Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Easter V

With guest Harvey Satewas Gabriel

Celebrating and dedicating of the Mohawk Bible

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

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light a candle at home if you wish!

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY AND GATHERING PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

Mother Earth Father Sky
music by Pierre Gallant & Michael Woytiuk

OPENING HYMN: MV # 62

There Is Room For All

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

DEDICATION OF THE MOHAWK BIBLE
WITH SATEWAS HARVEY GABRIEL

Prayer of Dedication

Lift up our hearts in dedication.

Come and let us gather before Creator God, as we are the people of the Lord's pasture and the flock under his care. (Psalm 95)

The skies and the highest heavens cannot contain the Creator God, neither can the church buildings that are made by human hands, still the Word of God has been revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures in order to listen and to obey. (Chronicles 6.)

Today, we dedicate the Mohawk Translation of the Holy Scriptures to the Lord. May God give strength and blessings to the people in the congregation and to the wider church, as the sanctuary and the community has been built around the Word of God. (Psalm 29)

We dedicate this Mohawk Translation of the Holy Scriptures to the service of God. May we also devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2)

Accept, oh GOD, the willing praise of our mouth, and teach us your laws. Your statutes are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our hearts. They are set on keeping your decrees to the very end for the always greater glory of God. (Psalm 119)

Let our hearts therefore be wholly devoted to the Lord, our God, may we be always ready and content to walk in the Lord's statutes and to keep God's commandments, as they are written in the Holy Scriptures.

Let us sing before the Lord with thanksgiving and extol God with music and songs of joy. May the Lord's name be praised by the Holy Spirit, now and always. (Psalm 95)

May the Grace and the Love of Jesus Christ build us up as a spiritual house to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. AMEN (1 Peter 2:5)

CLOSING DEDICATION PRAYER

HYMN MV # 37 Each Blade of Grass

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN VU # 541 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow In Mohawk

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give because we have received. God, our Creator, you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts. In Jesus Christ you have given yourself to us. Accept these gifts we give to honour you and to help our neighbours. May they be expressions of your compassion and generosity. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *A BRAIDED PRAYER*

Adapted from A Prayer Ritual to Mark the 20th Anniversary of the Residential Schools Apology

God of struggle, and of reconciliation,
Be with us as we remember what we have been a part of:
Cruel and unjust systems
Efforts to say "sorry" … and to mean it
Remind us that our history as people is like a braid
We are wrapped together
And there is tension in that, and pain
But there is also strength
Remind us of the beauty and sacredness of braids
The beauty and sacredness of relationships
Remind us to never again sever these braids
But to honour them in everything we do
God of struggle, and of reconciliation,
Be with us as we recognize what we must be a part of:
Loving and just relationships
Saying "sorry" … and actively meaning it.
We take this time now to name out loud the places and persons needing God's care…

God of hope and reconciliation,
Bless our community as we continue to learn and build a world of love in both prayer and action.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER – (In Mohawk)

Takwaién: 'a ne karonhià:ke tehsì:teron
Aiesahsén:naien, aiesawenniiosthake
Aiesawennarahkhwake nonhwentsà:ke
Tsi-ni:ioht ne karonhià:ke tiesawennararahkwa.

Tak wa:nont ne ken'wén:te iationhnhéhkwen nia'tewenhnisera:ke
Sasa'nikonhrhen nionkwarihwanéren
Tsi ni:ioht ni: I tsonkwa 'nikonhrhens

Othé:nen ionkhi 'nikonhraksà:ton non:kwe
Tohsa aionkwa'shén:ni ne karihwanéren
Akwé:kon é:ren sha:wit ne iotaksen
Ehtho naia:wen!

CLOSING HYMN MV # 30 It's a Song of Praise to The Maker

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

Go from this place as those who have seen the Christ light and who long to share it with others. Go with a heart and mind of faith that you may live with high expectation and with great compassion into this season of hope.

SENDING/SONG

How Then Shall I Live
Linnea Good

Thank you for joining in worship today ♡

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

May 5	6th Sunday of Easter Baptism
May 12	Welcoming new members Don't forget Mothers' Day!
May 19	Pentecost Celebrated with the WIRUC cluster at Cedar Park United