

# Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

Sunday Morning Worship  
Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Creation Time in the  
Season of Pentecost



*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

## What Is Creation Saying to Us? Work With 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.**

### REFLECTIVE GROUNDING

Genesis 1:30

### GROUNDING IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

### MUSICAL CENTERING

**Called By Earth And Sky**

Music: Pat Mayberry arrangement: Pierre Gallant

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

The God of creation provided and sustains this beautiful world for us to share with all and with future generations yet to come.

**We are called to be the planet's caretakers.**

God created us in the Divine's own image

**and set us free to be stewards of the earth.**

God calls us to work together, as one worldwide community.

**Let us worship God that we may work well on behalf of Mother Nature.**

**In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**Through our worship of you this morning, may we find our hearts and minds united with your Creating Spirit. Help us to honour the gift of life you share with us. Inspire us in this hour together so that we may care more deeply for your good earth. Sacred Creator, we have not always taken care of our environment. Bless us, Lover of the Universe, with your Word that we may be reminded of your forgiveness and your presence as we strive to live in harmony with the Earth. By your Holy Spirit, may our daily work and play yield abundant fruit for all. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:10-11

Just as rain and snow descend from the skies  
**and don't go back until they've watered the earth,**  
Doing their work of making things grow and blossom,  
**producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,**  
So will the words that come out of my mouth  
**not come back empty-handed.**  
They'll do the work I sent them to do,  
**they'll complete the assignment I gave them.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 12:1-8

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.  
**Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.**  
And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.  
**Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.**  
But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.  
**Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Working With Creation

## 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

Mystery

Words and Music: Bruce Cockburn  
Adapted by Pierre Gallant

Singers: Eric and Bonnie Norris, with 'Road to Joy' Choir

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Spirit of Love, accept our gifts today and every day.  
May they be used to further your work in this community and beyond.  
May they be in some special way a rich reflection of our work on behalf of your Creation and thus of your good seed growing in our good soil. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF JOY AND CONCERN

You, Lord, are our Support, our Guide, and our Creator. You are the one in whom we place our trust.

Thank you for the gifts of rain and sun that you send to help seeds grow.  
Thank you for our mountains and great oceans, tall forests, and sunny prairies.  
Thank you for the beauty of the robin's song at dusk, and for the eagle's screech high in the sky above us.  
We lift our thanks to you for *(all are welcome to lift their thanksgiving in the chat)*.

We pray for the farmers everywhere who plant seeds that become food and for fishing fleets who harvest your provisions from the seas. We thank you for all who work in mines bringing up gems that glimmer in our jewellery, oil and gas that heat our home. We lift our thanks to you for *(all are welcome to lift their thanksgiving in the chat)*.

We lift our prayers for all with special needs, *(all are welcome to lift their concern in the chat)*, especially remembering this day ...  
In loving community we say together. **AMEN.**

## HYMN MORE VOICES 152

## You Who Watch The Highest Heaven (Sanctuary Song)

**You who watch the highest heavens  
wond'ring where God's mansions are;  
you who hope to spot an angel  
spinning like a falling star;  
Earth is calling, come back home and rest in me.**

**You who build exotic buildings  
taller than the forest tree,  
don't you know that all foundations  
deep, deep down reside in me?  
Earth is calling, come back home and live in me.**

**You who travel Earth as pilgrims,  
dreaming where you'd rather be;  
God's own glory fills my body,  
I am God's own sanctuary.  
Earth is calling, come back home to God in me.**

**You who hope for joys in heaven,  
do you know the joys of Earth?  
Ancient forests filled with singing,  
seas that shout when whales give birth?  
Earth is calling, come back home and sing with me.**

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

We have gathered to seek the Presence,  
**to hear Christ's word,**  
and to give praise for God's gift of Creation.

**As we go out into the world,**  
may we work together in our homes, work places, and city  
**to ensure Creation is protected.**

And may we take time this week  
**to enjoy its beauty and thank God for it.**

And all the people say,  
**Amen!**

## MUSICAL SENDING

### Creation Calls

Words and Music: Brian Doerksen  
Singers: Sandy and Al Davis

**Thank you to for joining us today**

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

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**Merging Waters  
Pastoral Charge**



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

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| <b>Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.</b> | 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 3 Live Worship on Zoom<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 Live Worship on Zoom<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)  
Links for the Zoom Service will be available at on that page  
Download the Zoom App at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 Beaufort 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 be Friday at 3:00pm, right after church café, until 3:30pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85700439648>

or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 838 9206 6170

There will be an additional **practice session**, Tuesday Sept 29 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.

A documentary tribute for **Pierre Gallant's** 70th birthday (on Sept 10 2020) has been completed that chronicles the wonderful spiritual and musical journey for our community, over the past 10 years at Union. It includes clips from many of the road shows, and heartfelt comments by choir members and invited guest musicians. It can be watched on an internet platform Vimeo free for the next week. After that DVD or BlueRay copies can be ordered through Patti Murphy for \$20 if you wish your own souvenir copy.

<https://vimeo.com/458408209>

And the password: ThePolkaDotMuseRocksCRM114\*

We hope you enjoy it. Patti Murphy [teatimetango@gmail.com](mailto:teatimetango@gmail.com)





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 25<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 link and password for this week are: Online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85700439648> or by phone +1 438 809 7799 meeting ID: 857 0043 9648 (This new link is good up to and including Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Merging Waters Worship is now live online with Zoom every week @ 10h30.**

Find the link to join worship at [www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online) with a time to meet before and visit after. Join around 10h15 to get connected and have a chat.

**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*

**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** Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator:  
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**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](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)

**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.

## Interment Lots for Sale

Union Church has two double interment lots for sale. All four lots are located side-by-side in the Garden of the Last Supper in Rideau Memorial Gardens, boulevard des Sources, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec. Each lot can accommodate either one casket and two cremated remains or no caskets and three cremated remains. Rideau Memorial Gardens sell similar lots for \$4500.00 plus taxes. Your cost to purchase from Union Church would be \$4000.00 for one lot or \$7500 for a double lot. Enquiries: David Lewis (Chair, Board of Trustees) 514-457-9139, [david.lewis@mcgill.ca](mailto:david.lewis@mcgill.ca)



## E-ssentials

**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. Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> issue. [https://www.united-church.ca/e-newsletters?mc\\_cid=128e091e68&mc\\_eid=9455c8855f](https://www.united-church.ca/e-newsletters?mc_cid=128e091e68&mc_eid=9455c8855f)



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. Current news letter: <https://mailchi.mp/97a122e2d535/your-affirm-united-enewsletter-4242338?e=80e28d0cfb>

The United Church of Canada has recently updated its website so some links may still be in transition – please be patient.

## 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.

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/>

## Community News

**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>

**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)



*We hope to see you in good health in Sainte-Anne's this Saturday. It seems like it will be sunny and warm.*

*If the weather cooperates, we are planning to have our last summer market on October 31<sup>st</sup>. At the moment, we are unable to say confirm that the winter market will be happening this year.*