

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

Online Worship

Sunday April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome in the Merging Waters family. Wherever you are, we welcome you in love and community to worship. Physically distant but close in one another's hearts.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Bold print indicates text to read/sing in unison.

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is located on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples and nations. Merging Waters honours, recognizes and respects these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today.

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE *light a candle at home if it is safe to do so.*

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

In our suffering and grief

We come seeking relief.

Met in the depths of our pain,

God tells us that we are loved.

Letting go of fear -

opening up to the Divine,

Who holds us in an unending embrace.

HYMN MV 135

Called By Earth And Sky

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy One, when we expect to be turned away you welcome us in unexpected ways. By your grace, you set us free from the illusion that we are in control, reassuring us that we are never alone. Help us with your Word, Divine lover of the Universe, to hear of your welcome and love. Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 24: 13-27

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,

"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us.

They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

HYMN VU 371

Open My Eyes That I May See

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Surprising Love

OFFERING

We offer our prayer, reflections, and resources

If you are not on [pre-authorized remittance \(PAR\)](#) and want to continue to support Merging Waters please click these links, or those provided on the site to give to: [Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Song of Separation
by Pierre Gallant

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May these gifts provide for your work to be done, O Spirit of life.
May they bring hope to those in fear and peace to those in despair.
Revealing your love through the work they support. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE JESUS PRAYER FOR TODAY

O, Source of Life

**Connectedness beyond simple perception,
We hold our experience of you as sacred.
May we choose to live the good you call for
In our lives as well as our imaginings.
Nourish our bodies and spirits inspiring us
To share the abundance we have.
Challenge us to show understanding and love for others
As we need to be understood and loved.
Help us overcome our shortcomings
To be our best selves
As you have, do, and will always know we can
Forever and ever.
May we all make it so.
Amen**

HYMN VU 282

Long Before The Night

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

My Sweet Lord
by George Harrison

Thank you to for joining us today

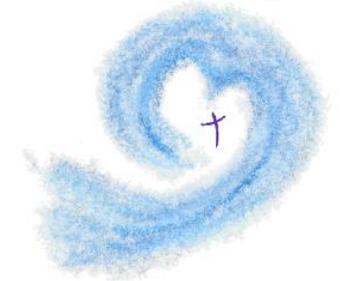
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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

**April 26th. Third Sunday of Easter
May 3rd. Fourth Sunday of Easter (Earth Day Worship)
May 10th. Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 17th. Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 24th. Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship at Merging Waters: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online**

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Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
Waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. R

Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
Our gathering and our grace. R

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song. R

Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high. This is our
sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and
sky, called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me
free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open
my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will
disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to
see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to
share. Silently now I wait for thee. ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me. Spirit divine!

Long before the night was born from darkness
Long before the dawn rolled unsteady from fire
Long before she wrapped her scarlet arms around the hills
there was a love this ancient love was born

Long before the grass spotted green the bare hillside
Long before a wing unfolded to wind
Long before she wrapped her long blue arm around the sea
there was a love this ancient love was born

Long before a chain was forged from the hillside
Long before a voice uttered freedom's cry
Long before she wrapped her bleeding arms around a child
there was a love this ancient love was born

Long before the name of God was spoken
Long before a cross was nailed from a tree
Long before she laid her arm of colours 'cross the sky
there was a love this ancient love was born

Wakeful are our nights and slumbers our morning
Stubborn is the grass sowing green wounded hills
As we wrap out healing arms to hold what her arms held
this ancient love this aching love rolls on

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sad News: `Mona Dixon (98yrs) long time member of Beaurepaire United Church has died at The Sunrise Residence, DDO. She sang in the church choir and played in the bridge club.

(<https://montrealgazette.remembering.ca/obituary/mona-dixon-1079056107>)

Rev Ryan reminds us that he and the pastoral care volunteers as well as the community, are available for any support you may need.

Greetings from our Syrian friends

Salman and Basma, and Bilal and Farah and the other 2 families are all fine, and like all of us, finding it difficult to be at home day after day. Bilal and Farah are progressing with their language classes, thanks to online classes using Zoom and What's App, according to Salman.

They begin Ramadan later this week, and like our Easter and Passover times, it will be unlike any other year....

Like most of us, this is a difficult time, but as Salman said, they are grateful to be in Canada, where the government cares about the welfare of its people. In Syria he said the government doesn't care, and people still have to work, although schools did close. Happily, it seems his parents are staying well so far and staying indoors. He asked us to send their best wishes to you all.

Libby, Wendy, Susan

Office is closed but work of the church continues - Please be patient

LOVE
is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self seeking
it is not easily angered
it keeps no record of wrongs
never fails

when sending messages to the office through email or over the phone as Susan Smith, office administrator extraordinaire, like Rev. Ryan and other staff, will work from home for the foreseeable future, keeping the life and mission of the community safe, growing, and adapting to life today.

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a community that cares - In this time of trial we are here for one another. Rev. Ryan and the pastoral care team are here for you and available through email, phone, and instant messenger. Please reach out to one another in support – stay in touch with others and ask for help when you need it. We may not be in the same room but we are in one another's hearts and in the love of God. We aren't sharing germs but we are sharing the love. Keep in touch.



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Spiritual Practices - We are still supporting those practices that nurture the faith life of the community. Check out the new Merging Waters Web resources at www.mergingwaters.ca Click on "Spiritual Life" in the menu and find pages dedicated to at-home yoga, meditation and



contemplation, and our online worship. Keep an eye out for new options for connecting with one another and with Rev. Ryan for times of study/discussion, reflection, and prayer online.

Church Café – Grab a coffee or cocoa and join Rev. Ryan for chat

and community every Friday afternoon from 2 pm until 3:30 pm on Zoom starting Friday April 17th. We can catch up on how the week has gone, talk about life, the Bible, and the church. We can pray or swap recipes.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88541686995>

or by phone: +1 438 809 7799 Meeting ID: 885 4168 6995



Church Online - Worship will be held online Sundays at 10:30 am.

Please join us at www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online/ and you will find videos, music, and the opportunity to make your weekly offerings. All the goodness of church without having to leave home.



Joy And Concern: Are here individuals and situations that you would ask that we pray for aloud in the time of prayer at this week's online worship? Please email them to Rev. Ryan at ryanfea.mergingwaters@gmail.com by Friday night, or they will be included the following week.

Merging Waters supports the community and makes a difference in the lives of others. We need your support to keep our mission going:

If you would like to get on Pre-Authorised Remittance [download the PAR Form](#), print and send it in with a void cheque to either church address – you can also send a cheque or post-dated cheques:

Union Church
24 Maple
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue
Qc, H9X 2E6

Bearepaire United
25 Avenue Fieldfare
Beaconsfield,
QC H9W 4W4

Mail is picked-up regularly

If you are already on PAR and would like to increase your monthly offering to support the ongoing mission and work of the church please email par@united-church.ca providing them your name and congregation and how much you would like to increase your monthly amount.