

Sunday Morning Worship  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Inner Peace Sunday

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. Wherever we are we're close in one another's hearts.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Bold print** indicates text to read/sing/pray 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.**

GROUNDING IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

MUSICAL CENTERING

There is an Ocean

Words and Music: Donovan  
Arrangement: Pierre Gallant

Performers: Bryson Davis, with 'EAST MEETS WEST' ensemble

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

In these days of upset and uncertainty,  
**We need to find peace for ourselves.**

Let us seek peace together,  
**finding reassurance and belonging  
in one another and the Divine.**

Peace be with you all,  
**and also with you.**

**Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Holy One, we come before you this day hoping to find a sense of peace for ourselves, our families, our neighbours, and for all of your people. We long for the day when the wolf and the lamb, when the leopard and the kid may all live together in harmony. In the same way, we dream that your people may all live in peace with justice. We seek ways to allow your peace into our hearts, bringing us peace within so that we may take peace into the world to share with others. Open us to your Word so we may fully recognize that we too may be instruments of your righteousness and your peace. Amen.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

**“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”**

He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

**They said to him, “The son of David.”**

He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Peace In These Times

HYMN VOICES UNITED 433

Day Is Done

Day is done, but love unfailing  
dwells ever here;  
shadows fall, but hope, prevailing,  
calms every fear.  
God, our Maker, none forsaking,  
take our hearts of Love’s own making,  
watch our sleeping, guard our waking,  
be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending  
shines through our night;  
you are with us, ever lending  
new strength to sight:  
one in love, your truth confessing,  
one in hope of heaven’s blessing,  
may we see, in love’s possessing,  
love’s endless light!

Eyes will close, but you unsleeping  
watch by our side;  
death may come, in love’s safe-keeping  
still we abide.  
God of love, all evil quelling,  
sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
stay with us, our hearts indwelling,  
this eventide.

## 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

All You Need Is Love

Words and Music: Lennon and McCartney

Arrangement: Pierre Gallant

Performers: 'The Road Home' choir

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

### A NEW CREED

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and  
risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION DE FOI

**Nous ne sommes pas seuls,  
nous vivons dans le monde que Dieu a  
créé.**

**Nous croyons en Dieu  
qui a créé et qui continue à créer,  
qui est venu en Jésus,  
Parole faite chair, pour réconcilier  
et renouveler,  
qui travaille en nous et parmi nous  
par son Esprit.**

**Nous avons confiance en Dieu.**

**Nous sommes appelés à constituer  
l'Église:  
pour célébrer la présence de Dieu,  
pour vivre avec respect dans la  
création,  
pour aimer et servir les autres,  
pour rechercher la justice et résister  
au mal,  
pour proclamer Jésus, crucifié et  
ressuscité,  
notre juge et notre espérance.**

**Dans la vie, dans la mort, et dans la vie  
au-delà de la mort,**

**Dieu est avec nous.**

**Nous ne sommes pas seuls.**

**Grâces soient rendues à Dieu.**

**Amen.**

**When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.**

**When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled and searched  
through the night,  
sorting and sitting the wrong from the right,  
Saviour, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**MUSICAL SENDING**

**Reformation Medley**  
Arrangement: Phillip Keveren

**Thank you to for joining us today**

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Merging Waters  
Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community

**UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m. with 10 a.m. gathering**

<b>Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Inner Peace Sunday
<b>Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	All Saints Day – Communion service
<b>Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Remembrance Sunday
<b>Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost
<b>Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	Reign of Christ Sunday

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday <http://www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online>**

**Links for the Zoom Service will be available at on that page**

**Download the Zoom App at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Willing Voices Wanted:** We are looking for a few volunteers to announce the Community News and read scripture during our live Zoom services. Please let Christine know if you are interested, at [cbmw@bell.net](mailto:cbmw@bell.net)

**Michael Woytiuk** has been posting Haunting piano classics videos every day this month. If you are interested to check them out here is the link to some of the best so far!  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAd\\_9IKffha0x7k49qiWcHQo2L7CA8LHm](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAd_9IKffha0x7k49qiWcHQo2L7CA8LHm)

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> is the All Saints Day** During the service we will remember those who have died in the past year. Traditionally those remembered are members of the community of faith, this year we will expand this to include people whose lives impact the members of Merging Waters Pastoral Charge. If you have lost someone in your life whom you wish to remember, someone who has impacted your journey of faith, please send the office a request by Oct 30<sup>th</sup> to have them included with their name, a digital photo if you have one, and a description of their place in your life. [mergingwaters@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwaters@bellnet.ca)

The **Nov 1<sup>st</sup> worship service** will include **Holy Communion** please have bread and beverage, if you can have grape juice or wine it's great but the importance is to celebrate Communion with God in our togetherness. The Spirit is ever-present, the Divine is in all things, so in these times of limited mobility if you have toast and water from your morning meal know that it will be made sufficient by God's grace.

**Boutique 24** - needs **WINTER CLOTHES ONLY** – coats and boots and winter gear in good condition & clean, **ONLY** no other boutique items at this time. Boutique volunteers are at Adair on Wednesdays 1-3pm to receive your winter items. If that doesn't work with your schedule, call June Hudon she will meet you there: 514-713-5054

**Lynn Thompson** does have a good supply of her lovely origami cards. We cannot guarantee what the exact pictures would be but they are all of the same high standard. They are mostly blank but she has some special occasion cards like birthdays, welcome baby, etc. If you would like some, we can arrange drop-off or pickup. They sell at \$2 each, proceeds to Union Church. E-transfer is best to Susan: [sahawker@hotmail.com](mailto:sahawker@hotmail.com)

**Books ~ Books ~ Books** - We have been whittling down the number of books for sale in the Boutique to make it a cleaner, more spacious place for shopping. As such we have to find new homes for many books. The following are some with a religious theme in case anyone at Merging Waters is interested. No money need change hands. Helen Fyles will do her best to deliver! Please contact her at [hfyles@bell.net](mailto:hfyles@bell.net)

**GREAT GIFTS FOR GARDENERS** - is an **Exciting New Fundraiser** for **Union Church**  
**Just in time for easy Christmas Gifting and your Mailouts!**

Union Church of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue is teaming up with a local, organic farm – **Ferme Coopérative Tourne-Sol** in Les Cèdres – to offer you the IDEAL, Christmas gift for the gardeners on your list! We have put together 6 themed variety packs of **ORGANIC SEEDS** that are sure to please every type of gardener, from the most serious grower to the budding enthusiast. Each variety pack contains 5 different organic seed packs, bundled together in a recyclable envelope, sealed and ready for gifting & mailing out in time for Christmas.

**The packs are \$25.00 each (tax included).**

Details in the Mid-week message.

**ORDERING, PAYMENT & PICK-UP** : Order forms will be available in October 2020 and orders will be taken in early November, ready for pick-up at the end of the month.

If you want a form, send an email to **HELEN FYLES: hfyles@bell.net** who will email you an order form and provide easy **payment options** and **pick up details**.