



Merging Waters United Church

COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Sunday, June 11, 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

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Turtle Island

All: We are all treaty people.

**May we live with respect on this land
and live in peace and friendship with its Peoples.**

MUSICAL CENTERING MORE VOICES #79

Spirit, Open My Heart

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

Light a candle at home if you wish!

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We enter this worship fragrant with the scents of God's creation.

Draw us closer to you, O God.

We enter this worship with our minds filled with pictures of our lives.

Draw us closer to you, O God.

We enter this worship with concerns on our hearts and tensions in our bodies.

Draw us closer to you, O God.

OPENING PRAYER

We come to you, O God, our River of Life:

May we drink deeply, and receive your grace.

We come to you, O God, our Rock of Ages:

May we stand in trust, and receive your strength.

We come to you, O God, our Source of Compassion:

**May we open our hearts,
and receive your healing love. Amen.**

HYMN VOICES UNITED #506

Take My Heart and Let It Be

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:35-10:13 (NIV)

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

10 Then Jesus[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'[c] 8 Cure

the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

HYMN MORE VOICES #138

My Love Colors Outside the Lines

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Community of Grace

OFFERING

All We Need Is Love

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE PRAYER OF JESUS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

music by W.G. Hamel

CLOSING HYMN VOICES UNITED #578

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning


COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Let us go as listening, pausing, responding people,
called to live the gospel's love.

**We go together as a community full of grace
comforted by a God of many stories,
knowing that we are walking with Jesus,
inspired to respond to the Spirit's call again. Amen.**

MUSICAL SENDING:

Take Up His Song

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Date	Themes	Public notes
11-Jun-23	2nd Sunday after Pentecost Community of Grace	Workshop after service: church and transition, held in Bearepaire sanctuary Remember, reflect, grieve, and celebrate. Please bring your brown bag lunch.
18-Jun-23	3rd Sunday after Pentecost Responding in Community National Indigenous Sunday	Remembering displaced persons around the world and through the ages Guest speakers Music by Spare Parts
25-Jun-23	4th Sunday after Pentecost The Peace of Christ West Lakeshore ecumenical service	West Lakeshore ecumenical service Service at gazebo on Fritz Farm 20477 Rue Lakeshore, Baie-d'Urfé, QC H9X 1R3 Parking on property and nearby street parking Rain location: 24 Maple (to be advised Saturday evening)
2-Jul-23	Summer shared services start with the West Island and Riverside Cluster	Watch for details in upcoming announcements!