

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

Online Worship Sunday June 7, 2020 First Sunday After Pentecost

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.

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.

LIGHTING THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

When people cannot breathe they cannot speak,
they cannot cry for help.

When we see that our neighbours cannot breathe
Crushed by oppression and violence

We cannot stay quiet
We must cry out for them

Called by the life of Jesus Christ,
Spurred on by the Spirit
we will cry out for justice and we will not be silent,

Called by the Spirit of the Divine to reach out our hand
To help out human siblings stand
And we will stand with them!

Though an-cient walls may still stand proud
and ra-cial strife be fact,
though bound-aries may be lines of hate,
pro-claim God's sav-ing act.

Walls that di-vide are bro-ken down;
Christ is our u-ni-ty!
Chains that en-slave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!

When vest-ed power stands firm en-trenched
And breaks an-oth-er's back,
When waste and want live side by side,
It's Gos-pel that we lack.

Walls that di-vide are bro-ken down;
Christ is our u-ni-ty!
Chains that en-slave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!

The truth we seek in var-ied scheme,
The life that we pur-sue,
U-nites us in a com-mon quest
For self and world made new.

Walls that di-vide are bro-ken down;
Christ is our u-ni-ty!
Chains that en-slave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!

The church di-vid-ed seeks that grace,
that new-ness we pro-claim;
a u-ni-ty of serv-ing love
that lives praise to God's name!

Walls that di-vide are bro-ken down;
Christ is our u-ni-ty!
Chains that en-slave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!

This bro-ken world seeks last-ing health and vi-tal u-ni-ty.
God's peo-ple by God's Word re-newed,
Cast off all slav-er-y!

Walls that di-vide are bro-ken down;
Christ is our u-ni-ty!
Chains that en-slave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God of love, peace, and unity,
we thank you for welcoming us all just as we are;
for making us equal as your children
from all corners of the earth;
and for giving us your blessings as your children;
and for making us belong.**

**We pray that you help us realize that we are
all made in your image, and we need to bring peace
to all your creation as one people who belong to you.
We ask all this through Christ our brother. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-31 (selected verses)

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good,

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

GOSPEL

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 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."

HYMN MORE VOICES 145

Draw The Circle Wide

Refrain:

**Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid-er still.
Let this be our song, no one stands a-lone,
stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle wide.**

**God the still point of the cir-cle,
'round whom all cre-ation turns;
no-thing lost, but held for-ever,
in God's grac-ious arms. R**

**Let our hearts touch far hor-i-zons,
so en-com-pass great and small;
let our lov-ing know no bor-ders,
faith-ful to God's call. R**

**Let the dreams we dream be lar-ger,
than we've ev-er dream-ed be-fore;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
o-pen ev-ery door. R**

OFFERING

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

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

this too shall pass

Music: Pierre Gallant

Violinist: Judy Hung

Image: Claude Aimée Villeneuve

Video: Dan Gallant

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May these gifts fulfill your work in the world, Holy One.
May the relationships that they support lift up others,
Giving a voice and dignity to the oppressed.
May the new life this mission gives to the world be one of
Life abundant for all!**

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 MORE VOICES 165

There Is A Time

There is a time that we must rise.
There is a time that we must stand.
There is a time that we must come to-ge-ther,

Refrain
For bless-ed are our lives,
bless-ed our love,
and bless-ed the pro-mise gath-ered now.

There is a time that we must leave,
go from the place where ha-treds breed and, turn-ing,
feel the Spir-it breathe us to-ge-ther, R

There is a time we know the way,
there is a time we watch and pray,
in liv-ing faith we make our way to-ge-ther, R

Up-on the dry a cloud will rise,
and truth will shine a-mong the lies
and wis-dom sing as we a-rise to-ge-ther, R

There is a bow with-in the rain
and it will come and bend a-gain and co-lours
shine where we have been to-ge-ther. R

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

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Music: Pierre Gallant

Words: Sandy Davis

Singers: Sandy and Al Davis

Image: Claude Aimée Villeneuve

Video: Dan Gallant

Thank you to for joining us today

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

June 7 th .	1 st Sunday After Pentecost – Unity Sunday
June 14 th .	2 nd Sunday After Pentecost – Union Sunday
June 21 st .	3 rd Sunday After Pentecost
June 28 th .	4 th Sunday After Pentecost
July 5 th .	West Island UCC Summer Share Worship

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sad News: Margaret Purser, passed away on May 23rd, at the Lakeshore General Hospital. Our condolences & thoughts for Andrew Purser and Wendy Hamel. Rev Ryan reminds us that he and the pastoral care volunteers as well as the community, are available if you need to talk about this or anything you are dealing with or want to share this week.



Lynn Thompson has been busy making more of her lovely origami cards (see attachment). 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

Virtual Plant Sale - Ongoing – this is the last week! I have had an influx of donations this week from some keen gardeners - thank you to them all! However, I only have one pot of many of the plants - this is likely the last week of the sale and supplies are thinning! There are two patio ponds and a used composter for sale. Pictures are attached. Please let me know if you are interested in anything,

Some good gardening weather coming up! Cheers, Helen
<https://www.facebook.com/Union-Plant-Sale-109311067422181/>

For those of you who are not on Facebook, below is a list of this week's plants for sale. They are still small but all will bloom or fruit this year if planted soon.

Payment is by cash or cheque (to Helen Fyles) and the location of plant pickup may vary according to the origin of the plant. Please either email hfyles@bell.net or message me on the Facebook page if you are interested.



Many plant books for sale still for sale \$1 each, list can be seen on the Facebook page even if you don't have Facebook.

Plant pictures are posted weekly on the Facebook page "Union Plant Sale"

Once again, supplies of each plant are limited. We do our best but we are not a nursery!

Thanks for your ongoing support. All proceeds go to Union Church in Ste Anne de Bellevue.

LARGE PATIO POND: \$30

Height: 54 cm; Diameter: inside: 70 cm; outside: 80 cm; Color: light grey
Light and easy to carry and move when empty.

MEDIUM PATIO POND: \$15

Height: 43 cm; Diameter: inside: 43 cm; outside: 50 cm; Color: dark grey
Light to carry and move when empty.

The ponds must be picked up in Pointe Claire. Please let me know if you are interested in either one.

COMPOST BIN:

In good condition (small hole visible at bottom). \$15 or best offer

This week's plants are now on sale:

ANNUALS

CANNA LILY: large red tropical flowers. This plant has three healthy stems, the tallest of which is about 8". It will need a larger pot very soon (I can give you one but it may not be very pretty). (\$5) - one available

CITRUS GERANIUMS: mostly lemon-scented but two are lime and two are possibly orange. These plants have not yet been outdoors so need to be hardened off and trimmed. (\$2-4)

LEMONGRASS: for all your Thai cooking. Large plant (\$4) - one available

PAPYRUS: must sit in water. Good for the edges of ponds or the ponds for sale above. (\$3-5)

SALVINIA: floating pond plant (\$2-5 depending on quantity)

PERENNIALS FOR PART SHADE:

ASTILBE: low growing, pink 6" pot (\$3)

CREeping THYME: 10"X8" rectangle (\$8) or smaller pieces upon request. Excellent in your lawn.

HOSTA: large green leaves blooms white in July. Various sizes (\$3-5)

HOSTA: green with white edges. Blooms purple in late June (\$3-5)

HOSTA: green with white centers. Blooms purple in late June (\$5)

HOSTA: large grey green leaves. Blooms purple. 6" pot (\$5)

HOSTA: variegated leaves with dark green edges and lime green interior. 6" pot (\$5)

HOSTA: as above but a mini-Hosta - small leaves. Good for edges or rockeries. 6" pot (\$4)

LAMIUM, CREEPING: variegated with green and white leaves; low-growing with pink flowers. Not invasive 4" pot (\$2)

PACHYSANDRA: glossy green leaves, white flowers, ground cover. Tolerates drought. 6" pot (\$3) - one available

SOLOMON'S SEAL: Dangling elegant white flowers. Slender arching stems. 15-25 cm. (6" pot-\$3) - one available

SPIREA: small shrub with pink blooms in late June. This one is about 20 cm tall. (\$4) -one available

FERNS

JAPANESE FERN: triangular silvery fronds on purple stem 6" pot (\$5) -one available

MAIDENHAIR FERN (NATIVE): light green fronds splay out horizontally like a hand, atop 1-2' black wiry stems. 6" POT (\$5) – one available

OSTRICH FERN: tall and feathery; spreads. One lovely plant left. (\$2)

WOOD FERN (NATIVE): low growing and slow spreading, feathery fronds. 4" pot (\$3) – one available

PERENNIALS FOR SUN:

ANEMONE, WHITE: About 15 cm tall. Spreads by seed. 4" pot \$3

BEE BALM: red, about 25 cm tall 3" pot (\$2)

BLACK-EYED SUSAN'S: 4-6" pot (\$4)

COREOPSIS: delicate yellow daisy; blooms mid-July and lasts the rest of the summer. About 15 cm tall. 4-5" pot (\$4)

CREEPING JENNY: create a carpet of low-growing wandering stems covered in pairs of lime green oval leaves. 3" pot (\$2)

DAY LILY: Stella D'Oro. Yellow flowers in late June. 10" pot (\$6) One available

EUPHORBIA: red leaves; interesting yellow flower heads, makes a nice clump, spreads by seed. 6" pot (\$4) one available

IRIS: Tall with blue flowers 10" pot (\$5)

LILAC: at the moment the bush is about 8" high but it will grow! (\$4) - one available

LILY, TIGER – FROM BULBS; bright orange-coloured flowers with black spots (12 cm in diameter!); 60-150 cm tall; 6" pot (\$4)- one available

PEARLY EVERLASTING (NATIVE); small white straw like flowers – about 15 cm high. A plant for pollinators. Blooms now; 4" pot (\$3)

PEONY: Light pink 30-45 cm 9" pot (\$5) one available

PHLOX: blue 10-15 cm tall, makes a nice clump. Flowers in late June 10" pot (\$5) -one available

PHLOX, CREEPING: white flowers for rockeries - low to the ground 4" pot (\$2)
PHLOX, TALL: white, 30 cm tall. Bloom late June – mid-July, 6" pot (\$4)
SEDUM, CREEPING: grey/green foliage and pink flowers in early July drought resistant 4" pot (\$3)
SEDUM, CREEPING: dark green foliage and pink flowers as above
SEDUM, CREEPING: variegated green/white with pink or white flowers. 10" pot (\$5)
SEDUM, TALL: grey/green foliage; 25-30 cm tall; pink flowers in late summer; drought resistant. 6" pot of 6 babies (\$3)
SIBERIAN IRIS: slender leaves and delicate purple flowers in mid-June (9" pot - \$5 or 6" pot \$3)

HOUSE PLANT

CURLY LEAFED BEGONIA \$6 one available

Online Children's Churches - Ongoing

●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 Highs/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. This is going on all summer, except for vacation times.

●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.

Beaconsfield United Church's Women's Collective and ORA Loss & Living Program presents - *Exploring refugee grief with meditation, conversation and artistic expression*. ORA offers a wide range of activities and workshops which draw on group wisdom and experience to address losses of all kinds at different stages of grief, with a goal of helping participants develop life skills and resilience for current and future losses. Join us on Zoom on **June 16th at 7:00 pm**. Please contact Temitope Hundeyin (438) 990 8283 or Jennifer Forest at: community@beaconsfieldunitedchurch.com



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.

Yoga at Home-Online Those videos supplied by our own Bryson Davis for Yoga are on our website, click on the Spiritual Life tab at the top. Even watching the videos and imagining you are doing the poses helps to relax you. There are two videos: regular floor Yoga and chair Yoga. Give it a try.



The buildings are closed but the work of the church continues – As the church buildings are maintaining the absolutely minimum operational presence, we remind everyone that the buildings are being kept safe and maintained by those assigned the task by the boards. While no one else is to go to the buildings our community continues to have a vibrant life through online presence and the good old-fashioned telephone. Please feel free to email or leave a message and our intrepid office administrator Susan Smith

and dedicated pastor Rev. Ryan Fea will get back to you as soon as possible. Patience and prudence will help us to do our part to help the community.

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 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. Home is a spiritual place, let us worship together in comfort, in community; together even when far apart.



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:

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Beaconsfield,
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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