



## Merging Waters United Church

### Sunday Morning Worship

## From the Heart

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sixth after Epiphany

## 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.***

## 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:

Let Beauty awake

*music by Ralph Vaughan Williams & Words by Robert Louis Stevenson, sung by Jon Davis*

## Breath Prayer

## CANDLE LIGHTING

**Light** a candle at home if you wish!

## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

*Based on Psalm 119:1–2*

How sacred are those whose path is honest and just,

**who boldly stride out in the spirit of God!**

Sacred are they that pay attention to Wisdom,

**seeking God's inner voice with all their heart.**

Friends,

be joyful in the kindness of God.

**May the Spirit lead us further into the ways of costly love.**

Come, let us worship.

## SONG: Voices United # 381

Spirit of Life

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of our deepest yearnings,

give us devoted hearts that seek

to listen, think, and feel anew.

Open in us

the wisdom of Jesus,

with the courage needed

to travel his life-giving road.

Amen.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Let Love Go First

*Lyrics and music by Michael Woytiuk*

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21–37

## Exercise

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

From the Heart

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

*by Al Green and Annie Lennox*

## OFFERING

## OFFERATORY HYMN *More Voices #187*

Reamo Leboga

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to you, O God,

**whose love teaches us abundance and belonging.**

May we use them to face the death and adversity

**we bring on ourselves and others.**

May we be inspired

**by the life and prosperity, you infuse in Creation.**

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**

## **HYMN: MORE VOICES #154**

Deep in our Hearts

## **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:

Fair House of Joy

*By Roger Quilter sung by Jon Davis*

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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

19-Feb-23	Transfiguration Sunday Sacred Encounters	Maple
22-Feb-23	Ash Wednesday Voices in the Wilderness	Time and location TBD
26-Feb-23	Lent 1	Fieldfare
05-Mar-23	Lent 2	Maple
12-Mar-23	Lent 3 Merging Waters annual meeting Bring your lunch!	Fieldfare
19-Mar-23	Lent 4 Celebration of covenant between Lisa Byer-de Wever and Merging Waters United Church 2 pm with reception to follow  Note: No morning service	Maple