

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge  
Sunday Morning Worship  
**Christian Family Sunday**  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

WELCOME/BIENVENUE

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life  
are welcome.

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.

*Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge,  
l'identité ou les conditions de vie.*

*Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui  
que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans  
l'amour et la communauté pour  
louer Dieu ensemble.*

*Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance*

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

Adagio

Music by Maurice Ravel  
Christine Bryce, oboe  
Pierre Gallant, piano

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

**HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

**We Are A Rainbow** *(verse 4)*

**When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,  
For our God will be with us on the way,  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.**

**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**

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## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Let us gather, children of the human family,

**we gather to worship the Spirit that Nurtures all.**

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

**we gather to worship the Sacred One in All.**

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

**we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings from the story, in thoughts and reflections.**

**Let us worship God.**

## HYMN MORE VOICES 142

## Oh A Song Must Rise

**Refrain: Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend,  
oh a song must rise once again.  
Singing out God's praises and glory,  
the faithful voices blend,  
oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

**From the mountains to the valleys,  
from the desert to the sea,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the voices of-our leaders,  
the voice of you and me,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**

**From poverty and riches,  
from the voice of young and old,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the free and the imprisoned,  
the timid and the bold,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**

**From ev'ry house of worship,  
in ev'ry faith and tongue,  
a song must rise once again.  
From the villages and cities,  
a new song must be sung,  
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**



## PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God of story, creator of us all, in the beginning you created humankind, we gather to worship you. We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends. We come to this time together where we are known by name, welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling. The Bible contains your story of love and encouragement and challenge, to your creation, to your children, to us. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with all of your creation. Today, may our hearts and minds be open to hear what your Spirit is saying to us. We pray. Amen.

## MUSICAL APPROACH VOICES UNITED 202/203

O Breath of Life/Viens, Créateur, emplis nos âmes

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.	En nos esprits met ta lumière; en nos cœurs verse ton amour; tu es la source inépuisable de la vraie vie, du vrai bonheur
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## GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:19-21

Then the mother and brothers of Jesus came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." But he said to them,

**"My mother and my brothers  
are those who hear the word of God and do it."**

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Family: Formed and Forming

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Make Mothers Day More with M&S

Mothers Day Prayer and M&S Video from the United Church of Canada

## 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

The Road Home

Lyrics by Lance Jones  
Music by Pierre Gallant

## CHORAL DEDICATION MORE VOICES 30

It's A Song Of Praise For The Maker

(verse 2 & refrain)

**It's a call of life to the Giver, when waves and waterfalls roar.  
It's a call of life to the Giver, when high tides break on the shore,  
And by the Spirit, you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**



PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

**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 actions as well as in our imaginings.  
Nourish our bodies and spirits,  
Inspiring us to share the abundance that 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,  
Through the faith that you have always shown in us.  
May we all make it so.  
Amen.**

**HYMN MORE VOICES 213**

**Take Up His Song**

**Take up his song of peace and go into the world  
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
Lay them down, in peace,  
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Take up his song of hope and go into the world  
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
Lay them down, in hope,  
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Take up his song of joy and go into the world  
Take up his song of joy in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
Lay them down, in joy,  
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Take up his song of love and go into the world  
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;  
Lay them down, in love,  
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

**Isn't She Lovely**  
Music: Stevie Wonder  
Piano: Pierre Gallant

*~ Thank you to for joining us today ~*



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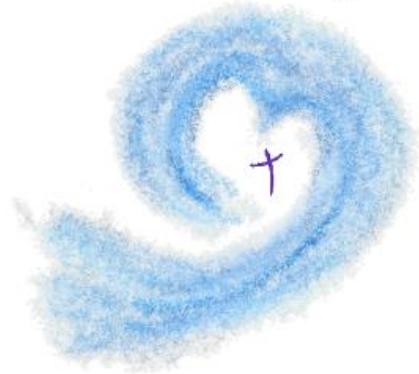
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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

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

- May 9<sup>th</sup>.** Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>.** Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Pentecost  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>.** Combined Worship with West Island United Churches (10 am)  
hosted by Cedar Park United Church on Facebook Live  
Discussion on ZOOM will follow the service  
Links will be provided at [www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online)

**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

**Church Café** – don't miss the get together on Fridays at 2pm.

May 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> time to visit and chate, come grow in the sharing as we get to know eachother.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Special Discussion “What are we called to be?” an informal discussion of what we hear the Spirit calling us to be as we embody expressions of our lives of faith.

May 21<sup>st</sup> discussing the Podcast ‘On Being’ featuring Carrie Newcomer: A Conversation with Music.

Glorious **handmade cards** by Lynn Thompson are on offer. Proceeds to Union church.

**Suitcases for Africa** – Virtual and contactless fundraising **Plant Sale** supporting the school in Kenya that is the focus of the Ebi Kimanani Fund. Perennial outdoor plants and indoor plants too.

**Union Church's Annual Plant Sale** is confirmed, starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Helen Fyles will operate the sale as she did last year with selection of plants on a Facebook page, send her an email, pick-up at her front lawn.

**Ste-Anne's Market** is by the waterside now, extended opening hours 9am to 2pm. Many more sellers of some of the best local produce and home cooked food this side of heaven.

**West Island Cancer Wellness Centre** – has a volunteer opportunity for someone 55+ to help seniors. If you are: Comfortable with computers (i.e. how to navigate the web, the Zoom platform, email, etc) and are: Patient and enjoy teaching others new things? Training provided.

**Sauvons la Forêt Fairview/Save Fairview Forest** is trying to protect the forest to the west of the Fairview Shopping Centre. If you haven't yet done so, we invite you to join the over 25,750 that have already signed the online petition. This petition is spearheaded by that wonderfully committed Geneviève Lussier, daughter of our own Susan Hawker, both of whom spoke to us last week for the Earth Day Service.

**St-John's United, in Pointe-Claire** has a food bank, you can drop-off on Wednesdays 11-noon or Wendy & Richard Buchanan have kindly offered to pick-up and drop-off for you.

**Lakeshore Association of Artists (LAA) and NOVA West Island** are holding an online exhibition of works, a fundraiser for NOVA. 50 artists taking part, running May 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

**Roxboro United** - UCW is excited to put on a **Silent Auction** starting Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> at noon, through May 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Details about these happenings and more in the Mid-Week message.  
Which you can find on our website [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca) click on the Stay Up-to-Date tab then on Mid-Week Message.