

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

Sunday Morning Worship
October 4th, 2020
Creation Time in the
Season of Pentecost

What Is Creation Saying to Us?

L♥ve 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.

GROUNDING IN THE LIGHT OF LIFE

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

MUSICAL CENTERING

How Great Thou Art

Words by Carl Boberg to a Swedish Melody arranged by Michael Woytiuk

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

This morning,
the sun's first rays called the day into light.
Did you hear
**the chatter and song of birds
breaking the silence of pre-dawn night?**
Did you see,
**the colours of dawn
stretched across the heavens?**
Did you feel
**the cool night air
shifting to a morning breeze?**
Creation is stirring;
our day has begun.

Morning has broken like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
 sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Yours is the sunlight! Yours is the morning
 born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's re-creation of the new day!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Creating One, here we are, a gathering of your people; evidence of Creation's unfolding, we come, all shapes and all sizes, all ages and life stages. We come in new ways, to sing our song of faith, knowing that it is the change from one note to another that makes sound into music. We come hesitant and unsure, or filled with conviction and knowing our way. However we come, we are here to join with all of creation in praise and thanksgiving. Accept our gift of worship as with one voice, one hope, one love, we gather into praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:8-12

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD,

but the LORD was not in the wind;

and after the wind an earthquake,

but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

and after the earthquake a fire,

but the LORD was not in the fire;

and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Where's The Love

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

Trees

by Pierre Gallant (inspired by the poem by Joyce Kilmer)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creating God, with these gifts we say thank you for all of creation, from ugly toads to gracious butterflies, from startling storms to star-filled nights. We are grateful to be a part of all that is. Holy One, whose breath is our life and whose grace is our hope, receive the gifts we offer. Bless them that they may be faith lived out, hope lived, and love given for this world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One,
Breath of Creation, stir in us.
Open our hearts that we may see,
all of creation's glory.
Open our hearts that we may know,
life is holy.
Open our hearts that we may love
with wonder and awe and reverence.

Creating One
We understand that we live within creation,
all woven together by the sacred breath of life.
We confess the times we have chosen to forget;
we name to you our careless greed
 when habitat has been denied,
 when invasive species have been introduced,
 when thoughtless destruction has been allowed,
 even encouraged.

We name to you the flight of bob-o-links,
 the thump of bullfrogs,
 the discreet beauty of the painted turtle,
 the majesty of elm trees,
 the upright strength of the ash,
 —all of your creation that is diminished and threatened
 by our disinterest, by our complacent greed.

Forgive us.

Help us to discover the second chance
 of a growing awareness,
 a deepened understanding,
 an active love.

May we live wisely, with reverence for Creation.
May we live gently on this earth,
giving room,
sharing space,
providing for all.

We celebrate the steps taken to redeem this earth,
the tall grass prairie replanted,
the wild turkeys returned,
groves of trees re-established.

Bless us as we better love your creation.

To you we give our praise and thanksgiving
for all that delights,
for all that teaches,
for all that is wondrous,
for all of creation.

Thank you.

Time for silent prayers

Creating God,
we offer our prayers for humanity
for broken hearts and wounded spirits
for moments requiring strength and courage
for our daily needs.

Time for silent prayer

Holy One, we gather all of our prayers into one by
praying together

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**

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

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

Beauty Before Me

a Navajo Benediction
music by Michael Woytiuk
Kerry-Anne Kutz, Soprano

Thank you to for joining us today

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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.	World Food Day
Oct 25th.	Inner Peace Sunday
Nov 1st.	All Saints Day
Nov 8th.	Remembrance Day

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement of Annual General Meeting: (Don't Forget!)

Members of **Merging Waters Pastoral Charge** (Members of Beaurepaire United Church or Union Church) are called to gather on Zoom for the 2019 Annual General Meeting at 1pm on October 4th, 2020 (TODAY).



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS WEEKLY ZOOM YOUTH GROUP (target age high school age, roughly 14-19 yrs) Thursdays at 5:00 pm EST. Contact Shanna for details about how to connect: sbernier@united-church.ca

Online Children’s Churches – Ongoing

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

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>

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>



Fund Raisers!!!

GREAT GIFTS FOR GARDENERS – Organic Seeds, 5 different types – Only \$25

Junior Gardener	<p>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: hfiles@bell.net who will email you an order form and provide easy payment options and pickup details.</p>
Heirloom Garden	
Pots of Plenty	
Bounty in your Salad Bowl	
Herb Lovers Garden	
Busy Bees	

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



← **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. Etransfer is best to Susan: sahawker@hotmail.com

TIME TO CELEBRATE – AND SUPPORT – CHILD HAVEN!

If you are like me, you really miss meeting monthly and enjoying the various other events at Union. Some of you may remember the Child Haven events we used to hold - with the spectacular saris and auction items straight from Nepal, Tibet and India - all for the wonderful purpose of supporting 9 orphanages in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh.

Child Haven West Island usually holds one of their extraordinary fundraising events every Fall, however this year, due to COVID, it is not possible to hold it in person, so we are holding it online! It is also the 25th anniversary of Montreal's Child Haven fundraising events, and the 35th anniversary of Child Haven!

See all the details in the attachments. It will be different, and it will be special. So, in spite of COVID-19 – you are invited to help us celebrate Child Haven on Saturday October 17 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom! - together, we can raise funds for their important work for children and youth in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh.

To add to the excitement, we have added a special online Silent Auction of treasures from India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh that Bonnie has brought back from her visits.

The Silent Auction opens on October 1st (today)– so be sure to check it out at

<https://www.32auctions.com/MontrealChildHavenAuction>.

It will close at 8:30 p.m. on October 17, 2020, the evening of our Montreal event. Please note that Silent Auction items purchased will be delivered to Montreal at the end of October for pick up.

Let's start the bidding – and don't forget to get your ticket(s) for the event on October 17 at http://childhaven.ca/fundraiser_montreal_2020.html

You will get a tax receipt for **100%** of your ticket and any direct donations. Items from the Silent Auction are not eligible for a tax receipt as they are an actual item that is being purchased.

We hope to see you there on the screen! Those registered will receive the zoom link a couple of days before the event. Please feel free to forward to family and friends who might also be interested.

Best wishes, Susan Hawker

COOKING STUDY



Have you ever wondered what our ancestors in faith ate? What grows in the land of milk and honey? This fall, join us for an online cooking study by Zoom where we will explore recipes from the Middle East, learn about Jewish celebrations like Passover and Purim, and explore the Scriptures while cooking. 6 sessions, 6 different meals, and 6 different stories. If you're looking to build community, have a passion for cooking, or want to deepen your theology then this cooking study is for you. No need to buy any books, just the ingredients. In order to make this experience enjoyable, participants must have an iPad, tablet, or laptop because this is happening in your own kitchen. Places are limited. So hurry, grab your Chef hat, your apron, sharpen your knives, and don't forget to register.

Bon Appétit!



Thursday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm.
October 8, 2020 to November 12, 2020.

To register or ask your questions send an email to Raphaël Pérusse, Intern Minister at Beaconsfield United Church.

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