



## **Merging Waters United Church**

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

**“Intercultural Series II- Introducing How Culture Works”**

### **WELCOME / BIENVENUE**

#### **LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **GATHERING SONG**

My Brother, My Sister

*Music by Pierre Gallant*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING**

As a community of faith,  
we seek to rebuild right relations  
with the First Nations, Metis, 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.

#### **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  
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 – Ritual and Safe space**

### **SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13**

#### **One Body with Many Members**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## **INTRODUCING HOW CULTURE WORKS**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING Intercultural Theme Song**

Weave by Rosemary Crow

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**


### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER "Notre Père" by Lambert**

### **BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING**

#### **SENDING HYMN: MV # 169**

When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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

**Upcoming Worship**

Date	Themes for Worshipping and Engagement
04-Feb	5th after Epiphany "Healing and Dignity in the face of discriminatory laws in Quebec. What can we do?" With Special guest from the QCGN (Quebec Community Groups Network) Black History Month begins
11-Feb	Transfiguration Sunday
13-Feb	Shrove Tuesday in Adair Hall
14-Feb	Valentine's day Ash Wednesday Merging Waters in collaboration with Ste Genevieve United Church 7:30pm 4697 St John's Blvd. D.D.O.
15-Feb	Maundy Thursday details to follow
18-Feb	1st in Lent Intercultural Series #3 Introducing How Culture Works