# Merging Waters United Church

## Sunday Morning Worship June 2, 2024

## Science and Spirituality

# WELCOME / BIENVENUE

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| People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome. | Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge, l'identité ou les conditions de vie. |
| Wherever you are, whoever you are, we welcome you in love and community to worship. | Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans l'amour et la communauté pour louer Dieu ensembles. |
| Wherever we are, we're close in one another's hearts. | Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance. |

Please join in the responses in **bold text.**

Keep our worship scent-free! To help fellow worshippers with chemical sensitivities, please do not wear perfume or scented products (lotion, hair spray) if attending in person.

***To protect personal privacy, please do not take photos or videos without authorization.***

## WELCOME

## LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

## ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Kanienkeha:ka, Huron-Wendat and Anishnaabe Peoples.

## OUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE (LIGHT A CANDLE)

Today we remember and honour the history and tradition of gathering, keeping and sharing knowledge of these lands and waters over the millennia. We commit ourselves to helping the ongoing process of recognizing Indigenous knowledge, to listen when we get the opportunity, and to accept and value what we hear.

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Come from knowing into mystery.

Come from certainty into pondering.

Come from time-bound into eternity.

Come from thinking into being.

Come, let us worship together. (Betty Lynn Schwab, Ottawa, Ont.)

GATHERING MUSIC

REFLECTION 1:

REFLECTION 2:

SONG: VOICES UNITED # 381 Spirit of Life

REFLECTION 3:

REFLECTION 4 :

MUSIC AND OFFERING: Holy Now, by Peter Mayer

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

OUR PRAYER TOGETHER: Based on a prayer by Francis Macnab
https://progressivechristianity.org/resource/the-lords-prayer/

Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us;

Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder.
Let the fullness of goodness be within us and around us;
Let us always live in the ways of caring and generosity.

May we find we have all we need
to meet each day without undue anxiety.

Overlook our many stupidities, and help us
to release others from their stupidities.

May we all know that we are accepted.

Strengthen us that we will reach out
to the best, always with the faith
to rise above the ugly realities of our existence.

We celebrate the gifts we have been given –
the richness of life's possibilities,
the power to do good and the triumphs of good,
the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything.

You are life's richness.
You are life's power

REFLECTION 5:

REFLECTION 6:

REFLECTION 7:

REFLECTION 8:

HYMN: MORE VOICES # 145 Draw the Circle Wide

CLOSING

SENDING MUSIC: Wherefore and Why, by Gordon Lightfoot

Thank you for joining in worship today ♡

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

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| June 9 | Intercultural workshop #6<br>Picnic after the service - see poster in this newsletter! |
| June 16 | National Indigenous Day celebration with Tom Dearhouse<br>Happy Fathers' Day! |
| June 23 | Ecumenical service with churches of the west Lakeshore<br>At Fritz Farm gazebo, Baie d'Urfé, weather permitting<br>At Merging Waters if it rains<br>Bring your lawn chairs! |
| June 30 | Summer cluster worship begins! Stay tuned for more details. |