

Greetings Merging Waters,

June 17th, 2021

This week we're lifting up our great joy and thanksgiving for the life and work of Merging Waters. This will be a celebration of our collective ministry with gratitude being lifted up for the faith community of Merging Waters and special appreciation lifted up for the Ministry of Music that Pierre has shared with us in his time as staff. Pierre has let the Boards know that he will be retiring at the end of June from his staff position, but he will be remaining with us in community as Merging Waters is his home faith community - so we have much to celebrate.

As we lift up our thanksgiving and gratitude for our life of faith we will share in music and word, reflection and thanksgiving through a Service of music woven together with [A Song Of Faith](#), one of the beautifully composed and deeply thoughtful Creedal Statements of the United Church of Canada. This beautiful theological statement published in 2006 that is both contemporary and moving can move us to ask ourselves many things but this week let us reflect on the following:

- Where is it that you experience connection with the Divine/Spirit/God/That which is Within-and-Beyond/the Holy One-In-All in your life?
- When have you experienced this within the Merging Waters community?
- How does this experience enrich your life?
- What can you do, individually and together, to help the Merging Waters family provide one another and those in the wider community and world the opportunity to experience this spiritual connection as well?

I am so pleased to be able to lift up our gratitude this week for the work of the church and in particular for Pierre having shared his many gifts with us in his time with the Union and Merging Waters Ministry of Music. My own gratitude for his inspiration, support, and insights cannot be overstated. I join you in lifting up gratitude for our lives of faith, the wonderful work of mission, outreach, and worship that we all share and how these are enriched and inspired as we sing out our song of faith together.

I look forward to celebrating the journey as we continue it this week and into the future.

Peace and hope,

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