

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

Sunday Morning Worship
October 11th, 2020
Creation Time in the
Season of Pentecost

What Is Creation Saying to Us? Share My Abundance!

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

GROUNDING IN THE WORD

Genesis 1:27

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

Now Thank We All Our God
words Martin Rinckhart Music Johann Cruger
arranged by M. Woytiuk

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Praise God with our whole heart!

Give thanks to the Divine for your steadfast love!

Let us lift our prayers celebrating the Spirit's presence

and respond to God's calling: "Share My Abundance!"

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the City square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy One, in the beginning, you created all things and called them good. As we begin our service of thanksgiving we humbly present these symbols before you. In our use of them, help us see you, hear you, touch you, and taste how good you are. O Maker of hands and feet, how often we forget in worship that we can use our body and our senses to honour you. Creator of all things, how often we indulge in material things, failing to respect your other forms of abundance. Forgive our forgetfulness and failure.

(a moment for silent prayer)

Creator of all, orient us again to turn to you this day and every day. In your Word help us to hear you speak these words to us: "Arise, my love. Let me see your face, let me hear your voice. I have given you my love." Amen.

Creator God you gave us life,
 your image formed within our souls,
 yet through the mist of time and space,
 we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain:

Through hands that paint majestic skies,
 and voices chanting melody,
 with words that reach beyond the page,
 we comprehend your mystery.

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
 we see your great diversity,
 yet greater still we see your love,
 expressed in our humanity. R

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
 we share our gifts with all the world,
 our spirits soar beyond the veil,
 to touch the very face of God. R

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, "The one who scatters abroad, who gives to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (2x)**

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R**

**Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R**

**Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R**

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross. R**

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

Johnny Appleseed Song

*arranged by M. Woytiuk
sung by Sandy and Al Davis*

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.**

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

In the beginning, [God], you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. (Hebrews 1:10)

The orange Sun powerfully beaming out its colour of harvest celebrates your creation. The silver Moon gently soothing the last burst of summer life also praises you.

We, therefore, join their praise for your warmth and care reflected upon and painted in the sky.

We give thanks to you for all your glories and for our life of abundance. We name blessings for which we lift our thanksgiving now in silence or in the chat:

We acknowledge before you now your yearning for us to share this abundant life as we reach out in prayer to those who cannot celebrate these gifts because of war, poverty, and violence. We name these people now in silence or in the chat:

We also pray for those places in creation where want, need, and danger are present. We name them now in silence or in the chat:

God, our lover and our everlasting companion, accept this prayer of concern and thanksgiving.

Help us to continue in mutual love with you and with our neighbours.
This we pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we find the Christ;
remembering him, we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother/Father/Creator in heaven,
Hallowed is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For yours in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Forever and ever
Amen**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? *R***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I Will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *R***

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

What A Wonderful World
Words George David Weiss and Bob Thiele
Arrangement Mark A. Brymer

Thank you to for joining us today

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Oct 11th. 19th Sunday After Pentecost –THANKSGIVING
Oct 18th. World Food Sunday
Oct 25th. Inner Peace Sunday
Nov 1st. All Saints Day
Nov 8th. Remembrance Sunday
Nov 15th. 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

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

Sad News

We were sad to hear of the passing of **George Barclay**, a longtime member of Union Church, on September 28th. We extend our condolences to his daughter Fiona and the Barclay family. A private ceremony took place at Côte St. Charles Cemetery in St. Lazare last week. George provided us with many fond memories and will be missed.

The Pastoral Care Team, on behalf of Merging Waters, extends our sincere condolences to our Office Administrator Susan Smith and her family on the passing of her mother, **Jean**. Please be assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Ivy Lewis

Please support at least one of the **Fund-Raising** efforts that are in the mid-week message:

- Lynn Thompson's cards
- Great for Gardeners seeds
- Child Haven online/silent auction and other ideas
- God's Mission our Gifts – Loving our Neighbours 2020



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 25th**. 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: <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 30th)

Stay after (3pm Friday) if you want a Zoom practice session?

Zoom Practice Sessions: Worship is live weekly on Zoom! Do you want to get to know this useful tool better? Would you like to get more out of Zoom? Are you interested in volunteering as a Zoom Usher during services? Come to the Zoom practice session after the Church Café each week at 3 p, same link as the Church Café, and get to know this worship resource with Rev. Ryan.



On Sundays the Zoom will be open as of 10am so we can join together for a time of gathering and stay after to talk about the theme of the worship for a bit. I hope you have been enjoying the live worship, a more authentic community experience, more live feel.

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a community that cares - Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns.

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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

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.



The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed every aspect of our lives. This change includes our worship lives as a people of faith. I encourage you all to come and see your faith family in the way we can - in online worship and gatherings. Something that may deepen your experience of prayer and worship in these times is to create a prayer space at home. Somewhere dedicated to prayer and worship. A spot set aside for time with the Divine, where you can meditate, do yoga, and participate in worship with your church family. For me it's the lovely-sunny spot in the solarium, a small corner where I have led worship over the summer. I go there at times to be quiet and pray, enjoy the plants I nurture there, and to meditate or practice my yoga positions. Try finding a spot where you commune with the sacred in your home spaces too. See you Sunday. Peace, Rev. Ryan

Spiritual Practices - on our website check out Spiritual Life for links to Worship at Home – Yoga at Home – Spiritual Centering.

www.mergingwaters.ca



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WEEKLY ZOOM YOUTH GROUP (target age high school age, roughly 14-19 yrs) If you, or a young person you know of would like a place to chat, hang-out, check-in and see friends from across the regional council, send them the info for our ZOOM Youth Group, Thursdays at 5:00 pm EST. Contact Shanna for details about how to connect: sbernier@united-church.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

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.

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/>



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. Aug 18th issue.

<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es200818?e=9455c8855f>



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UNITE/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>



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.

Want to start your day with prayer? Check out Rev Darryl Macdonald's Celtic Meditations on the Roxboro United Church Facebook weekday mornings at 9 am.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/roxborounited>



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>