



MERGING WATERS PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday Morning Worship
October 18th, 2020

World Food Sunday

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 our 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

Take Time to Be Holy
words by William Longstaff 1882
music by Geirge Stebbins 1890
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We come to this time of togetherness,
Seeking to be nourished by the Word.
We find comfort and renewal in community and faith.
**Let's seek together, comfort one another,
To feed others in faithfulness.**

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Giver of Life, we marvel at your creation of the earth, the joy in the rising and setting of the sun, the earth going to sleep in our autumn, and the knowledge of rebirth in the spring. Your love is the foundation of all life. Let your purpose direct our movement on a path of justice. Let your wisdom help us make choices of truth. Thank you, dear Creator, for your strength we receive every day, for that strength is the foundation of life. Amen.

**Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the Wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,

“Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?”

They answered, “The emperor’s.”

Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

How Are We Fed?

HYMN MORE VOICES 172

God Says

**God says, “Be still so you may hear the words
I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I’m with you always where you go.”**

**God says, “Look up and see the prize
I’ve placed here right before your eyes.
Find beauty in the things of earth,
a cause for wonder and rebirth.”**

**God says, “Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do,
your life will show my love for you.”**

**God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything.”**

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

Won't You Come with Me

American Spiritual
leading us in music Keith Whittall

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

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**

**Long before the night was born from darkness
Long before the dawn rolled unsteady from fire
Long before she wrapped her scarlet arms around the hills
there was a love
this ancient love was born**

**Long before the grass spotted green the bare hillside
Long before a wing unfolded to wind
Long before she wrapped her long blue arm around the sea
there was a love
this aching love rolls on**

**Long before a chain was forged from the hillside
Long before a voice uttered freedom's cry
Long before she wrapped her bleeding arms around a child
there was a love
this ancient love was born**

**Long before the name of God was spoken
Long before a cross was nailed from a tree
Long before she laid her arm of colours 'cross the sky
there was a love
this ancient love was born**

**Wakeful are our nights and slumbers our morning
Stubborn is the grass sowing green wounded hills
As we wrap our healing arms to hold what her arms held
this ancient love
this aching love rolls on**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Tears are Not Enough
Music by David Foster

Thank you to for joining us today

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**Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge**



*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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| 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 |
| Oct 18th. | |

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

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

Check the mid-week message for:

- Book give away from Boutique 24
- Lynn Thompson's greeting cards
- Great Gifts for Gardeners fundraiser
- Electric Car Webinar Monday Oct 19 at 7pm
- Virtual Rally with KAIROS Sunday Oct 18



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.

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

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 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



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

Beaufort United
25 Avenue Fieldfare

Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue
Qc, H9X 2E6

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 Beaufort United Church: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/beaufort-united-church/>



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

Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble – is an online publication that comes to us quarterly. Current news letter:

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

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>



Lynn Thompson does have a good supply of her lovely origami cards. We cannot guarantee what the exact pictures would be but they are all of the same high standard. They are mostly blank but she has some special occasion cards 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



GREAT GIFTS FOR GARDENERS - is an **Exciting New Fundraiser** for **Union Church**
Just in time for easy Christmas Gifting and your Mailouts!

Union Church of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue is teaming up with a local, organic farm –
Ferme Coopérative Tourne-Sol in Les Cèdres –

to offer you the IDEAL, Christmas gift for the gardeners on your list!

We have put together 6 themed variety packs of **ORGANIC SEEDS** that are sure to please every type of gardener, from the most serious grower to the budding enthusiast.

Each variety pack contains 5 different organic seed packs, bundled together in a recyclable envelope, sealed and ready for gifting & mailing out in time for Christmas.

The packs are \$25.00 each (tax included).

• **A Junior Gardener Selection** (5 packs)

Your first garden should be easy to grow + fun!

Includes : *Dragon Egg Cucumber, Rattlesnake Pole Bean, Sunflower Mix, Red Cored Chantenay Carrots, French Breakfast Radishes*

• **An Heirloom Garden Selection** (5 packs)

For the seasoned gardener to expand their varieties with gorgeous and unique heirloom vegetables

Includes : *Red-Cored Chantenay Carrots, Kahnawake Mohawk Snap Beans, Reine des glaces Lettuce, Jaune Flamme Tomatoes, Detroit Dark Red Beets*

• **Our Pots of Plenty Selection** (5 packs)

For balconies and patios for folks with limited space using containers :

Includes : *Black Cherry Tomatoes, Mouse Melon Cucumbers, Genovese Basil, Chives, Deluxe MesclunMix*

• **Bounty in your Salad Bowl Selection** (5 packs)

A perfect mixture of all the fresh stuff we want in our salad bowls, all in one place

includes : *Raxe Radish, Lettuce Mix, Deluxe Brassica Blend Mesclun, Calendula, Dragon Egg Cucumber*

• **An Herb Lover's Garden Selection** (5 packs)

For folks who love using fresh herbs in their cooking this mixture will give you a bit of everything which **includes :** *Dill, Santo Cilantro, Chives, Genovese Basil, Oregano*

• **Busy Bees Selection** (5 packs)

Bees and other pollinators will be hard at work in your garden to help with your abundance.

Flowers for the soul! **Includes :** *Dill, Phacelia, Sylvestra Wild Arugula, Erfurter Calendula, Anise Hyssop*

ORDERING, PAYMENT & PICKUP : 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 **pickup details.**

The proceeds from the sales will help Union Church continue to offer its invaluable services to the community. **Thank you for your support.**

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>

This just in: God's Mission our Gifts – Loving our Neighbours 2020

https://mailchi.mp/united-church/phil_201001?e=9455c8855f