Merging Waters United Church

Sunday, June 9, 2024

"Intercultural Series VI- "Theology of Culture"

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

We Are the Family

By Ray Repp

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING

As we light this candle 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 this light to remind ourselves that we are called into community in Your love.

GATHERING PRAYER

We gather here today as we always do, Gracious and inviting God, knowing you are here.
We are anxious to be reassured about life and about our place in life.
But today is not like other days because today we continue our journey once again on learning what it means to create a beloved community. As we take this time today to consider our role in creating spaces of welcome where all can be their authentic selves, help us to be mindful that we are all connected to each other, to the earth, and to you.

Give us insight on what are the things we can and need to let go of so that you may come to live more fully in our lives.
Give us the senses to notice injustice, spirits to risk in the name of those being oppressed, and hearts to embrace all who are wounded and traumatized.
Continue to challenge us in our biases and embrace us in our wrestling and learning.
This we pray in Jesus' name, whose path we follow. **Amen**.

OPENING HYMN: MV # 8 And On This Path

WEAVING GOD'S TAPESTRY – Ritual and Safe space

INTRODUCTION OF BELOVED COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2: 9-10

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do this work and speak out for God, to tell others of the night-and-day difference God made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

A THEOLOGY OF CULTURE

1. Definitions of multi-cultural/cross-cultural/inter-cultural
2. Beloved Community
3. Next Steps

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG Weave by Rosemary Crow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Beloved Shalom,

Today we dedicate this offering of our time, talents, and resources to your work in our neighborhood and around the world.

May it find the places desperately in need of love.

May it be a beacon of hope for all.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER/ JESUS' PRAYER-Notre Père by Lambert

Notre Père. Notre Mère.
Créateur de l'Univers.
Toi que Tes enfants appellent
Dieu, l'Éternel
Dieu d'espoir et de Lumière
Pain de Vie et Source claire
Que Ton nom soit sanctifié
Chanté partout et glorifié
Et sur la terre comme au ciel…
Ô Dieu de grace et de bonté
Aide nous à rester fidèles à Ta vo-lon-té,
Donne nous chaque jour nourriture et amour
Apprends-nous à pardonner,
Comme Tu sais nous pardonner,
Protège-nous des fleurs du mal.
Des nuits d'orage et de la peur,
Et guide-nous vers les étoiles au coeur de Ton coeur.
Notre Père, Notre Mère.
Que nos vies soient des prières
Qui nous élèvent jusqu'à Toi
Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN MV # 142 Oh A Song Must Rise

BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you day by day.
May God's peace, God's joy, God's presence be
with you in every stage of your life's journey.
And may you live, and be God's beloved Shalom.
Amen.

SENDING/SONG

Hymn to Freedom
by Harriett Hamilton
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Thank you for joining in worship today ♡

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

16-Jun	National Indigenous Day celebration with Tom Dearhouse Happy Fathers' Day!
23-Jun	Ecumenical service with churches of the west Lakeshore At Fritz Farm gazebo, Baie d'Urfé, weather permitting At Merging Waters if it rains Bring your lawn chairs!
30-Jun	Summer cluster worship begins! Stay tuned for more details.