Merging Waters United Church

Trinity Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship May 31, 2026

WELCOME / BIENVENUE

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.** Veuillez-vous joindre aux réponses en **texte gras.**

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.

Veillez à ce que notre culte soit exempt d'odeurs ! Pour aider les fidèles souffrant de sensibilités chimiques, nous vous demandons de ne pas porter de parfum ou de produits parfumés (lotion, laque) si vous assistez au culte en personne.

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

Pour protéger la vie privée, ne prenez pas de photos ou de vidéos sans autorisation.

WELCOME

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We gather on the traditional and unceded lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) Nation, a place of meeting and exchange among many peoples.
We give thanks for the Creator's gift of this land,
and for the enduring presence of Indigenous Peoples who care for it.

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—we remember that God's life is relationship, woven through all creation.
May we walk gently on this land,
seeking right relationship, truth, and reconciliation.

In the spirit of restorative justice, we commit ourselves to healing what is broken and honouring the sacred connections among all beings.
May the harmony of the Trinity guide us toward peace,
justice, and love that restores the world.

OUR PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE (LIGHT A CANDLE)

We light this Christ candle in reminder of the One who call us to follow the way of love.

GATHERING SONG: TLUS #22 Build a Longer Table

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Our Creator God made the universe and all that is in it, from beyond the skies to the land and the sea. God calls us to worship.
So we gather together, aware of Creation around us and preparing to worship God.

Teacher Jesus shows us an example of living in peace and harmony with all. Jesus calls us to worship.
We gather to be reminded again of how we should live in order to seek peace and harmony with everyone with whom we have contact.

The energizing Spirit breathes life into our very being so that we will live as we are intended to live as followers of Jesus. The Spirit calls us to worship.
So we gather to experience the Spirit's energy and warmth building within and among us as we worship.

Gathering P1-Mary Grant, Forest Hill U.C., Fredericton, N.B.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One, Holy Three,
Blessed and blessing Trinity,
you move in Creation like a great wind,
like a dancing flame,
like a still, small voice,
and we are blown away, alight and listening!
Help us to open our hearts
to the wisdom of the grandparents and ancestors,
those living and those who have died.
Help us to open our hearts
to the wisdom of the children and grandchildren,
those living and those yet to be born.
Help us to open our hearts to you in this place and space, as we share life in the world and welcome
the wisdom of the Word.
In Christ's name, in the Spirit's power, through the Creator's love, may it be so. Amen.

Gathering P1- Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont.

GATHERING HYMN MV #30 It's A Song of Praise to the Maker

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD Matthew 28:16-20 NRSVUE

The Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had
directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And
Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to
me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the
age

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

COMMUNITAS with Harold

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING HYMN MV #43 The Play of the Godhead

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, you loved us into being, blessing us with gifts of diversity and abundance.
Draw us together as community, in gratitude and grace.
Christ Jesus, you came among us, infusing the ordinary with holiness.
Open our hearts to your extravagant love.
Spirit Song, you dance with and through us, inspiring possibility and hope.
Enliven our faith and embolden our justice.
Blessed Trinity, we bring our gifts to be infused with your blessing.
May they inspire possibility and hope. Amen.

Gathering P1 - Jennifer Henry, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy and Living God,
You call us into community—
to share bread and prayer,
to listen for Your Word,
and to live with glad and generous hearts.
As the early church gathered in awe and compassion,
so we gather now, seeking Your Spirit among us.

We give thanks for the fellowship of spiritual seekers,
for the teachers and teachings that shapes our faith and action,
and for the breaking of bread that nourishes our souls.
Bless this community, O God,
that we may be steadfast in love,
open in welcome,
and bold in witness.
May our life together reflect the grace of Christ
and the unity of Your Spirit.

We remember the world You so love—
its beauty and its brokenness.
Where there is hunger, bring food;
where there is conflict, bring peace;
where there is despair, bring hope.
Move us to share what we have,
to live simply,
and to work for justice,
that all may have enough and know Your abundance.

Creator of all,
we praise You for the Earth that sustains us—
for rivers and forests,
for wind and soil,
for creatures great and small.
Teach us to live as caretakers, not owners,

to see creation as sacred trust,
and to rejoice in the interdependence of all life.
May our stewardship be an act of worship.

We pray for those among us who are ill or grieving,
for those who are lonely or afraid,
for those whose burdens are heavy.
May Your Spirit bring comfort and courage.
Help us to be signs of Your compassion—
sharing meals, offering kindness,
and building relationships that heal and restore.

We pray for Communitas and their ministry of restorative justice. We pray for those who have been, and are currently incarcerated. We pray for all the volunteers that support and care for this ministry.
We pray for all the victims that have not had the opportunity to heal and restore relationship.
May Your Spirit bring about healing and reconciliation to all those who strive for compassionate care.

God of joy and generosity,
as You added daily to the number of those who followed a path of love,
add to our faith the gifts of gratitude and grace.
Let our lives be a living testimony
to the power of love made real in community.
Through Christ, who gathers us and sends us forth,
we pray.
Amen.

JESUS' PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN MV #212 Sent Out in Jesus' Name (Enviado soy de Dios)

BLESSING & SENDING

Go now in the grace of the Creator, the compassion of Christ, and the renewing breath of the Spirit.
May the dance of the Trinity guide your steps toward justice that heals, peace that restores, and love that makes all things whole.

SENDING SONG Holy, Holy, Holy

music John Dykes , words Reginald Heber, arr. M. Woytiuk,

Thank you for joining in worship today ♥

May 31	Visit from Communitas during worship and for a panel afterward Bring your own lunch
June 7	We play host to St George's! Worship at 10:30 as usual
June 14	Visions and reflections! **(*note change from the originally planned Intercultural session)** Spare Parts
June 21	Ecumenical service outside! **10:00 am** at Briarwood Presbyterian, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd
June 28	Worship on the lawn at Merging Waters with fun and games
July 5	Cluster summer worship starts

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.