



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21st, 2021

Final Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Ryan Fea presiding

Michael Woytiuk Ministry of Music

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 text for congregational response – please note, to respect spacing, safety and capacity limits this morning we are asked to remain masked, hum along to hymns, and speak gently in any responsive liturgies and prayers.

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

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 a faith community to the multi-generational work of reconciliation and the pursuit of true justice and flourishing wellbeing for all peoples who now call Canada home.

MUSICAL CENTERING

Pie Jesu

by Andrew Lloyd Webber
sung by Wendy Hamel

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

What will we make of this time and this place?

**Lets make this a time and place where God's Word is written on our hearts,
Where we celebrate the lives we live, inspired by the message of the Christ,
Enflamed by the Spirit!**



SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN VOICES UNITED 691

Though Ancient Walls

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act.**

Refrain:

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!**

**When vested power stands firm entrenched
And breaks another's back,
When waste and want live side by side,
It's Gospel that we lack. R**

**The truth we seek in varied scheme,
The life that we pursue,
Unites us in a common quest
For self and world made new. R**

**The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! R**

**This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
Cast off all slavery! R**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

You are the source of all things.
You are the beginning and end.
You are the great "I am."
And we are blessed in knowing you,
God of all things.
We ask for your help.

Help us.

We ask for your wisdom.

Guide us.

We ask for your compassion.

Love us.

So that we might be
compassionate and wise as we help in your world.

**May it be this way,
by your grace, Loving God. Amen.**



EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the holy throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from all that turns us away from God, one another, the world, and ourselves, by giving his whole self, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Creator, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.**

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.

What have you done?’

Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’



Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Your Generosity Matters

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

Peace and Love

by Keith Whittall

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Grudgingly or joyfully, dutifully or impulsively, we offer to you, O God, the work of our hands and the plenty of our hearts. Bless us as we continue to become ever more your people of the Way of Jesus. Equip us in our self-giving for your reign here and now. Amen.



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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**

HYMN MORE VOICES 171

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Refrain:

**Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, but yours
Here on this earth yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion**

**No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
No hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
No touch but yours to bind the broken
Hope of the people of God. R**

**No eyes but yours to see
As Christ would see,
To find the lost,
To gaze with compassion
No eyes but yours to glimpse
The holy joy of the city of God. R**

**No feet but yours to journey
With the poor to walk this
World with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build
A lasting Peace For the children of God. R**

**Through every gift, give back to those in need;
As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
With every gift a benediction be
To the people of God. R**



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

What the World Needs Now

Lyrics by Hal David
music by Burt Bacharach
sung by Patti Murphy

~ Thank you to for joining us today ~

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Welcome Grace Service Love
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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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| Nov 21 st . | Reign of Christ – Worship to be held at Beaurepaire United Building
25 Fieldfare, Beaurepaire Village |
| Nov 21 st . | Beaurepaire Congregational Meeting (immediately following the service) |
| Nov 24 th . | Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Official Board (7 pm) |
| Nov 28 th . | Advent 1 – Hope – Followed by the Women’s Advent Event (Adair Hall) – see
Mid-Week Message for details. |
| Dec 5 th . | Advent 2 – Peace/Human Rights Sunday |
| Dec 12 th . | Advent 3 – Joy Sunday |
| Dec 19 th . | Advent 4 – Love Sunday |
| Dec 24 th . | Christmas Eve (Family Service 7 pm (online) and Candlelight Service 9 pm) |
| Dec 26 th . | Cocoa and Carols Service – First Sunday After Christmas (online) |

Unless otherwise indicated all services are 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pay It Forward

Canadians are receiving COVID vaccines, people in many other parts of the world have no way to get them.

Your gift of 25\$ will provide a complete COVID-19 vaccination to one person in a country where vaccines are in short supply. 25\$ to save a life. <https://giftswithvision.ca/collections/featured/products/pay-it-forward>



Church Café Advent of Discussion, activities, song, and FUN: Church Café continues weekly on ZOOM Fridays 2 pm with special themes throughout Advent.

November 26th – December 17th. Grab a cocoa and share!

“Being Stone Catchers” – Nov. 26th, 2021 2 pm on ZOOM. Join Rev. Ryan and Eric Norris for a conversation about Krista Tippett's conversation with Bryan Stevenson.



Bryan Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative

(<https://eji.org/>), and authors of the book *Just Mercy*. He is a Black lawyer based in Montgomery Ala. His organization is working to change the unequal treatment of black people by both the police and the criminal justice system. We in Canada certainly face some similar concerns, particularly as to policing, treatment of racialized communities, and right relations with Indigenous Peoples.

Mr. Stevenson refers to Jesus' admonition - only those without sin should be allowed to cast the first stone. He suggests that we may need to become "stone catchers" to try to mend our increasingly fractured society. We invite you to listen to the podcast and join in the conversation Nov 26th. It can be found at: <https://onbeing.org/programs/bryan-stevenson-finding-the-courage-for-whats-redemptive/>.

Dec 3rd - Do you know how many of the Gospels include a birth narrative for Jesus? Come and celebrate preparing for the birth of the Christ Child with fun and informative trivia. Test your Christmas Gospel knowledge. No letter grades for this gathering just fun!!



Dec 10th - Does O Come All Ye Faithful get your spirit up? Love to sing Joy to

The World? Get ready to tap your toes and sing along. We're going to share our favourite Christmas Carols. Not only will we talk about them but, with the help of modern technology, we will enjoy your favourite Christmas Carols together. Warmup your vocal chords, or not, we're going to have lots of fun.



Dec 17th - Don we now our Bake apparel?! It's cold outside! Let's bake something yummy inside! This week we're going to share our favourite Christmas recipes – type it up to share or trade a link. No baking during the gathering but if you make something in advance you can show off your goodies and share the story of how this recipe became your fav Christmas delicacy.



JOIN US ON ZOOM – LIVE online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87988296312>

Or by phone: 438-809-7799 Meeting ID: 879 8829 6312

These and other announcements available in the Mid-week message

