



**Merging Waters United Church  
Sunday Morning Worship**

*Poetry and Music to Begin a Journey*

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Led by the Spiritual Formation Committee and Michael Woytiuk, Ministry of Music

WELCOME/BIENVENUE

Please join in the responses in **bold text**

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

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

**The Merging Waters United Church community is located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations.**

**Our community honours, recognizes and respects these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.**

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

*Light a candle at home if you wish!*

The Christ candle is lit. We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's Spirit.

**The Christ candle is lit. We come to worship and to honour all that we share as a people searching for truth.**

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12: 7 – 11

All God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but that all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they originate in God's Spirit.

**God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it and everyone benefits.**

All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: Wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common goal, but are handed out one by one by the Spirit of God. He decides who gets what and when.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

SONG VU 766 – As the Deer Pants for the Water (Psalm 42)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Creator God, we come to you, two communities now one. We seek comfort and guidance as we start our great new adventure. Please grant us wisdom and courage. Amen**

POEM **Solace** by Diana Jackson

MUSIC **Sanctuary** by Carrie Newcomer

POEM **Much of What I Need to Know I Learned from Gramma's Quilt** by Diana Jackson

OFFERING

We honor and give thanks for these offerings, whether they be here today, or by other means of giving, such as PAR or cheques sent to the church office.

Our gifts of time and talent we also offer, that all may further the work of this church in the local area and in other parts of the world.

**All that we have is yours alone – a trust, O God, from you. Amen**

MUSICAL OFFERING **Ripple** by Jerry Garcia (Grateful Dead)

SONG MV 144 – Like a Healing Stream

POEM **Gratitude** by Diana Jackson

SONG VU 400 – Listen to Your Children Praying

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

THE PRAYER OF JESUS VU 916 - A Paraphrase

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.**

**Parent of us all, Loving God in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and  
come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and  
forever. Amen.**

POEM **Love** by Diana Jackson

SONG VU 375 – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

MUSIC **Merging Waters** Words by Diana Jackson, Music by Pierre Gallant

COMMISSIONING

We have come together today, two streams converging and merging.

**We move forward now, together in love and service. Thanks be to God!**

MUSICAL SENDING **Let Your Love Flow** by Larry E. Williams (The Bellamy Brothers)

**Thank you for joining in worship today ❤️**

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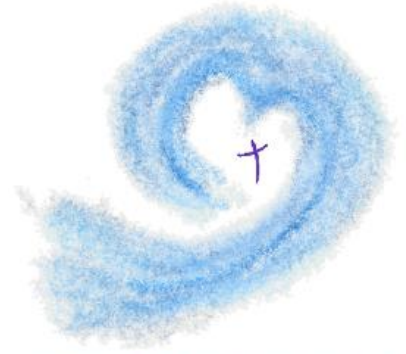
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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

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

**September 18<sup>th</sup> Beaurepaire** – led by Marie Silvenie Chery

**September 25<sup>th</sup> Union** – led by Adedeji Sunday Akintayo

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> Beaurepaire** World Communion Sunday – led by Lisa Byer-de Wever