



Sunday Morning Worship  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Remembrance 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*

### CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

### MUSICAL CENTERING

White Cliffs Of Dover  
by Walter Kent

### SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Our faith is a comfort and a challenge,  
**calling us to the ways of peace through love.**  
The path of peace is a difficult one,  
**We come today seeking strength for the journey.**  
A journey that is taken with preparation and action,  
**A journey taken together.**

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE



God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind  
 how hate and war diminish humankind,  
 we pause, and seek in worship to increase  
 our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall  
 the lives of those who gave and give their all.  
 We thank you, God, for women, children, men  
 who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,  
 high hope to share with all the newly born,  
 strong love in our pursuit of human worth:  
 "lest we forget" the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,  
 teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.  
 May we, impassioned by your living Word,  
 remember forward to a world restored.

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH

Redeeming God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness; kindle in the hearts of all people your passion for peace, and your will for justice. May we, in this hour of worship, receive your mercy in our weakness and fulfill your justice in our strength; that we might renew our commitment for just solutions and lasting peace for all. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE

Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD?  
 It is darkness, not light;

**as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;**  
 or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.  
 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?  
 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;  
 and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.  
 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
**But let justice roll down like waters,**  
**and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**



**HYMN MORE VOICES 62 There Is Room For All – Chacun A Sa Place** (x3 Eng, Fr, Eng)

**There is room for all  
in the shadow of God's wing;  
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love. And I rejoice and sing,  
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."  
There is room for all, there is room for all!**

**Chacun a sa place á l'abri sous l'aile de Dieu;  
Chacun a sa place en l'amour de Dieu.  
De joie, je chanterai:  
"Mon refuge en la quel je me confie."  
Chacun a sa place, Chacun a sa place.**

**APPLICATION FOR TODAY**

**Commitment In Action**

**HYMN VOICES UNITED 679**

**Let There Be Light**

**Let there be light,  
let there be understanding,  
let all the nations gather,  
let them be face to face;**

**open our lips,  
open our minds to ponder,  
open the door of concord  
opening into grace;**

**perish the sword,  
perish the angry judgement,  
perish the bombs and hunger,  
perish the fight for gain;**

**hallow our love,  
hallow the deaths of martyrs,  
hallow their holy freedom,  
hallowed be your name;**

**your kingdom come,  
your spirit turn to language,  
your people speak together,  
your spirit never fade;**

**let there be light;  
open our hearts to wonder,  
perish the way of terror,  
hallow the world God made.**



## 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

Where Have All The Flowers Gone  
by Peter Seeger, arrangement Pierre Gallant

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Great Healer of Body and Soul, we experience freedom as we share our abundance. Receive the fullness of our offering. Increase the joy of our serving. Welcome our expressions of the good news. Set free the love of doing your work. In the name of our Sustainer, we pray. Amen.**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Strangest Dream  
by Ed McCurdy 1950  
Keith Whittall and Victoria Moulton vocals and guitar

## 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 MORE VOICES 173

## Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it;  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong – yet tender – hands,  
held out in trust and blessing.  
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,  
the heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith,  
in touch with those around you.  
Put peace into each other's hands;  
the Peace that sought and found you.

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

## MUSICAL SENDING

### **Benedictus**

Words: Traditional

Music: Karl Jenkins

Arrangement: Pierre Gallant

Performers: 'Mandala' choir, with Judy Hung and ensemble

Mandala Image: Claude Aimée Villeneuve

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.**

**Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.** Remembrance Sunday  
**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.** 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Outreach Sunday  
**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Reign of Christ Sunday  
**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.** Advent 1 West Island Shared Worship

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](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

**Sad News:** Barbara (Foss) Smith has passed in care at home, among family, after a time in hospital. Our love goes out to Peter and his family.

**Lynn Thompson** has been hard at work : cutting, folding and tucking old bulletin covers and stacks of colourful paper into a Christmas collection of cards. Wow! There are special occasion cards too, 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)

**Gifts with Vision Catalogues** have arrived! But since they will be at the church buildings, you will have to use the internet to see the inspiring programs the United Church is supporting. Use Gifts with Vision to buy for those you just don't know what to get for Christmas <https://giftswithvision.ca/>

**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

**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)