



## Merging Waters United Church

### Sunday Morning Worship

# CALLED TOGETHER

Sunday, January 15, 2023

## 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.

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

Keep our worship scent-free! To help fellow worshippers with chemical sensitivities, please do not wear perfume or scented products (lotion, hair spray) if attending in person.

***To protect personal privacy, please do not take photos or videos without authorization.***

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

## LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

## 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.

## MUSICAL CENTERING

Voices United #374 Come and Find the Quiet Center

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Light a candle at home if you wish!

## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Friends, in God we have been graced with wisdom and knowledge,  
we are not lacking in any spiritual gift.  
We are continually encouraged and strengthened,  
called as partners in Christ's mission of love and service to the world.  
We gather in hope.  
We worship with the Spirit at play in our hearts.  
Praise be to the God of goodness and light!

**Amen.**

**SONG** Voices United 567 – Will You Come and Follow Me

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

You who gives all,

**holding back nothing for the sake of fuller,**

wider expressions of love,

**move us this day to take similar risks.**

Grace us with renewed confidence,

**and inspire us with an inviting,**

touchable vision for life, work, and service in your name.

**Amen**

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1–7 - John 1:29–42

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Called Together

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

*lyrics by Roger McGuinn arrangement by Michael Woytiuk*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All that we are, O God,

and all we are called to be,

**we bring to this special moment of offering and hope.**

**may our gifts be used imaginatively for the well-being of all.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

## THE PRAYER OF JESUS / 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**

**SONG More Voices 140** – As Long As We Follow (Na Nzela Na Iola)


## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Go now, beloved,  
to follow the love of God  
to be surprised by God's wonder  
to lift your voice for love and compassion.  
Dare to believe that you are people  
on a mission of healing and grace.  
Feel God's encouragement  
to be a blessing as you offer blessings  
with your heart and hands and  
know that you never, ever go alone.  
Amen.

## MUSICAL SENDING

You Are The Light Of The World

*Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz arrangement by Michael Woytiuk*

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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

**January 22, 2023**      **Fieldfare** – Third after Epiphany - led by Lisa Byer-de-Wever

**January 29, 2023**      **Roxboro** – Fourth after Epiphany & Fifth Sunday cluster service