



Tales From The Torah

Shared Summer Online Worship
Sunday Sept 6th, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Hosted by
Merging Waters Pastoral Charge

RECEIVING THE TORAH & WELCOME

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome in the Merging Waters family. We welcome our neighbours of the West Island United Churches as we gather to worship online. 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

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone, Psalm 62
music from Walker's Southern Harmony 1835
words adapted by David Diephouse 1986
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

A time to centre ourselves as we reflect upon the music

SPIRITUAL FOCUS *(based on Psalm 149)*

Finding the sacred in new places,

We are called to sing a new song.

We have seen the suffering of our neighbours,

and we seek to break down systems of oppression.

Called to prepare for a journey of renewal,

to fulfill the work of love in the world.

We come seeking renewal and inspiration,

for the work of waking the Spirit's dream for all.

HYMN MORE VOICES 30

It's a Song of Praise To The Maker

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree.**

**It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea,**

**Refrain: And by the Spirit, you and I
can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

**It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore, R**

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song, R**

**It's the chorus of all creation;
it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings. R**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

You call to us, O Spirit of Love, and remind us that you are at home with us - in ourselves and in our actions. Speak to us, Holy One, so that we may be reminded of your steadfast presence in times of trouble. May we hear your call of comfort and challenge, Great Spirit, so that we may become a voice of justice and hope to all. Remind us with your Word, Lover of the Universe, to seek to find and embrace you within ourselves and within one another. Amen.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

HYMN MORE VOICES

154 Deep In Our Hearts

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.**

**Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
pro-claim God's saving act.**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!**

**When vested power stands firm entrenched
And breaks another's back,
When waste and want live side by side,
It's Gospel that we lack.**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

**The truth we seek in varied scheme,
The life that we pursue,
Unites us in a com-mon quest
For self and world made new.**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!**

**The church divided seeks that grace,
that new-ness we pro-claim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name!**

**Walls that di-vide are bro-ken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown a-side;
Christ is our liberty!**

**This bro-ken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
Cast off all slavery!**

**Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!**

OFFERING

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

*Each participating congregation has provided links and opportunities for us to support the mission and relationships fostered by the church.
Please give generously as your offerings change lives and lift souls.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let My People Go

Traditional Spiritual

Arranged by Michael Woytiuk, Friday Aug. 28, 2020

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**

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find; and takes me into places
where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine; and takes me into places
where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain:

We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

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COMMISSIONING

Let us go forth as agents of the Sacred.

We go to live and proclaim hope.

Let us go forth as God's ambassadors.

**We go forth ready to proclaim
a way of love and compassion.**

Let us go forth as those who follow the teachings of Jesus.

We go to be the people of the Holy One. Amen.

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Turn, Turn, Turn

music by Pete Seeger, words based on Ecclesiastes
arrangement: Patti Murphy and Pierre Gallant

Thank you to for joining us today

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Sept 13 th .	15 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 1
Sept 20 th .	16 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 2 Beaurepaire Annual Meeting on Zoom
Sept 27 th .	17 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 3 Union Annual Meeting on Zoom
Oct 4 th .	18 th Sunday After Pentecost – CREATION TIME 4 Merging Waters Annual Meeting on Zoom
Oct 11 th .	19 th Sunday After Pentecost – THANKSGIVING

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