

# Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



## Online Worship Sunday June 28, 2020 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

### WELCOME

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

**Bold print** indicates text to read/sing in unison.

WELCOME

Christine Bryce

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.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

Al Davis

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Bryson Davis

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

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Bryson Davis

Humankind is being led along an evolving course, through this migration of intelligences,

**And though we seem to be sleeping, there is an inner wakefulness that directs the dream, and that will eventually startle us back to the truth.**

(Rumi)

HYMN MORE VOICES 79

Spirit, Open My Heart

**Refrain:**

Spirit, open my heart  
To the joy and pain of living,  
As you love may I love,

In receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart

God, replace my stony heart  
With a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
To your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart  
As my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
May my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep,  
Share the joy of sister, brother.  
In each welcome of Christ,  
May we welcome one another. **R**

SCRIPTURE READING  
Jeremiah 28:5-9, Contemporary English Version

Jane Weber

The priests and the others were still standing there, so I said:

**Hananiah, I hope the Lord will do exactly what you said. I hope he does bring back everything the Babylonians took from the temple, and that our people who were taken to Babylonia will be allowed to return home.**

But let me remind you and everyone else that long before we were born, prophets were saying powerful kingdoms would be struck by war, disaster, and disease.

**Now you are saying we will have peace. We will just have to wait and see if that is really what the Lord has said.**

GOSPEL  
Matthew 10:40-42, Contemporary English Version

Michael Weber

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.

**Anyone who welcomes a prophet, just because that person is a prophet, will be given the same reward as a prophet.**

Anyone who welcomes a good person, just because that person is good, will be given the same reward as a good person.

**And anyone who gives one of my most humble followers a cup of cool water, just because that person is my follower, will surely be rewarded.**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY – Welcome News?

Victoria Moulton, M.Th.

HYMN

***Lyrics onscreen***

By the Rivers of Babylon  
Written by Bobby Farrell  
Led by Keith Whittall

OFFERING

Mark Weber

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[Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Una Mattina (One Morning), Ludovico Einaudi  
Played by Jane Weber

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Susan Hawker

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

***Lyrics onscreen***

We Shall Not Be Moved  
Led by Keith Whittall

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Sandy Davis

MUSICAL SENDING

Down By the Riverside, Spiritual arr. Peter Wolf  
Played by Michael Woytiuk

**Thank you for joining us today!**

Special thanks to Victoria Moulton for her spiritual leadership, all our contributors to today's service and especially our technical support, Michael Woytiuk and Susan Smith

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<b>UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>July 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>West Island UCC Summer Shared Worship</b>
<b>Worship at Merging Waters: <a href="http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online">www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online</a></b>	

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Reverend Ryan Fea** will be taking a little time off for Study Leave and Vacation. June 17 through 30<sup>th</sup>. Spiritual Formation is coordinating Online services for us to enjoy.

**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a community that cares** - Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns.

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**Diane Nener** Beaurepaire Pastoral Care Coordinator: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com)

**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*

## Online Children's Churches – Ongoing

✂ Merging Waters has all of our members at heart, at this time as all times. As part of a wider community we are sharing our worships, programs, time, and love with the world. Other congregations and parts of the church are too. To help support the spiritual life of the children of the Pastoral charge we sent out resources to help families engage their children in their faith life during lent.



To help faith communities and families continue to support the spiritual lives of our children during the COVID-19 pandemic, Shanna Bernier, the Nakonha:ka Regional Council Program Support Minister for Youth and Young Adults, is offering a weekly online children's church service on Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sundays. Videos of all past services are available on the Nakonha:ka Regional Council website: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>

To join in the Facebook Live Children's Church go to Shanna's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/shanna.bernier> 9am Sundays. Then you can all join us for the Online Worship at Merging Waters.

✂ At the Cedar Park United staff meeting it was agreed to open our KidZoom children's church to any families with small children (toddler to age 10 or thereabouts) who may wish to join in.

It's a short session, about 40 minutes beginning at 9 am. We share the Scripture/theme in kid-appropriate ways, and then do a Highs/Lows prayer time, and offer activities that can be done en famille, afterwards.

To keep the space safe, it's a Zoom room, and anyone who intends to join in should email Martha Randy [cpu.fymc@gmail.com](mailto:cpu.fymc@gmail.com) before 6 pm on Saturday, so that she can send them the link.



**Spiritual Practices** - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home – Yoga at Home – Spiritual Centering. [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)



**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. Home is a spiritual place, let us worship together in comfort, in community; together even when far apart.



**Nakonha:ka News** – This is an online publication that comes to us twice a month from the Regional Council (there is no more Presbytery or Conference). Usually printed and posted at both pastoral charges. Here is the link:

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/>

available in English and French versions.



**Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. This edition celebrates Pride Month. <https://mailchi.mp/32b8dece5d93/your-affirm-united-newsletter-february-march-4181538?e=80e28d0cfb>

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

Another way to support our churches is through CanadaHelps, it is online, it is secure, you get a tax receipt from them and you are anonymous.

For Union Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/union-church-ste-anne-de-bellevue/>

For Beaurepaire United Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beaurepaire-united-church/>