



Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - Lent III

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

'Pilgrim' by Enya'

Words and Music: Enya, Arrangement: Pierre Gallant, Soloist: Myrna Moffat

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 are here;
in this sacred space, in this sacred moment.
Briefly leave daily concerns aside,
for here we recall the stories of faith,
here we are awed by the glory of God,
who made heaven and earth, yet knows us by name,
here we remember whose we are.

OPENING HYMN MV # 138 My Love Colors Outside the Lines VS 1 & 2

PROFESSION OF FAITH Carling Barry

HYMN MV # 138 My Love Colors Outside the Lines VS 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE: John 19:24-27 MSG

²⁴⁻²⁷ While the soldiers were looking after themselves, Jesus' mother, his aunt, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Let Go and Let Come

Words: Lisa Byer-de Wever and Pierre Gallant, Music: Pierre Gallant

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, may what we have offered --
of ourselves, of our resources, of our time—
Become a rainbow blessing of light for an aching world,
among those of us gathered here,
For our local community, and for our world,
blessed by the power of your abundant grace. Amen.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS Inuit Nanuit Youth Club from Kangiqsualujjuaq

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER VU 960 Sung

Our 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

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

Go in peace.
And on your journey, may you have the boldness to come to Jesus just as you are, ready to be transformed into followers led by the Holy Spirit who journey through this world in peace, in faith, and in love.
May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore. Amen.

SENDING HYMN MV209

Go Make a Difference

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

March 10	Lent 4 Intercultural series #4
March 17	Lent 5 Pulpit swap with Ste Genevieve: We welcome Rev. Joelle Leduc to lead us in worship

