



Merging Waters United Church

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, October 8, 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

MUSICAL CENTERING:

“We gather together”

Written in 1957 Adrianus Valerius, arranged by Pierre Gallant adapted by Michael Woytiuk

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE
wish!

Light a candle at home if you

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

God of the rivers, you bring water to our communities to quench our thirst and soak our fields.

We praise you, O God!

God of the land, you nourish the soil and grow life in trees, grasses, and gardens.

We praise you, O God!

God of the harvest, you bring forth bounty from the earth and share it with us.

We praise you, O God!

God of community, you call on us to share, to make room at our table, to be grateful.

We praise you, O God!

We give thanks!

We praise you, O God! Let us shout and sing together with joy!

OPENING PRAYER

SONG: Voices United # 291 All Things Bright and Beautiful (verses 1 & 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God's love poured over our faith ancestors, who were enslaved in Egypt, carried them through the wilderness. That same love washes over us today. God's endless love for us renews our spirits when we feel disconnected and prepares us to model that love for others. **Amen**

HYMN: VU 236

Now Thank We All Our God

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART:

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:7–18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous^[a] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Luke 17:11–19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus^[a] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's^[b] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Remembering and Gratitude

HYMN MV # 59

Alleluia, Praise to God (Aleluya Y'in Oluwa)

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY MORE VOICES # 185

Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN


THE PRAYER OF JESUS / THE LORD'S PRAYER sung VU # 960

SONG -

Thanksgiving Sunday – music & lyrics by M. Woytiuk

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING The Lord Is Good To Me- Arrangement M. Woytiuk

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

08-Oct	Thanksgiving Sunday Please bring a nonperishable food item to dress our Thanksgiving table	Maple
15-Oct	*No morning service* 2 pm Special service of celebration and decommissioning of the Fieldfare location Please stay for a reception afterwards	Fieldfare
22-Oct	Special service led by Outreach Resources and support for grandparents and families of transitioning youth Spare Parts	Maple
29-Oct	All Saints celebration	Maple