



Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, November 12, 2022

WHOLEHEARTED

WELCOME / BIENVENUE

Please join in the responses in **bold text**.

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.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the lands our churches and many of our homes sit on have been stewarded by the first peoples of Turtle Island, among them the Kanien'kehá:ka, "Mohawk" peoples, as well as nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the neighbouring Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabeg, and Abenaki peoples. We commit ourselves as a faith community to the multi-generational work of reconciliation, the pursuit of true justice and flourishing well-being for all peoples who now call Canada home.

MUSICAL CENTERING

Where Have All The Flowers Gone

Based on the song by Pete Seeger, traditional Irish tune, music by Pierre Gallant

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

Light a candle at home if you wish!

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Give ear, O people, to God's teachings.

For in parable and story God's wisdom is revealed.

Let us listen for things we have heard and known,

for the stories that are so important that we keep telling them

over and over again.

Let us remember God's glorious works in our own words.

People of God, be a witness and a light.

Share what you know and trust in the goodness of God.

Together, let us raise our hope and remember every opening and possibility.

Let us worship God in wonder and truth.

OPENING PRAYER

We come with our whole hearts ready and waiting to share in your graceful abundance.

Come, O God, open to us.

We come uncertain and indecisive.

Come, O God, open to us.

We come hopeful and curious.

Come, O God, open to us.

We come expectant and eager.

Come, O God, open to us.

Open all the doors and welcome us in.

Invite us to share in your story, O God,

where there is more than enough love and even more grace.

Come, O God, open to us.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SONG: A Pittance of Time by Terry Kelly

TIME OF SILENCE

HYMN: Voices United #527 God! As With Silent Hearts

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:1–13

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.^[b] **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ **7** Then all those young women^[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **9** But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. **11** Later the other young women^[d] came also, saying,

'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.^[e]

APPLICATION FOR TODAY "WHOLEHEARTED"

HYMN: More Voices #10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG:

The Time Has Come

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, O God, we commit ourselves again to tending the light of Christ and opening every door to welcome love. Fill us, and these gifts, with your grace and wisdom. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother/Father 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

CLOSING HYMN: Voices United #509 Here I Am (I The Lord of Sea and Sky)

BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

Prepare yourself to share the love of Christ.

Ensure that there is oil in your lamp and fire in your belly.


Live your lives as an expression of the activity of God.

Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Light Of The World

music by Stephen Schwartz arrangement by Michael Woytiuk

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Following our memorable and meaningful decommissioning at our Fieldfare location,

please note that in future all services will be held at 24 Maple.



19-Nov	Attitude of Abundance Baptism
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