Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, March 10, 2024

"Intercultural Series IV- Definitions of Culture"

Celebrating PIE Day

Lent IV

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 ensembles.
Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

CENTERING SONG

Esperanza (a meditation on the word 'hope')

Music by Pierre Gallant, Oboe: Christine Bryce

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING

As we gather here today, let us take a moment to acknowledge the land upon which we stand and the Indigenous Peoples who have stewarded this land since time immemorial. We recognize that our worship space is situated on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe & Huron-Wendat Peoples, and we extend our gratitude and respect to these First Peoples for their enduring presence and care for this land.

In this moment of recognition, we honour the diverse histories, cultures, and spiritualities of the Indigenous Peoples who continue to shape and enrich our communities. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation, healing, and justice, walking alongside our Indigenous brothers, sisters, our Indigenous LGBTQIA+ and 2 Spirited kin with humility, empathy, and open hearts.
As we worship and celebrate together, let us be mindful of our shared responsibility to

protect and nurture the land, to honor the wisdom and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, and to cultivate relationships rooted in respect, understanding, and unity. In doing so, we contribute to a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate world for all.

PIE Day Worship Service by Shane Goldie

GATHERING PRAYER

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OPENING HYMN: VOICES UNITED # 356 Seek Ye First

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

WEAVING GOD'S TAPESTRY – Ritual and Safe space

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 3:28 NRSV

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

DEFINITIONS OF CULTURE

1. What is Canada's culture? Quebec's?
2. Beaurepaire UC's? Union St. Anne's?
3. Merging Water's?

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG Weave by Rosemary Crow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER - PIE DAY LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Parent in Heaven, whose love knows no bounds,
Your name is holy, held in the highest regard.
May Your realm of love, acceptance, and justice come,
May Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,
Guiding us to honour each other's dignity and worth.
Give us today our daily bread, the sustenance we need,

And forgive us our prejudices as we forgive those who are prejudiced against us,
Lead us away from judgement, and deliver us from the hands of hatred.
For Yours is the realm of unconditional love, the power to change hearts,
And the glory of diversity in unity, now and forever.
May all of us, created beautifully and wonderfully in Your image,
Live and love in the spirit of Your Son, who taught us to pray,
Embracing each other, as You embrace us all. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

SENDING/SONG

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
(a prayer, inspired by Nina Simone)
Traditional African-American, Musical Arrangement: Pierre Gallant

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 Celebrating PIE = Public, Intentional, Explicit!
March 24 to 31	Holy Week! Please see the poster for all details