

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

Sunday Morning Worship
Sept 20th, 2020
Creation Time in the
Season of Pentecost

What Is Creation Saying to Us? Listen To My Wisdom!

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

Romance by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Michael Woytiuk, piano

Photo of Michael And Pierrette, Rocky Mountain National park, Colorado 2014

SPIRITUAL FOCUS (excerpts of Psalm 104:24–34 and Job 12:7–12)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

**Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.**

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
when you open your hand they are filled with good things.

The hand of the Lord has done this.

In [God's] hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

**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.**

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

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

**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 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.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy Wisdom, we see the destruction in the world around us, and hear the cries of our fellow humans and creatures affected by climate change. We call to you: guide us; teach us; inspire us; forgive us. And you say, "I have been your guide and teacher. The whole cosmos bears witness to my wisdom, and creation itself is the revelation of my love. Turn to the plants and animals, the sea and the sky. They will show you my wisdom." And so we say, "Open our hearts and minds to all the wisdom of creation as we gather in worship today." Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Job 12:7-12

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?

In hand of the Divine is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Does not the ear test words as the palate tastes food?

Is wisdom with the aged, and understanding in length of days?

GOSPEL

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

The Divine In All

OFFERING

We offer our prayer, time, talent, 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

Wise Words on Wisdom

Music by Michael Woytiuk

text by Socrates, Saint Augustine, Sophocles, Jimi Hendrix,
Paulo Coelho, Isaac Asimov and Albert Einstein, Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

Holy Wisdom, we rejoice in the signs of your power in evolutionary creation and the unfolding cosmos. From the stardust of the galaxies to the plankton of the sea, from the oasis in the desert to the crowded city, all creation is infused with your power. Make us ever mindful of the inspiration that infuses all creation.

Pain-bearer, we hear the cries of creation and of our brothers and sisters, human and every other kind, the world over: climate refugees, species in danger of extinction, victims of war and economic injustice, especially those people and places we name at this time (*please share thanks and concerns for the wider world in the chat box*). We remember also those in special need in our own community and families who we name at this time (*please share the names of those for whom you wish to lift up prayers in the chat*). Extend the balm of your healing power, we pray.

Life-giver, we pray that your wisdom, revealed in all your works, may inspire us to live in right relation with Earth, our Mother, all her creatures, and the whole human family. May the harmony of creation be a model for our relationships with our neighbours near and far, teaching us that we are not self-sufficient, but only thrive through a constant exchange of energy and elements, love and language in the web of life.

O Great Teacher, we give you thanks for the wisdom of Indigenous peoples, and the unique insights of the many expressions of faith and spiritual practice in the human family. Wherever there has been hatred, oppression, and exploitation bring truth-telling, reconciliation, and respectful communion.

Help us always to pray and act in ways that are in harmony with divine wisdom and to use our talents and resources to serve the good of all. AMEN.

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

COMMISSIONING

As you leave this time of worship and prayer,
We will go into the world drawing on the senses—
sight and hearing, taste, touch, and smell—
mindfully aware of the wisdom of creation
and its power to make you whole. Amen

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Wisdom's Energy
Music by Michael Woytiuk
original Latin text by Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Thank you to for joining us today

MERGING WATERS PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
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BEACONSFIELD, QUE.
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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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| Sept 20th. | 16 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 2 Live Worship on Zoom
Beaurepaire Annual Meeting on Zoom 1 pm |
| Sept 27th. | 17 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 3 Live Worship on Zoom
Union Annual Meeting on Zoom 1 pm |
| Oct 4th. | 18 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 4 Live Worship on Zoom
Merging Waters Annual Meeting on Zoom 1 pm |
| Oct 11th. | 19 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 5 THANKSGIVING |

Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online
Links for the Zoom Service will be available at on that page
Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download

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 20th, 2020. Members and Adherents to Beaurepaire United Church must register with the Office Administrator at Beaurepaire@bellnet.ca not later than 12Noon on Friday September 18th. 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 27th, 2020. Members and Adherents to Union Church must register with the Office Administrator at Unionofficeadmin@bellnet.ca not later than 12Noon on Friday September 25th. 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 4th, 2020. Members and Adherents to Merging Waters Pastoral Charge must register with the Office Administrator at mergingwaters@bellnet.ca not later than 12Noon on Friday October 2nd. 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 22 at 7:30 pm. 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.



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 11th**. 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 28th through Sept 18th)

The **Merging Waters Post-Worship Zoom Gatherings** details available each week at 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 &
Diane Nener Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: dianenener@icloud.com

A reminder: we do have the prayer circle made up of members from both Union and Beaufort and that if they do have any **prayer requests** to let me know 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

Thomas More Institute - which used to use the lounge at Beaufort 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



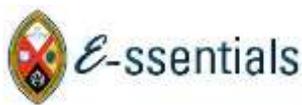
Online Children's Churches – Ongoing
Merging Waters has all of our members at heart, at this time as all times. As part of a wider community we are sharing our worships, programs, time, and love with the world. Other congregations and parts of the church are too.



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 18th 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-enewsletter-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 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

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. 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

Sept 26th - West Island Palliative Care Residence – The 3rd Annual Butterfly Release
<https://residencesoinspalliatifs.com/en/community-fundraisers/>

Sept 26th - 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>

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