



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

Let It Run

2nd Sunday of Epiphany
January 16th, 2022

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

GREETING

God is good
all the time.

All the time
God is Good.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

BOLD print indicates an invitation for congregational response and participation

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the lands our churches and many of our 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, the pursuit of true justice and flourishing well-being for all peoples who now call Canada home.

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

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

CENTERING HYMN MORE VOICES 18 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**God, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.**



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

In this Epiphany time, we will not keep silent, we will not rest.

Our vindication shines out like the new dawn.

Let God light a path for us, that we may move into new relationships.

We have been called by the Divine into new ways of being.

God's torch has been passed to us, in this our light has come.

We are not forsaken; we are not desolate.

In God, we find our delight.

Let glory be on our lips as we delight in the Sacred presence.

May God inspire us as we offer our worship.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

With open minds and open hearts, we come before you, God. You have shared tremendous news with us: news of the birth of Jesus, news of his baptism, news so incredible that it cannot be contained. We bring together all our resources, all that we are, all that we have, to share the good news. We are called to be more, we are called to be a community of faith, we are called to be the church. Be with us now as we discern your calling, as we discern our discipleship. We pray these things in the sweet name of Jesus, AMEN.

HYMN MORE VOICES 106

I Am the Dream

**I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in ev'ry silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.**

**I am the bell and you the silence.
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.
I am the blest and you the blessing.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.**

**You are the word and I the echo.
You are the leader and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.**

RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS AND RECONCILIATION

Listening God, when we take the time to see and use and understand the incredible gifts you have shared with us, we are in awe. At the same time, we also realize how we have misused the gifts of your Spirit. When life is happening so fast, we act and speak before we think. We have caused harm by our "off the cuff" remarks. Our actions have led to exclusion. Knowingly and unknowingly we have caused harm. Forgive us our mistakes, forgive our ignorance, forgive us, forgive....

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE



EXPLORING THE EPIPHANY BOX

HYMN MORE VOICES 82

Bathe Me In Your Light

**Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul
with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright
through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith,
in your embrace.**

**Bathe me in your love,
O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path
of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to
the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings
the heart release.**

**Bathe me in your grace,
O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways
that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage
that leads to truth and wholeness,
fill me with your promise of a love
that knows no length.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

My friends, you asked me about spiritual gifts. I want you to remember that before you became followers of the Lord, you were led in all the wrong ways by idols that cannot even talk. Now I want you to know that if you are led by God's Spirit, you will say that Jesus is Lord, and you will never curse Jesus.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Divine Purpose, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. Some of us can speak with wisdom, while others can speak with knowledge, but these gifts come from the same Spirit. To others the Spirit has given great faith or the power to heal the sick or the power to work mighty miracles. Some of us are prophets, and some of us recognize when God's Spirit is present. Others can speak different kinds of languages, and still others can tell what these languages mean. But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.



GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-11

Three days later Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there.

**When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus,
“They don’t have any more wine.”**

Jesus replied, “Mother, my time hasn’t yet come: You must not tell me what to do.”

Mary then said to the servants, “Do whatever Jesus tells you to do.”

At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, he said, “Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast.” The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine. He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did. He called the bridegroom over and said, “The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!” This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Let It Run

OFFERING

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

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Love is the Greatest Part of It

words and music by Michael Woytiuk

*There is wisdom and courage, expression in art,
Stories of sacrifice that tear at your heart,
Folks helping homeless on street to survive,
The touch of a healer saving lives.*

*There are gardeners and teachers with patience to spare,
Ecologists inventing schemes clean up the air,
And volunteers always doing more than their share,
Food banks and shelters for those in despair.*

Refrain;

*Love is the greatest part of it, love in kindness shared!
Love is the greatest part of it, love moves everywhere.*

*There are agencies created for disaster relief,
Doctors without borders risking all over seas,
Throughout the years the leaders who have won the Peace Nobel
And Suit Cases for Africa we know a so well!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate ourselves, our time and talents, our energies and money, to sharing the good news of God's abundant and generous love. Help us use all that we are and all that we have to ensure that this story is shared: a story of love and support, prayer and worship, a story of seeing our gifts turned into much needed resources through the mission and ministry of the church. Bless each gift and each giver. In your Holy name, we pray. 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**



**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.**

**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire
Debout solidaire, traçons un grand cercle.**

**Que nos cœurs touchent les horizons,
enveloppant chaque lieu;
notre amour sans fin répondra
à l'appel de Dieu.**

**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire
Debout solidaire, traçons un grand cercle.**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

SENDING FORTH

Each day we are blessed by many of God's gifts.

Enable us to use them wisely, sharing them with generous hearts.

We are called to be light in our world.

Let us share the light that never goes out.

BENEDICTION

God is good
all the time.

All the time
God is good.

We go in peace. Amen.

MUSICAL SENDING

Sanctuary

by Carrie Newcomer
Myrna Moffat, vocals
Pierre Gallant, piano

~ Thank you for joining us today ~



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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Jan 16th.	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany – Let it Run
Jan 23rd.	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany – We, the Anointed Ones
Jan 30th.	Combined Worship West Island United Churches
Feb 6th.	4 th Epiphany – Here! Now! Are You Ready?
Feb 13th.	5 th Epiphany – With My Whole Heart... Thank You!

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