

# Merging Waters United Church

## Sunday Morning Worship

### “The Perils of Apparel”

Sunday, May 14, 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.***

### LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

### THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

**MUSICAL CENTERING:** “The Overconsumption Blues” (by Michael Woytiuk)

### INTRODUCTION TO THE EARTH DAY SERVICE

**MEDITATION** (by Hildegard of Bingen)

I am the one whose praise  
echoes on high.

I adorn all the earth.

I am the breeze  
that nurtures all things green.

I encourage blossoms to flourish with ripening fruits.

I am led by the spirit to feed  
the purest streams.

I am the rain  
coming from the dew  
that causes the grasses to laugh  
with the joy of life.

I am the yearning for good.

### **WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE!**

The Cost of Fast Fashion (by the United Nations Environment Programme)

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/environmental-costs-fast-fashion>

**SONG:** MORE VOICES # 191 "What Can I Do?"

### **THE IMPACTS OF FASHION - BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?**

**SONG:** "I Love My Shirt" (by Donovan)

### **EARTH DAY CHALLENGE**

**SONG:** VOICES UNITED # 353 "Tis the gift to be simple"

### **GIVING THANKS**

#### **OFFERING**

With thanks, we dedicate our offerings to you, God the Parent, God the Child, God the Spirit, the triune God of our faith.

Accept these gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Use them as a blessing, these gifts given today with love and gratitude for all that you have shared with us. Amen.

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** "The River" (by Coco Love Alcorn)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE PRAYER OF JESUS/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG:** MORE VOICES # 30 "It's a song of praise to the maker"

### **BENEDICTION**

Go and act, for the care of creation.

Go and learn, for the sake of creation.

Go and pray, for the love of creation.

And may

the care of God enfold you,


the passion of the Risen Christ embolden you,

and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit empower you,

now and forever,

**Amen.**

**MUSICAL SENDING:** “Right Here” (by Sam Turton)

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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