

Sunday Morning Worship
February 7th, 2021



**Being Generous with
our Lives**
**The Fourth Sunday
After Epiphany**
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.

MUSICAL CENTERING

Let Love Go First
Music and Words by Michael Woytiuk
Sandy and Allan Davis, Vocals

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

We Are A Rainbow
by David Kai (verse 1 & chorus)

**We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Come, let us gather in worship.

Let us bring the stories of our faith.

**Let us bring our memories of joy
and our tears of love.**

**Let us bring all of our yesterdays,
and the possibilities of all of our tomorrows,
and offer them to God.**

HYMN VOICES UNITED 288

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
There is no shadow of turning from thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

[Refrain]

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.**

refrain

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy God,

**you were with us when we were born,
you are with us as we grow,
you are with us when we hurt,
you are with us when we are whole.**

Thank you.

Thank you!

THANK YOU!

**Would you help us to see?
Would you help us to hear?
Would you help us to love?**

So we might change ourselves.

So we might change the world!

Amen.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury,
 and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury.
 Many rich people put in large sums.
 A poor widow came
 and put in two small copper coins,
 which are worth a penny.
 Then he called his disciples
 and said to them,
 "Truly I tell you,
 this poor widow has put in more than all those
 who are contributing to the treasury.
 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance;
 but she,
 out of her poverty,
 has put in all she had to live on,
 everything she had.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

A Foolish Gift

HYMN VOICES UNITED 353

'Tis the Gift to be Simple
 second words: V. Ferris and L. Dowdey

**'Tis the gift to be simple
 'tis the gift to be free
 'tis the gift that comes round where we ought to be
 and when we find ourselves in the place just right
 It will be in the valley of love and delight**

**When true simplicity is gained
 to bow and to bend we'll not be ashamed
 to turn, turn, will be our delight
 'cos by turning, turning,
 We come round right.**

***The earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof
 It's streets, it's slums, as well as stars above
 Salvation is here where we laugh, where we cry
 Where we seek and love, where we live and die***

***When the true liberty is found
 by fear and by hate we'll no more be bound
 In love and in life we'll find a new birth
 In peace and in freedom, redeem the earth.***

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OFFERING

We offer our prayer, time, talent, reflections, and resources

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please click these links, or those provided on the site to give to:
Or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prayer of Saint Francis

Music Michael Woytiuk
Kerry-Anne Kutz, Soprano

CHORAL DEDICATION VOICES UNITED 542

We Give You But Your Own

**We give you but your own,
What e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is yours alone,
We give it gratefully.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

God be with you all:

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

we lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God:

it is good to give God

thanks and praise!

(The communion prayer continues...)

This we remember; this we believe

By what we do here, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here,
that we and these gifts,
touched by your Spirit,
may be signs of life and love to one another,
and to all the world.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

Lord's Prayer

Our, in heaven,

holy is your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Blessing

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

For the bread we have eaten,

for the wine we have tasted,

for the life we have received,

we thank you God.

Grant that what we have done

and have been given here

may so put its mark on us,

that it may always remain in our hearts.

Grant that we may grow in love and understanding,

and that our lives may be ones of faithful action,

in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN VOICES UNITED 575

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.



I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

In support of "Black lives Matter" and Black History Month
Hymn to Freedom

music by Oscar Peterson, Arrangement by Michael Woytiuk

Thank you to for joining us today

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Feb 14th.	Transfiguration Sunday – Rev. Wendy Evans visiting Preacher
Feb 17th.	Ash Wednesday Service – Of Clay and Ash 2pm
Feb 21st.	First Sunday of Lent
Feb 28th.	Second Sunday of Lent

Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday 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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ryan – will be on Study Leave and a week's vacation from Feb 1-15th inclusive. If you have any pastoral needs please let the office know, or Pastoral Care: Ivy Lewis & Diane Nener.

Church Café – Fridays 2-3pm. Is on a hiatus for a couple of weeks

Zoom Practice Sessions – Also, on a hiatus for a couple of weeks

Social Time before Worship – will be on going for these couple of weeks. Meet online Sunday at **10am** Zoom details where we find them each week to join service.

Shrove Tuesday – Feb 16th Although we cannot meet in person, we can Zoom! Please join us on line with your pancakes, at **6pm**. Don't have a recipe? We've got you covered, look at the last 3 pages of the recent issue of MWMWM and you will be amazed. After we eat, there will be **trivia with Jane Cowell** starting at **6:30pm**.

Art Therapy for Seniors, our friends at Beaconsfield United invite you – Monday Feb 8th & 15th 1:30-3pm, sessions with Art Therapist Catherine Wells. Get details for the Zoom connection, from Jen Forest, just email her: community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com

Sex After 50 - Beaconsfield United Church invites you to join our Zoom workshop on with an incredibly special guest, Dr. Laurie Betito.

Sex and Love Have No Expiration Date!

In addition to having two private practices, Dr. Betito is also a syndicated broadcaster, with her nightly radio talk show Passion in Montreal, covering all topics related to love, sex and relationships, President of the Sexual Health Network of Quebec which advocates for sex education in schools, and also the author of The Sex Bible For People Over 50: The Complete Guide to Sexual Love for Mature Couples.

We will talk about sex and aging and spicing things up. Email for connection info:

community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com

Tuesday, February 16th between 8:00- 9:30 pm.

Kairos

ORA Loss & Living Program

Family Life Centre

All have ongoing events online, for details read the most recent Merging Waters Mid-week Message