



Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, September 17, 2023

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

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

WELCOME TO THE LAND

MUSICAL CENTERING

My Old Brown Earth by Pete Seegar

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

Light a candle at home if you wish!

OPENING PRAYER

We are called in to worship, called at each of us in our space, surrounded by all that holds us and all that we hold.

This space and this time is sacred and we give you thanks, God.

You have called us, Creator God, into relation with you, with others around us, and with your creation.

You have called us to love kindness, to do justice, and walk humbly with you.

We ask your guidance in responding to your call. As we worship here, we bring what is on each of our hearts and minds to you and ask as well that you surround us in your love, heal us where we need it, and help us to see where and how we are needed.

Gather and bless us we pray, oh God, and renew us in Love. AMEN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

21. Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David: my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23. But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying: "Send her away, for she keeps shouting at us." 24. He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25. But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26. He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27. She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28. Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Speaking Truth


OUR RESPONSE AND OUR OFFERING

Kairos Blanket Exercise

CLOSING HYMN MORE VOICES # 209

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COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

24-Sep-23	17th Sunday after Pentecost River Sunday	Maple
01-Oct	18th Sunday after Pentecost Worldwide Communion Sunday	Riverside UC
08-Oct	Thanksgiving Sunday	Maple
15-Oct	Worship at 2:00 pm A special service of remembering and decommissioning	Fieldfare