

Merging Waters United Church

Sunday Morning Worship

CREATION

Sunday, June 4, 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 CENTERING: Image Astral (1981) Coulthard/An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth by Chris Hadfield

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

HYMN: VOICES UNITED #226 (DIX81) For the Beauty of the Earth

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

Light a candle at home if you wish!

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We move our bodies in praise and wonder as we find our place in the community of Creation.

We reach and stretch into your glory above the heavens.

We see the work of your fingers in everything, O God.

We see the sun and the moon.

And we wonder what our place is in this cosmic community.

You have crowned us with glory and honour.

We feel the weight of this responsibility.

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, help us to find our place today.

Opening prayer

Open to your creation, we come.

Moving into your creativity, we come into the dance of Creation.

Like a wave falls onto its shore, we come.

Like a bird lands in its nest, we come.

Like the first star of the night appears, we come.

God, help us come with open hearts for worship this day. Amen.

DAY 1: Genesis 1: 1 – 5 MSG

Genesis 1: 1 – 2:4 the Message: **HEAVEN AND EARTH**

HYMN: VOICES UNITED #248 When Long Before Time (v 1 & 2)

DAY 2: Genesis 1; 6 – 8 MSG

SONG: Blue Skies, words by Irving Berlin (1926), music by Michael Woytiuk

LIFE GIVING WATER

DAY 3: Genesis 1: 9 – 10 MSG

SONG Reflet Dans L'eau by Claude Debussy

DAY 3 CONTINUED: Genesis 1: 11 – 13 MSG

SONG: Trees, words by Joyce Kilmer, music by Pierre Gallant

ADVICE FROM A TREE:

FAIRVIEW FOREST CONNECTIONS

DAY 4: Genesis 1: 14 – 19 MSG

SONG: VOICES UNITED #433: Day is Done

DAY 5: Genesis 1: 20 – 23 MSG

BIRD TIME

DAY 5 CONTINUED: Genesis 1: 24 – 25 MSG

SONG: The Unicorn Song, written by Shel Silverstein

DAY 6: Genesis 1: 26 – 28 MSG

SONG: Everything is Beautiful, written by Ray Stevens

DAY 6 CONTINUED: Genesis 1: 31

DAY 7: Genesis 2: 1 – 4 MSG

SONG: MORE VOICES # 37: Each Blade of Grass

A DAY OF REST

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE PRAYER OF JESUS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Mother, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy 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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,


for ever and ever. Amen

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

(Based on 2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 13)

Brothers and sisters, go with the blessing that everything is in order.
There is still work to be done, and you are full of the blessing and promise
of love and peace that creates, redeems, and sustains us, now and always. Amen.

MUSICAL SENDING: The Blue Green Hills of Earth, music, and words by
Kim Oler

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

11-Jun-23	2nd Sunday after Pentecost Community of Grace	Fieldfare	Genesis 12:1–9 Psalm 33:1–12 Romans 4:13–25 Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26
11-Jun-23	E-MERGING WATERS Community workshop on grief and celebration	Fieldfare	

18-Jun-23	3rd Sunday after Pentecost Responding in Community National Indigenous Sunday	Maple	Genesis 18:1–15, (21:1–7) Psalm 116: 1–2, 12–19 Romans 5:1–8 Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9–23)
25-Jun-23	4th Sunday after Pentecost Community that Disrupts West Lakeshore ecumenical service	Fritz Farm rain location: Maple Make the call 5 pm day before	Genesis 21:8–21 Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 Romans 6:1b–11 Matthew 10:24–39