42261/donation>