



Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024

“Intercultural Series- Introduction & Mapping Ourselves”

WELCOME / BIENVENUE

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING THEME SONG

Weave by Rosemary Crow

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING

GATHERING PRAYER

In a world filled with noise,
you are a place of quiet, God.

In a world filled with complexity,
you are wisdom.

In a world filled with brokenness and loss,
you are the sturdy ground of our being.

Holy One, we come before you today,
eager to learn, eager to pray.

May our learning together in community,
have ripple effects throughout the neighborhood we serve and beyond.

Through this time together, through the love of
Christ, may we weave a tapestry of God’s love

John 13:34-35 And may the world be changed, and all be made whole. Amen.

Adaptation of a prayer by Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont.

WEAVING GOD’S TAPESTRY

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 35:35 &

[God] has filled them with skill to do every kind of work done by an artisan or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and in fine linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of artisan or skilled designer. Exodus 35:35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ John 13:34-35

MAPPING OURSELVES

OVERVIEW, LEARNING AND COMMUNITY, THE BINDER

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: MORE VOICES # 145

Draw the Circle Wide

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AGREEMENTS TO SUPPORT LISTENING AND LEARNING

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


LORD’S PRAYER VOICES UNITED #960

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

SENDING/SONG

Come Rejoice In Love

Music and words by Jacques Bertier and Taizé, music/words adapted by Pierre Gallant

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
28-Jan	Intercultural Ministry Session II "Cultural Identity and Awareness, How Culture Works"