



MERGING WATERS PASTORAL CHARGE

Online Worship
Sunday June 14, 2020
Second Sunday After Pentecost
Union Sunday
95th Anniversary of Union of
The United Church of Canada

WELCOME

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome in the Merging Waters family.

Wherever you are, whoever you are
we welcome you in love and community to worship.
Physically distant but close in one our hearts.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Bold print indicates text to read/sing in unison.

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Introduction

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 and live today.

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It's All Greek To Me

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE

light a candle at home if it is safe to do so.

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

HYMN VOICES UNITED 308

Many And Great, O God, Are Your Works

**Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.**

**Grant unto us communion with you,
O star'abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, Creator of us all, we come seeking your refreshing presence in the midst of this season of summer. Like cool water or a gentle breeze, you renew us and enliven us to be your faithful community. Draw our hearts together as we come here today to worship you. Teach us your will to do, your word to speak, your song to sing, and your love to share. We pray in the strong name of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Mother to us all, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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God's Truth

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1, 5, 13-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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A Dove Descending

HYMN MORE VOICES 42

Praise God For This Holy Ground

**Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.**

**Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.**

**Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul and mind. R**

**Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own. R**

**Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks and mends. R**

**Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done. R**

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1–6

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Divine appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”

When the Holy One saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” Saying further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

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On Fire!

OFFERING

We offer our prayer, time, talent, reflections, and resources

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[Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)*

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Laurentide Waltz
by Oscar Peterson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (words spoken from VU 537)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be please to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus sake.**

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The Beginning and the End

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:5–6

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also saying, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then the Holy One said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

A NEW CREED

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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Conclusion

HYMN VOICES UNITED 567

Will You Come And Follow Me

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the lame?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Hymn to Freedom
music by Oscar Peterson, lyrics by Harriette Hamilton
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

Thank you to for joining us today.

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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

www.mergingwaters.ca

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

June 14th.	2nd Sunday After Pentecost – Union Sunday
June 21st.	3rd Sunday After Pentecost – Musical Reflections For A Summer's Day
June 28th.	4th Sunday After Pentecost
July 5th.	West Island UCC Summer Shared Worship

Worship at Merging Waters: www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Ryan Fea will be off for Study Leave and Vacation. June 17th through 30th. Spiritual Formation is coordinating services for us to enjoy on our usual webpage. In the event of a pastoral emergency, support is available please contact the office.



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a community that cares - Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns. **Ivy Lewis** Union Pastoral Care Chair: lewisir@hotmail.com & **Diane Nener** Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: dianenener@icloud.com

Virtual Plant Sale – now closed

A huge thanks to all who purchased plants from the Union Plant sale and, to those who supplied plants in such wonderful condition and array. Keep an eye out for, possibly, a late August house plant sale. These fundraisers are such a support to our church in these difficult times.



Lynn Thompson is busy making more of her lovely origami cards. We cannot guarantee what the exact pictures would be but they are all of the same high standard. They are mostly blank but she has some special occasion cards like birthdays, welcome baby, etc. If you would like some, we can arrange drop-off or pickup. They sell at \$2 each. Etransfer is best to Susan: sahawker@hotmail.com

Petitions to sign because the world needs you now

As mentioned in the Tuesday evening MW Zoom board meeting, and as described in the Montreal Gazette this Wednesday morning <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/bill-61-tramples-environmental-safeguards-groups-say>, the Quebec government has just prepared Bill 61 which restricts our rights, and gives the government extraordinary powers.

There is one aspect that could greatly affect the environment:

The bill gives the government the right to suspend the environmental regulations for 2.5 years. There is also a sunset clause which opens the door to any infrastructure project even if it is not a project listed in the bill. It would allow the government to allow corporations to construct infrastructure projects in protected natural areas without full environmental evaluation. Bill 61 would allow a weakening in environmental impact studies and allow for financial compensation for destruction of natural habitat, rather than preventing their destruction.

<https://cremtl.org/publication/editoriaux/2020/projet-loi-61-souleve-beaucoup-dinquietudes>

Here is the link to sign the petition:

https://www.change.org/p/fran%C3%A7ois-legault-non-au-projet-de-loi-61-du-gouvernement-du-quebec?signed=true&use_react=false

This is an additional petition which we recommend signing:

<https://ecologyaction.ca/sign-below-tell-decision-makers-it-time-act-just-and-green-recovery>

Hoping you will take the time to sign these two petitions,

Economic Health and Human Health is dependent on Ecological Health and Social Justice

Susan Hawker and Helen Fyles

The Quebec Gov is saying that people with certain disabilities are to be excluded from treatment for COVID-19. This petition is against one of the laws that are being proposed:

https://triage.quebec/en/sign-the-petition/?fbclid=IwAR1RVC4j9ZEHAWhGJXb8zrbKolJOv71oqrJw_E6H047z2_05QKAdevGDCjI

Rev. Ryan Fea

Online Children's Churches – Ongoing

✠ Merging Waters has all of our members at heart, at this time as all times. As part of a wider community we are sharing our worships, programs, time, and love with the world. Other congregations and parts of the church are too. To help support the spiritual life of the children of the Pastoral charge we sent out resources to help families engage their children in their faith life during lent.



To help faith communities and families continue to support the spiritual lives of our children during the COVID-19 pandemic, Shanna Bernier, the Nakonha:ka Regional Council Program Support Minister for Youth and Young Adults, is offering a weekly online children's church service on Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sundays. Videos of all past services are available on the Nakonha:ka Regional Council website:

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>

To join in the Facebook Live Children's Church go to Shanna's Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/shanna.bernier> 9am Sundays. Then you can all join us for the Online Worship at Merging Waters.

✠ At the Cedar Park United staff meeting it was agreed to open our KidZoom children's church to any families with small children (toddler to age 10 or thereabouts) who may wish to join in. It's a short session, about 40 minutes beginning at **9 am**. We share the Scripture/theme in kid-appropriate ways, and then do a High/Lows prayer time, and offer activities that can be done en famille, afterwards. To keep the space safe, it's a Zoom room, and anyone who intends to join in should email **Martha Randy** cpu.fymc@gmail.com before **6 pm on Saturday**, so that she can send them the link.

Spiritual Practices - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home – Yoga at Home – Spiritual Centering. www.mergingwaters.ca



CONSEIL RÉGIONAL
NAKONHA:KA
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nakonha:ka News – This is an online publication that comes to us twice a month from the Regional Council (there is no more Presbytery or Conference). Usually printed and posted at both pastoral charges. Here is the link: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/> available in English and French versions.



Affirm/S'affirmer
UNITED/ENSEMBLE

Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. This edition celebrates Pride Month.

<https://mailchi.mp/32b8dece5d93/your-affirm-united-newsletter-february-march-4181538?e=80e28d0cfb>

Your church needs you - 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
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Beaurepaire United
25 Avenue Fieldfare
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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.

Another way to support our churches is through CanadaHelps, it is online, it is secure, you get a tax receipt from them and you are anonymous.

For Union Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/union-church-ste-anne-de-bellevue/>

For Beaurepaire United Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beaurepaire-united-church/>