



Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Valentine's Day

Black History month

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go up to the mountain to meet with our God.

Let us open our hearts to experience the Spirit in our midst.

Let us worship and praise God's name. **Amen.**

CENTERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine - Traditional

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING

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.

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

OPENING POEM: TRANSFIGURATION

By Malcolm Guite

GATHERING PRAYER

Creator God, whose love is higher than the heavens!
Righteous God, whose love extends from
the mountains and seas to every living thing!
You take us under your wing, loving God,
where we find refuge.
You give us hope and possibility for the journey.
You transform our lives with your compassion.
May your love flow in us and through us,
for now and for eternity. **Amen**

Gathering, Glad Faith Klassen, Stamford Lane U.C., Niagara Falls, Ont.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9 NRSVUE

The Transfiguration

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” 8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“That Glimpse Of How Things Really Are”

HYMN VU #595

We Are Pilgrims (The Servant Song)

OFFERING

OFFERING SONGS

BY THE THÉRIAULT FAMILY

Feuilles Mortes - Les Cowboys Fringants

La Valse d'Amélie Poulain - Yann Tiersen

Quand j'aime une fois j'aime pour toujours - Richard Desjardins

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gather these gifts and offerings as you gather our hearts to yourself and each other that we may be a source of love and light in the world. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER SUNG – Notre Père – by Lambert

CLOSING HYMN: MV# 82

Bathe Me in Your Light

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING


May you always know you are called as you are, where you are.

May you always know that all of you – every broken piece,
every lost sheep, is gathered into the love of God.

May you always know you are invited into the new life breaking
into today like the dawn.

May you always be called, gathered, and invited into resurrection today
and every day of your eternal life fulfilled in God. Amen.

SENDING/SONG Transfiguration- Lyrics Malcolm Guite, music Pierre Gallant

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

14-Feb	Shared Ash Wednesday service at Ste Genevieve United Church, 4697 Boul. Saint-Jean, Dollard-des-Ormeaux Time 7PM Also, Valentine's day 
18-Feb	Intercultural Series #3: Introducing How Culture Works Observations & Perceptions, Definitions of Culture 1st in Lent