



Merging Waters United Church

Among Palms and Betrayals

Palm/Passion Sunday April 2, 2023

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

We'd like to take this time to acknowledge that Merging Waters United Church and Beaurepaire United Church is situated within the traditional and unceded territories of the Kanien'keha:ka (GAN-I-YAN-GE-HA-GA), also known as the Mohawk, first nation. We honour and respect their culture and their stewardship of the land, and we repent of the harm that the church has caused to them and other Indigenous peoples. We aim to encourage ourselves to take some time today (and every day) to reflect on our relationship with this land and on what we each can do to be in right relationship with the Indigenous Peoples whose land we live on.

MUSICAL CENTERING

Hosanna - music and lyrics by Pierre Gallant

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

Light a candle at home if you wish!

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

It is only one week, but this week is a wilderness of emotion and heartbreak. Everything that could happen happens: celebration, betrayal, feasts, and love made real, hearts are broken, and faith questioned. It all happens here in this one week.

It is a wildness that we know.
We have wandered through it,
and we come again today to find God never strays but is hidden behind every rock.
God's reflection is in every puddle and every stream.
God is in all these days,
just as God will be a part of every day of our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

Great God, sometimes we are frozen in time.
We feel like we can't move forward.
We feel stuck and wonder if this is all that will ever be. In these wild moments, we most need to find your grace.

HYMN: MORE VOICES #8

And On This Path

Day 1 Palm Sunday - The parade

Matthew 21: 1–11

Day 2 Holy Monday - Flipping the tables

Matthew 21: 12–17

SONG: Sounds of Silence - *Simon and Garfunkel, arranged by Michael Woytiuk*

Day 3 Holy Tuesday - The anointing at Bethany

Matthew 26: 6–13

HYMN: MORE VOICES #214

May God's Sheltering Wings

Day 4 Spy Wednesday- Jesus is betrayed

Matthew 26: 47–56

SONG:

Reflection # 10 by Robert Schumann

Day 5 Maundy Thursday- Set the table

Matthew 26: 17–19

HYMN: VOICES UNITED # 603

In Loving Partnership We Come

Day 6 Good Friday - Compassionate Christ

Matthew 26: 20–25

SONG:

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

Day 7 Holy Saturday - A stone seals the tomb

Matthew 27: 57–66

SONG:

Reflection # 13 by Robert Schumann

BLESSING - AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that the Christ
still travels the roads of human life
and is never defeated by our humanness.
We believe that the church
can carry Love wherever we go
and that our dreams of faithfulness
can be given new possibilities in each day.
We believe that, here in this place,
we will find inspiration and encouragement,
that will lead us on
in our journey with the Christ.

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

06-Apr-23	Maundy Thursday Shared meal – bring your own picnic supper Wilderness Elements	Maple
07-Apr-23	Good Friday At the Crossroads 10:30 am	Cedar Park United Church, 204 Lakeview, Pointe-Claire
09-Apr-23	Easter sunrise ecumenical service 7:00 am	St-Joachim 2 Ave Ste Anne, Pointe-Claire On the Lakeshore
09-Apr-23	Easter Sunday Sacrament of communion with Rev. Rosemary Lambie Joy Comes Alive	Fieldfare
16-Apr-23	Second Sunday of Easter Resurrection Witness	Maple
23-Apr-23	Third Sunday of Easter Eyes of the Heart	Fieldfare
30-Apr-23	Easter 4 Sensing Awe	Maple

Please consult the website for online worship links:

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

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