



Merging Waters United Church,

4th Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023

SENSING AWE

WELCOME / BIENVENUE

The people will join in those responses that appear in bold face print. The service is to be used for ministry personnel entering into a new pastoral relationship with a community of faith, or another ministry such as hospital chaplaincies, social service ministries, etc. The term “community of faith” has been used throughout, but where appropriate, the name of the ministry term should be substituted, e.g., “N Pastoral Charge.”

This service takes place in the community of faith to which the new minister has been called or appointed.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

MUSICAL CENTERING: Springtime by Pierre Gallant

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE – Light a candle at home if you wish.

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We are different people;
each one of us unique.
We look different, sound different,
think different thoughts,
hold different opinions,
feel different emotions.

God gathers us all together – with all our differences,

quirks, all our gifts and challenges – to break bread,
sing songs,
open our hearts to prayer and share in devotion to the One who unites and
transforms us.

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit. we stand before You, as we gather together in Your name.

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit.

Make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Holy Spirit, fill me with your gifts.

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

Kindle in me Your goodness, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of
your love.

Holy Spirit, be present in my heart. Amen

HYMN MV #28

God of the Bible

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 42 – 47

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and
in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by
the apostles.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every
man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking
bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness
of heart,

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

HYMN: MV # 154

Deep In Our Hearts

APPLICATION FOR TODAY: SENSING AWE

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Companions on the Journey

Words and music by Carey Landry, arrangement by Michael Woytiuk

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring what we have, O God. We know many around us are in need, and while we cannot do everything, we know that you can take what we offer and use it to make a difference. Take these gifts, brought with glad and generous hearts, and use them for the goodwill of all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER/NOTRE PÈRE

Notre Père qui es aux cieux,

que ton nom soit sanctifié,

que ton règne vienne,

que ta volonté soit faite

sur la terre comme au ciel.

Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.

Pardonne-nous nos offenses

comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.

Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.

Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.

HYMN: MV # 196

We Will Take What You Offer

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

God, the creator, births and nurtures you.

God, the life-giver, sustains you on life's journey and will never abandon you.

Go from this place with the assurance of God's love.


Model the grace of God in our world so that others will know they want to be
a part of God's unwavering love. Amen.

MUSICAL SENDING

I'd like to teach the world to sing.

Words and Music by Backer, Davis, Cook and Greenway,

Arranged by Michael Woytiuk

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES

07-May-23	Easter 5 Emboldened to Proclaim	Fieldfare	Acts 7:55–60 Psalm 31:1–5, 15–161 Peter 2:2–10 John 14:1–14
14-May-23	Easter 6 “To See Is to Love” Earth Day Celebration	Maple	Acts 17:22–31 Psalm 66:8–201 Peter 3:13–22 John 14:15–21
21-May-23	Easter 7 Sensory Glory	Fieldfare	Acts 1:6–14 Psalm 68:1–10, 32–351 Peter 4:12–14, 5:6–11 John 17:1–11