



MERGING WATERS PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday Morning Worship
November 1st, 2020

All Saints Day

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.
Wherever we are we're close in one another's hearts.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Bold print indicates text to read/sing/pray 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

Let Us Break Bread Together 'Round the World
American Spiritual, arranged by Michael Woytiuk

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

(based on 1 John 3:1-3)

See what love the Creator has given us,
**that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.**

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.

**Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.**

When the Holy One is revealed,
**Those who have their hope in the Divine
will be one with all.**



**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comfort and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,
each other's burden's bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**The glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Transforming God, we praise you that you can take ordinary people like me, (say your own name), and call us into the Way of Jesus and name us saints, even though we are not perfect. We thank you that you are not finished with us yet. We thank you for the example of Jesus, whose story in the Bible shows us how to awaken your dream for the world. Be with us in this time of worship, as we give thanks for the lives of the saints of yesterday and today. In the name of Jesus, in whom we find the Christ, we pray. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

Revelation 6:17; 7:9–17

For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures,

and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship the Holy One day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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I Have Called You By Your Name

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**I will help you learn my name as you go:
read it written in my people help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
Speak the word you heart can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.**

**I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

ACT OF COMMEMORATION

O God, with whom live the souls of the righteous,
we lift praise to you for the great cloud of witnesses
by whom we are surrounded,
the saints in every age who have loved you in life,
and continued faithful unto death;
Your servants who have departed in the faith
and are at rest with you.
We especially lift our blessings to you for the lives and witness
of those who have shared our journey
and have died in the past year
whom we now remember with You.

**For all of your loving kindness towards them
throughout their earthly life,
and all you have accomplished through them,
we lift our thanks to you. Amen.**

(We Share In A Time of Remembrance)



Loving God, you are our companion in life, our guardian in death,
you are always with us.

**Grant us the deep peace that death is overcome by love
and that because Christ lives, we will live also.**

O God, you arrange us in families and give us friends for companionship.

**We acknowledge our gratitude for all of our precious ones
who have died.**

**We take comfort in the love,
blessings and friendship
we have shared with them in life....**

~ *In this moment of silence let us share the names
of all those who have touched our journey
in the chat window* ~

The deep peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of the Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

**and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Christ and the Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.**

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

Here O My Lord

Words Horatius Bonar, Music by Vincent D'Indy
David Carle, tenor Michael Woytiuk, piano

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.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts

We lift up our hearts to the source of all life.

We lift our thanks and praise

It is right to lift up our thanksgiving together to the Light of all Light!

We lift up our thanks, O Saint Maker, for you inspiring our brother Jesus, your beloved child, to show us a path of life eternal.

We lift our thanks to you Voice of Novelty in the Universe.

In sharing the gifts of the Word, the blessing of creation, and the passionate embrace of the Spirit you have shown us a love that has no end.

A love we may become in how we live together.

We live our lives to reveal your love to the world, Great Lover of all life!

With gratitude and awe we lift our song:

Holy Mystery, Holy Life Bringer, Holy Source of Love!

**Your inspiration shakes assumptions, brings down empires of oppression,
and changes the world.**

Changes lives.

Jesus lived with the poor, stood up against oppression, live and died and lived again - giving us hope.

Giving us the mystery.

Prayers of Concern and Joy

Jesus Prayer for today or Voices United 959

Our ... in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.



On the night before Jesus was betrayed by the powers of sin and death, greed and fear, he gathered with his friends to share a meal, a meal that was integral to their faith.

Living out our faith we are drawn to join Jesus in this meal.

At supper Jesus he took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. Jesus gave his whole life to stand for those who are kept down and to speak out for those who have no voice. He told them "Each time you eat... remember me."

A life lived faithfully with integrity is the bread of life!

After the meal Jesus took the cup, and as was the Jewish custom, said the blessing, and he passed it to his friends. He reminded them that he lived a life authentic to his beliefs, offering hope of a new covenant with our Creator. We find hope in renewed relationship, of turning and returning to right relationship with one another and with God. "Each time you drink," he asked "remember I have shown you hope for the world."

A life of commitment to love and justice is the cup of hope!

Be present, and live, Holy Spirit in these gifts and in us that we may bring life to the world - living with integrity, to *be* the hope we seek in the world by commitment to our faith in renewed in relationship with one another and with you.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we
lift our thanksgiving to share life and hope
through you Great Spirit of love.
Amen.**

Jesus Christ the Bread of Life.
Jesus Christ the cup of Hope.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

We partake of the elements



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the blessing of we have received, O Spirit of Life, may how we live bring life to the world. With the hope we have found in you, Lover of the Universe, may we offer hope of right relationship with you and all. Let us we I faithful lives of authenticity and commitment. Amen.



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Go To The World

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

O When The Saints
Traditional, arranged by Michael Woytiuk
Sandy and Al Davis, vocals

Thank you to for joining us today



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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m. with 10 a.m. gathering

Nov 1st.	All Saints Day – Communion service
Nov 8th.	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 15th.	24 th Sunday After Pentecost – Outreach Sunday
Nov 22nd.	Reign of Christ Sunday
Nov 29th.	Advent 1 West Island Shared Worship

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday <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**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight saving's time - this weekend!!! Saturday night, set your clocks back one hour, change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Last call for seed orders!

ORDERING, PAYMENT & PICK-UP : Order forms will be available in October 2020 and orders will be taken in early November, ready for pick-up at the end of the month.

If you want a form, send an email to **HELEN FYLES**: hfyles@bell.net who will email you an order form and provide easy **payment options** and **pick up details**.

Lynn Thompson has been hard at work : cutting, folding and tucking old bulletin covers and stacks of colourful paper into a Christmas collection of cards. Wow!

There are special occasion cards too, like birthdays, welcome baby, etc. If you would like some, we can arrange drop-off or pickup. They sell at \$2 each, proceeds to Union Church. E-transfer is best to Susan: sahawker@hotmail.com

Gifts with Vision Catalogues have arrived! But since they will be at the church buildings, you will have to use the internet to see the inspiring programs the United Church is supporting. Use Gifts with Vision to buy for those you just don't know what to get for Christmas
<https://giftswithvision.ca/>

Boutique 24 - needs **WINTER CLOTHES ONLY** – coats and boots and winter gear in good condition & clean, ONLY no other boutique items at this time. Boutique volunteers are at Adair on Wednesdays 1-3pm to receive your winter items. If that doesn't work with your schedule, call June Hudon she will meet you there: 514-713-5054

Willing Voices Wanted: We are looking for a few volunteers to announce the Community News and read scripture during our live Zoom services. Please let Christine know if you are interested, at cbmw@bell.net

Michael Woytiuk has been posting Haunting piano classics videos every day this month. If you are interested to check them out here is the link to some of the best so far!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAd_9IKffha0x7k49giWcHQo2L7CA8LHm

