



**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
*Pride Sunday*  
**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 6<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

All of Who You Are

words and music by Michael Woytiuk  
sung by Jane Weber

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

At God's table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

**Here strangers are welcomed as friends,  
the poor worship alongside the rich,  
and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.**

At God's table of abundance,  
a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

**Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honour,  
and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.**

At God's table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

**Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility,  
the complacent are transformed into advocates for change.  
Here in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed.**



**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.**

*Chorus:*

**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.**

*(last time)* **Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**

**We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,  
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. *Chorus***

**We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. *Chorus***

**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. *Chorus***

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

Creating God—God beyond Gender,  
who makes no mistakes,  
who surprises us always,  
who molded the first person both male and female,  
who molded the first non-gendered human  
who loves all creation.

By your Word, God of Love, help us love the diversity of your creation.  
**Help us accept all varieties of gender in ourselves and in others.**

Spirit of novelty, help us celebrate those who are different from us  
**That we may learn to love each other as you love us,  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, both human and divine.**

**Amen.**

## MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES UNITED 21

*Open Our Hearts/Ouvre nos cœurs*

**Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God  
Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God  
*(last time)* Open our hearts.**

**Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvres nos pensées;  
ouvres nos vies à toi, O Dieu d'amour.  
Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvres nos pensées;  
ouvres nos vies à toi, O Dieu d'amour.  
*(dernière fois)* Ouvre nos cœurs.**



READING

“The Bird-Feather Rainbow”

by Rabbi Marc Gellman's  
story based on Genesis 8:1-12 & 9:8-17

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Rainbow Bridge of Community

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 My Life's A Circle

By Harry Chapin  
vocals and guitar offered by Keith Whittall and Victoria Moulton

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*Take, O take me as I am/Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis*

**Take, O take me as I am: summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis; fais-moi vivre que pour toi.  
Viens, mets ton sceau sur mon cœur; viens vivre en moi.**

PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our ..., in heaven,  
hallowed be 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,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**



HYMN/Cantique VOICES UNITED 595

We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)/Oh! ma sœur que je te serve

**We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**Je te ten - drai la lu - miè - re du Christ en tes nuits, tes peurs;  
t'of - fri - rai mes mains ou - ver - tes, di - rai la paix à ton cœur.**

**Je pleu - re - rai à tes lar - mes et je ri - rai a - vec toi;  
je par - ta - ge - rai tes pei - nes, ton es - pé - rance et tes joies.**

**When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Parade Your Positive  
music and lyrics by Michael Woytiuk  
sung by Sandy and Al Davis

*~ Thank you to for joining us today ~*

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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

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

- June 6<sup>th</sup>.** United Church Pride Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>.** Union Sunday – Celebration of the 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>.** Our Song of Faith – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
**June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Ecumenical Combined Worship Service with Merging Waters Pastoral Charge, St George's Anglican Church, Christ Church Beaurepaire Anglican Church, and Briarwood Presbyterian Church (10 am on ZOOM and YouTube Live)  
**July 4<sup>th</sup>.** Shared Summer Service Series begins (July 4<sup>th</sup> to Sept 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive) Weekly details will be located on the Merging Waters Website Services will begin at 10 am Sunday mornings

**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.

**Broadview Magazine** – Renewal of subscriptions has arrived!! SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING | CELEBRATING 192 YEARS. From the United Church of Canada, containing very thoughtful and moving articles and worth having come into your life.

<https://broadview.org/>

The annual group subscription rate is \$25/year for 8 issues. To get this great rate **Ivy and I need to hear from you by June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Ivy Lewis (Union) [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com), Susan Smith (BeaurepaireUC) [beaurepaire@bellnet.ca](mailto:beaurepaire@bellnet.ca)

**Annual Plant Sale – Union Church's Online** sale, has wound down. A gratitude filled thank you to all who supplied plants, bought plants and shared news of the sale with their contacts.

### **Suitcases For Africa (SCFA)**

ASANTE SANA – THANK YOU – MERCI

Thank you to everyone who supported the Suitcases for Africa plant sale. The sale was a very enthusiastic resounding success. The funds raised will be going to support our students who have really been struggling throughout the pandemic. Here are some of our high school students who have been supported in their education since lower primary school

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

**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.

**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>.

**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.

### **Looking for ways to be a rainbow of hope to 2S&LGBTQAI+ peoples?**

- Attend the upcoming workshop from the West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre Free of Charge hosted by the Family Life Centre:

Demystifying Transgender Identity Tuesday June 29th, 1:30 pm contact the Family Life Centre to register send an email to [familylifecentre@gmail.com](mailto:familylifecentre@gmail.com) for the ZOOM link.

- Check out this guide from the Trevor Project on being an ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/trevor-support-center/a-guide-to-being-an-ally-to-transgender-and-nonbinary-youth/>

- Looking for a way to understand terms used by rainbow communities? Check out this glossary of terms from the United Steel Workers:

<https://www.usw.ca/districts/6/district-6-steel-pride/lgbtq2sia-mini-glossary>

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.