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## Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, January 14, 2024

“Discerning God’s Call”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### 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

GATHERING SONG I Hear Them All

*Words and music by Rawlings and Secor*

### ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Since time immemorial, Indigenous Peoples have occupied and cared for this land, the country many call Canada, from coast to coast to coast. In naming this particular land mass, even more specifically Montreal or Tiotiàke and environs, as Settlers we

acknowledge this area as the traditional home of the Kaniekeha:ka, Hudon-Wendat and Anishnaabe Peoples.

**As a community of faith, we seek to rebuild right relations with the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land, their land, with respect and gratitude for its creation and Creator.**

**This is our commitment.**

*Bill Perry, Consecon P.C., Carrying Place, Ont.*

**CENTERING HYMN: More Voices # 161 I Have Called You By Your Name**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Young and old, slow and fast;  
tall and small, teachers and learners:

**God has called each of us here.**

Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped with age;  
bright-eyed, smooth-skinned, leapers of two steps at  
a time:

**each one made in the image of God.**

Parents volunteering at school, children playing tag;  
workers stocking shelves, retirees planning a trip:

**God works through each of us.**

We come to worship God.

**HYMN: VOICES UNITED # 567 Will You Come and Follow Me**

**FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 3:1–10, (11–20), John 1:43–51**

**APPLICATION FOR TODAY**

**HYMN Voices United # 509 I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky- Here I Am, Lord**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG** Let Your Love Flow  
*Words and music by the Bellamy Brothers*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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: MORE VOICES # 213**    Take Up His Song

### BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

Wonder of wonders! God sends us from this place,  
**to be healing hands to the world's brokenness.**  
Wonder of wonders! Jesus calls us as sisters and  
brothers,  
**to accept others as completely as we have been embraced.**  
Wonder of wonders! The Spirit is at work through us,  
**wherever we are – work, home, playground, shelter,**  
school.  
Wonder of wonders!  
**We will go to live as God's people!**

**SENDING/SONG**            In My Wrestling and In My Doubts (My Lighthouse)  
*Words and music: Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Llewellyn*

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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**UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.**

**Upcoming Worship - Intercultural Ministry workshops**

*As a community we work toward God's vision, in which all can be fully themselves in right relationship with God, with each other, and with all of creation. The Biblical concept of Shalom (Peace) and the idea of Beloved Community help us understand this vision.*

*In this series, we will explore interculturality and common understandings of culture, including the many ways we are in relationship across difference such as race, gender, sexual identity, ableness, class, education, age, ethnicity, settler/indigenous relationships, faith traditions and understandings of God, our relationship with creation, and many more ways we experience diversity.*

*Merging Waters will be engaging in this work over the next few months, dedicating 1 or 2 Sunday services each month to this conversation. We welcome each one of you to join in, for deep and rich learning in community.*

Date	Public notes
14-Jan	Discerning God's Call
21-Jan	Intercultural Ministry series kickoff
28-Jan	Intercultural Ministry Session 2