



**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship**

**Creation Asks:
Hear My Stories**

**June Sept 19th, 2021
Creation Time Week 2**

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

As we begin worship, we acknowledge the land we are on. This is the living land of the Creator. On this land are beings that move; feathered and furry, four legs and two legged, our companions. On this land are still beings; Cedar and maple, oak and pine, flowering and leafed, our wise and ancient siblings. On this land are the flowing beings; oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, ebbing and flowing, our source of being. Over this land blows the winds and breezes, our breath and life.

We acknowledge the lands our churches and many of homes sit on have been stewarded by the first peoples of Turtle Island, among them the Kanien'kehá:ka, "Mohawk" peoples, as well as nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the neighbouring Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabeg, and Abenaki peoples. We commit ourselves as faith communities to the multi-generational work of reconciliation and the pursuit of true justice and flourishing wellbeing for all peoples of all races and ethnicities who now call Canada home.

MUSICAL CENTERING

Open Letter To The Earth

by Terry Tufts
Vocals Eric Norris joined on guitar by Jm Fyles



WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

SONG OF CELEBRATION

We Are A Rainbow *verse 1 and 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.**

**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.**

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

On this Sunday in Creation Time,
we come before our Creator God with praise!

Let us rejoice in the fields!

Let us rejoice in the forests!

Let us thank the Divine One for our many gifts!

We lift up our hearts in song.

All sing: MORE VOICES 30 It's A Song Of Praise To The Maker *verse 1 and chorus*

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

RECOGNITION OF BROKENESS AND RECONILIATION

Eternal God,
you have given us the beautiful sunrises of our lives.

Sometimes we do not notice them.

You have given us the harmonious songs of every kind of bird of the air.

Sometimes we do not pay attention.

You have given us the soft touch of another's hands.

Sometimes we do not feel it.

You have given us the aromas of lovely flowers and good food.

Sometimes we do not smell them.

You have given us the mysteries of the universe to discover and unfold.

Sometimes we do not consider these.

Instead, we pollute the air and water.

Yet you still love us.

We continue to create mounds of garbage.

Yet you continue to forgive us.

**Show us the way to use our creativity and imagination to repair the damage
we have done and to restore your holy gift of a healthy planet.**



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pouring out of rock and hill and spring comes the grace of God like many waters, drenching you in mercy, love, and peace. Tip back your head, open your spirit, and receive forgiveness.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN/CANTIQUE MORE VOICES 135

Called By Earth and Sky

/Tu sais, je t'ai appelé par ton nom

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

**Précieux est l'air que l'on respire, libre est le vent:
Esprit qui souffle, viens nous instruire, de grâce nous comblant.**

**Du ciel et de la terre, nous entendons l'appel;
nous devons chérir l'univers. Écrin de vie, précieuse et belle;
du ciel et de la terre.**

**Précieuses nous sont les montagnes qui, de tous temps,
grandioses rochers, nous accompagnent,
de leur force et leur chant.**

**Du ciel et de la terre, nous entendons l'appel;
nous devons chérir l'univers. Écrin de vie, précieuse et belle;
du ciel et de la terre.**

**Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Great Spirit, Loving God, Christ of Life: In this Season of Creation, as the earth cries out for mercy we join her voice, as we pray in words of faith. In the changing seasons, we see our own lives change. In the strange skies, that hold the smoke of fires burning a continent away, we realize how we breathe the same air as our distant neighbours. In the hope of a future of gentle kindness and reassuring hope, we turn to your ancient words in scripture. Turn us, as you have always turned your followers, so we find ourselves following you closely, seeking direction and trusting you are the way. Amen.

MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES UNITED 21

Open Our Hearts/Ouvre nos cœurs

Open our hearts, open our minds.	Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvres nos pensées;
Open our lives to you O loving God	ouvres nos vies à toi, O Dieu d'amour.
Open our hearts, open our minds.	Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvres nos pensées;
Open our lives to you O loving God	ouvres nos vies à toi, O Dieu d'amour.
Open our hearts.	

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

Jesus left with his disciples and started through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know about it, because he was teaching the disciples that the Son of Man would be handed over to people who would kill him. But three days later he would rise to life.

**The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant,
and they were afraid to ask.**

Jesus and his disciples went to his home in Capernaum. After they were inside the house, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about along the way?" They had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest, and so they did not answer.

After Jesus sat down and told the twelve disciples to gather around him, he said,
**"If you want the place of honor, you must become a slave and
serve others!"**

Then Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm around the child and said,
**"When you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me.
And when you welcome me, you welcome the one who sent me."**

ANOTHER VOICE

"The Honorable Harvest"

from Braiding Sweetgrass by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

All Your Children



There was a child in Galilee
 who wandered wild along the sea.
 A holy child, alone was she,
 and they called her Dreaming Mary.
 And she dreamed, rejoicing in her saviour;
 she dreamed of justice for the poor.
 She dreamed that kings oppressed no more
 when she dreamed, that Dreaming Mary.

One holy day an angel came
 with voice of wind and eyes of flame.
 He promised blessed would be her name
 when he spoke to Dreaming Mary.
 Then she spoke, rejoicing in her saviour.
 She spoke of justice for the poor.
 She spoke that kings oppressed no more
 when she spoke, that Dreaming Mary.

And did she dream about a son?
 And did he speak, the angel one?
 We only know God's will was done
 in the son of Dreaming Mary.
 Then she prayed, rejoicing in her saviour.
 She taught him justice for the poor.
 She taught that kings oppressed no more
 when she taught,

Then Jesus grew in Galilee,
 they wandered wild along the sea.
 Now he calls to you and me
 to dream with Dreaming Mary.
 And we dream, rejoicing in our saviour.
 We dream of justice for the poor.
 We dream that kings oppress no more
 as we dream with Dreaming Mary.

OFFERING

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

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[Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sunrise

by Leslie Ludy
 piano, Michael Woytiuk

Images of creation encountered while camping in
 Quebec during the Covid-19 pandemic



CHORAL DEDICATION CHORALE MORE VOICES 85

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 JOY AND CONCERN

You are in the kitchen all night,
slicing, preparing, cooking, baking food for all of your children
so we can feast at your table.
You do not clench your fist
tight around your grace, but let it pour from your open hands
upon those who need it most. We are blessed by such a God as you!

You sit into the wee hours, telling us your stories,
until our weary souls
fall fast asleep.
You wrap us in the swaddling clothes of faithfulness,
sending us forth to serve the broken of our world.
We are called by such a Servant as you!

Tenacity and grace
are the work clothes
you put on each morning,
so you might mentor your children. Sagacity is sprinkled
throughout your words,
sympathy trips off your tongue.
We are taught by such a Spirit as you!

You are invited at this time to share prayers of joy and concern in the chat

In you, God in Community, Holy in One,
we have found all we need and long for,
and we Offer the prayer we have been taught,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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**



**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
All my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**Je t'apprendrai mon nom à chaque pas.
Lis-le en tous ceux que tu rencontreras.
En versant l'eau en mon nom,
proclame la communion;
et de Jésus, qui s'est donné, suis les pas.**

**Tu auras besoin de moi en chemin.
En tous lieux, sens ma présence et mon soutien.
Comme cette femme en pleurs
qui a surmonté ses peurs,
touche et laisse aller Jésus sur son chemin.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

MUSICAL SENDING

Everything is Beautiful

by Ray Stevens
Vocals by Patti Murphy
Orchestra by Michael Woytiuk

~ Thank you to for joining us today ~



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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Sept 19th.	Creation Time 2 – Creation Asks: Here My Stories (online only)
Sept 26th.	Creation Time 3 – Orange Shirt Day (in person and online)
Oct 3rd.	Creation Time 4 – World Communion Sunday
Oct 10th.	Creation Time 5 – Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 17th.	World Food Sunday
Oct 24th.	The Sunday of Grace
Oct 31st.	All Saints Day

Currently we are alternating between in person and online worship
Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CAFÉ returns with a blast of autumn air
Join Engaging Discussions and
Visits with neighbours
Hosted by with Rev. Ryan

Every Friday
On ZOOM @ 2 pm
see mergingwaters.ca and the mid-week message for
weekly updates



FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE – Sept 24th will be a day for global action on climate justice with Fridays For Future. There will be a global strike to call on governments, companies, and people to act to protect the planet and all who live on Earth. Get a group together from Merging Waters or participate as an individual or family. Find a planned strike to join or start a local climate action on your area: <https://fridaysforfuture.org/september24/>

Lynn Thompson – is selling glorious handmade cards featuring origami decorations using assorted papers. The cards are \$2.00 each and all proceeds go to Union Church. Anyone interested in ordering cards can reach Lynn by phone (450-218-6131) or email (lynnathompson3@icloud.com) and arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery.



EMERGENCY AID FOR HAITI

On the morning of **Saturday, August 14**, Haiti was struck by a severe earthquake. The extent of the damage is still unclear. Haitians and the international community are working hard to rescue people trapped under the rubble. But the number of deaths is rising. Many homes and community buildings have been destroyed. Hospitals have also been damaged, and acutely injured and traumatized people are struggling to find help. And what's more, Tropical Storm Grace hit Haiti on August 16, making an already bad situation worse.

The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. Today, people in Haiti need emergency shelter, clean water, and food.

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Details about these happenings and more in the mid-week message
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