

# Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

Sunday Morning Worship  
Sept 13th, 2020  
Creation Time in the  
Season of Pentecost



Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community

## What Is Creation Saying to Us? Delight In Me!

### 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.**

### GROUNDING IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

### MUSICAL CENTERING

Dawn Song  
Music: Sergey Yevtushenko

### SPIRITUAL FOCUS (Excerpts of Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**Spirit dancing on the waters,  
sun reflecting song of grace  
calling life to all the creatures,  
giving life to human race.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,  
naming moment they should part,  
giving freedom to the peoples,  
signed for all in dancer's art.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,  
paradox of womb and grave,  
welcome now the Word Child's coming,  
no one prisoner, no one slave.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,  
can the dance by cross be stilled?  
Earth be shaken! Dead awaken!  
What was emptied shall be filled.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,  
give your people their new birth,  
healing, loving one another  
in community with earth.**

**Spirit dancing on the waters,  
we would come and dance with you  
'til our world is filled with music  
and in Christ all things are new.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**O Spirit, you hear our sighs and groans, the sadness that weighs us down when our lives are heavy and the world is in pain. Inspire us by the delights of your creation. Lift our hearts like the wind in the trees, the birds that soar, and the ascending hills. Awaken us with your Word, O Author of the Universe, to have joy in your presence and gratitude for the beauty of the Earth – so that we may delight in you throughout creation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:12–56:2

For you shall go out in joy,

**and be led back in peace;**

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

**and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Thus says the LORD:

**Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.**

Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil.

NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 22:1–5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

**On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more.**

But the throne of the Almighty and of the Lamb will be in it, and there servants of the Holy One will worship; they will see God's face, and Creator's name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Delighting In Creation

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.**

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OFFERING

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

*If you are not on [pre-authorised 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

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

Music: Traditional Spiritual, piano variations by Pierre Gallant

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Music: George Frederick Handel

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!**

PRAYER OF THE DIRECTIONS

*you are invited to face each of the directions in turn*

**Spirit of the East**, direction of the rising sun, .... moving us to create beauty and stirring us to compassion.

**Spirit of the South**, spirit of learning and lament.... and humans cry out, "Save!"

All around the world, .... Hear us as we name aloud and in our hearts the places and peoples that cry out today.... Save us from despair, and give us hope, O Spirit of the South!

**Spirit of the West**, direction of the setting sun.... Bless teachers and learners all together.

**Spirit of the North**, direction of wisdom and ancestors, .... Let us name those among and around us for whom we have a particular concern at this time....

**Holy Wisdom, hold us in community and care that we may hold the Earth in community and care. Amen.**

Refrain:

**I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
Where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.**

**There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be. R**

**There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain. R**

**There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
reveals the promise of love. R**

**There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land. R**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**MUSICAL SENDING**

**African Sanctus**

Music: David Fanshaw;

Canticle of Brother Sun

Words: St. Francis of Assisi

Music: Jim Scott and Paul Winter 'Missa Gaia'

**Thank you to for joining us today**

**MERGING WATERS PASTORAL CHARGE  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
UNION CHURCH**

**STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, QUE.**

**« An Affirming Congregation »**

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Pastoral Charge**



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**[www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)**

**UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.**

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| <b>Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.</b> | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 1  |
| <b>Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.</b> | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 2<br><b>Beaurepaire Annual Meeting on Zoom 1 pm</b>    |
| <b>Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.</b> | 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 3<br><b>Union Annual Meeting on Zoom 1 pm</b>          |
| <b>Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.</b>   | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 4<br><b>Merging Waters Annual Meeting on Zoom 1 pm</b> |
| <b>Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.</b>  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 5 THANKSGIVING   |

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)**

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Spiritual Focus, Prayer of Approach, & Prayer of the Directions adapted from *Worship Planning Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost What Is Creation Saying to Us? First Sunday, Year A: Delight in Me!* Texts (non-lectionary): Psalm 148, By Ralph Carl Wushke  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announcement of Annual General Meetings: (please read carefully)**

Members of **Beaurepaire United Church**, 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield, Qc, are called to gather on

Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members and Adherents to Beaurepaire United Church must register with the Office Administrator at [beaurepaire@bellnet.ca](mailto:beaurepaire@bellnet.ca) not later than 12Noon on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

Members of **Union Church**, 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Qc, are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members and Adherents to Union Church must register with the Office Administrator at [Unionofficeadmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:Unionofficeadmin@bellnet.ca) not later than 12Noon on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

Members of **Merging Waters Pastoral Charge** (Members of Beaurepaire United Church or Union Church) are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members and Adherents to Merging Waters Pastoral Charge must register with the Office Administrator at [mergingwaters@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwaters@bellnet.ca) not later than 12Noon on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. With this registration you will receive: The Agenda, the Zoom link and the Annual Report for 2019, by email.

There will be **practice sessions**, so you can all get used to using Zoom. Voting, getting comfortable with essential Zoom functions like muting and unmuting yourself, starting and stopping video. These sessions will start this Friday at 3:00pm, right after church café, until 3:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892066170> or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 838 9206 6170

There will be an additional **practice session**, Tuesday 15 at 7:30pm. 30 mins well spent. (Same Zoom details as above)

All members planning to participate at the AGMs should make sure that they have the Zoom App, you do not require a Zoom membership, but do make sure your Zoom App available at <https://zoom.us/download> is the most recent version and updated before the time of the meeting.



**ZOOM SCRUTINEER HELPERS NEEDED** - Looking for a way to **help** out in our new context? Would you like to learn more about how Zoom works? **Fall AGMs** are fast approaching and will be held on Zoom. Zoom is easier to use than ever. We're **looking for 2 people** to volunteer to help facilitate the work of these meetings. You will help to make sure every vote is counted. Help

other community members to support the work of the congregation. If you are interested please let us know and you get to have a practice session with Rev Ryan and David Gagnon from the Regional Council Office to make sure we can all help to support the work of our AGMs and future meetings.

Signal your interest to the office via email [mergingwater@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwater@bellnet.ca) and we will schedule a practice.

**Beaurepaire United Church Enters Phase 1 of Re-Opening** Beaurepaire United Church has entered into Phase 1 of reopening. Phase 1 allows Beaurepaire Nursery Group, considered an essential service, to have the kids come for pre-school. All other uses of the Church space are restricted and any use must be scheduled through Susan Smith, Office Administrator. There are protocols and guidelines to be followed, you are familiar with them by now: sign-in sheet, social distancing, wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer COVID-19 self assessment before coming to the building, etc.

**Fall House Plant Sale** - Union's first ever houseplant sale took place Saturday Sept., 5<sup>th</sup> and it was a grand success. It was a lovely sunny day and the church lawn provided a pleasant, shady place for the plants. Nine tables of plants! We had a lot of customers, many of whom were local students and it was great fun to help them find plants for their new apartments.



Many thanks to all those who donated plants and helped on the day. We raised about \$1000 for the church. *Helen Fyles, Union Plant Sale*



The **Friday Church Café** - Is BACK !!! Grab a coffee or cola and join Rev. Ryan for chat and community Friday afternoon from **2 pm until 3:00 pm** on Zoom starting **Friday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**. Catch up on how the week has gone, talk about life, the Bible, and the church. We can pray or swap recipes. Zoom details this week are: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83892066170> or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 838 9206 6170 (this link is good for Aug 28<sup>th</sup> through Sept 18<sup>th</sup>)

The **Merging Waters Post-Worship Coffee Zooms** details available each week at [www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online)



**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](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com) & **Diane Nener** Beaurepaire Pastoral Care Coordinator: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com)

**A reminder:** we do have the prayer circle made up of members from both Union and Beaurepaire and that if they do have any **prayer requests** to let me know [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com).



**Spiritual Practices** - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home - Yoga at Home - Spiritual Centering. [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)

**Thomas More Institute** - which used to use the lounge at Beaurepaire United will be holding courses online using Zoom. Winter Term - a Demi-Term of 6 weeks, the reading materials will be becoming available for retrieval at TMI [www.thomasmore.qc.ca](http://www.thomasmore.qc.ca)



## 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 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.

 E-ssentials e-newsletter offers all the "essential" news from The United Church of Canada, including updates on events, campaigns, actions, new resources, and more from the General Council Office and beyond! Published twice each month, with occasional special issues. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> issue. <https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200818?e=9455c8855f>

**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 United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. Current news letter: <https://mailchi.mp/97a122e2d535/your-affirm-united-eneewsletter-4242338?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  
Qc, H9X 2E6

Beaurepaire 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](mailto:par@united-church.ca) providing them your name and congregation and how much you would like to increase your monthly amount

\*Links to Canada Helps giving online available in the OFFERING time of the Order of Worship\*

# Community News



**Marché Ste-Anne** - La Ferme Homefield is back with its beautiful bouquets! Besides this wonderful news, there aren't many announcements this week, so I thought I would shine a light on a vendor giving back to the community during these challenging times. By teaming up with Faisenpour2, a non-for-profit related to food insecurity, Ferme de l'île mtl can turn your donation into fresh veggie baskets for families in Montréal-Nord. It is a known fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has increased food insecurity around the world as food banks have seen their number of clients soar. So, this initiative merits our support. Even two dollars make a difference! Saturdays at Lalonde Park at the end of St-Pierre street. <https://marchesainteanne.ca/en/home/>

**Family Life Centre - *Gratitude: A Practice for All Seasons* online - A four week exploration, online via Zoom, facilitated by Martha Randy, 4 Thursday afternoons Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 from 1:30 to 2:15 PM, \$40 per person**

In the fall of 2017, Martha Randy began a daily gratitude practice on her Facebook page: For 365 days, she named something she was grateful for. This tiny action—repeated day in, day out—had a surprisingly positive impact on her own life and the lives of many around her. She continues this gratitude practice today and would love to share with you what she's learned. Gratitude, it turns out, isn't just for when life is smooth and easy—it's a practice for all seasons.

**As part of this series, you'll have the opportunity to:**

**Explore** what gratitude is (and is not) and **reflect** on it through real-time writing prompts and discussion.

**Discover** some of the grateful voices Martha has learned from along the way.

**Take a grateful step** into a private online "*Gratitude Incubator*" to practice expressing daily gratitude in community over the course of the month—because practice makes grateful!

**Access** Martha's "*Gratitude Guide*"—a compilation of links to additional gratitude resources so you can **dig deeper** into this practice on our own time

**Register at [familylifecentre@gmail.com](mailto:familylifecentre@gmail.com). Space is limited.  
\$40 by cheque, cash or e-transfer.**

We'll provide details on how to pay when we receive your registration.

New to Zoom? No problem. We will coach you in advance – just ask!

[www.familylifecentre.ca](http://www.familylifecentre.ca)

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - West Island Palliative Care Residence – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Butterfly Release**

<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/community-fundraisers/>

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - West Island Palliative Care Residence** – has postponed its fundraiser 'Course pour la compassion' it will now be held virtually on that Saturday. Here is a link:

<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/cpc19/>

**Food Banks** On Rock in Pierrefonds east: <http://onrock.org/donate.html>

Fonds d'aide in Roxboro: (through Canada Helps) <https://www.canadahelps.org/fr/dn/15557>

West Island Mission: (also through Canada Helps)

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/42261/donation>

**Montreal Miracle Food Drive – When: TODAY** September 13, 12 p.m. -

**Where:** Every borough and municipality on the Island of Montreal

<https://miracle13septembre.org/en/home/>

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