



## Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Lent II

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

### CENTERING SONG

'Living In The Moment' by Jason Mraz'

## ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING

As we light these candles today, we remember and honour the sacred fires around which First Nations peoples have gathered to receive stories of the Creator from Elders, especially the Kanienkeha:ka, Huron-Wendat and Anishnaabe Peoples.

**We gather around these lights to receive the faith stories of all our ancestors.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

People of God, we gather again:  
**in this sacred space, in this sacred moment.**

Just for a time leave daily concerns aside,  
**for here we recall the stories of faith,**

here we see God moving amongst us,  
here we are known by name,  
here we remember whose we are.  
Amen

**OPENING HYMN MV # 161**

I Have Called You by Your Name

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 17:1–7, 15–1

**FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**SONG**

‘Hand It Over’ by Keb’ Mo’

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG MV # 191**

What Can I do

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Prayer of dedication  
Just as you are the God who knows us by name,  
so are you the God who knows all those in need  
by name. May these, our gifts, be a beacon of light  
to those are in need

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER VU 959**

Our Mother, Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.

**CLOSING HYMN: MV # 104**

Know That God is Good

**BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING**

As you leave this sacred space,  
remember that God knows you by name,  
remember your sacredness,  
remember your place in the eternal flow of life  
and realize this as you walk in the life-giving  
covenant with God  
whose love is for everyone in all times, in all places.

**We will flood the world with God's life-giving love. Amen.**

**SENDING/SONG**

'I Can See Clearly Now' by Johnny Nash

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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



February 25	<p>Lent 2 Let Go and Let Come with Abram and Sarah</p> <p>Black History month continues</p> <p>Merging Waters Annual Meeting after the service (in person and online)</p>
March 3	Lent 3
March 10	<p>Lent 4 Intercultural series #4</p>
March 17	<p>Lent 5 Pulpit swap with Ste Genevieve: We welcome Rev. Joelle Leduc to lead us in worship</p>