



Sunday Morning Worship
November 22nd, 2020

Stewardship 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 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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

MUSICAL CENTERING

This Little Light of Mine

traditional

arranged by David Carle

David Carle Tenor, Michael Woytiuk piano

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We come to celebrate the gifts we receive,

Gifts that we share, bringing light and love to all.

What is fair and what is grace often get confused.

We come to experience the spiritual relationship that connects necessity and generosity.

Let us celebrate commitment we have shown,

And gain courage for vision and action in times to come!

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Victoria Moulton

Treasurer of Beaurepaire United



**Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.**

**You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Blessing God, kind and caring, like a parent tending to children, like a friend present in times of need, inspire us as we begin this new season of journeying in your ways. Teach us, to walk together and to walk with you. Help us, Spirit of Creation, to learn and live in your generous ways, that we may share your abundance, and extend your compassion - intentional and courageous. Amen.



“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Faithfulness, Courage, Commitment

HYMN MORE VOICES 187

We Give Our Thanks

We give our thanks to God, (4x) (refrain)

**We give our hands to you, (3x)
because you reached for us.**

**We give our eyes to you, (3x)
because you looked for us.**

Nous rendons grâce à Dieux, (4x) (refrain)

**We give our feet to you, (3x)
because you walk with us.**

**We give our hearts to you, (3x)
because you first loved us.**

WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Jim Fyles

Treasurer of Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



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

We Are One In The Spirit

by Peter Scholtes
Keith Whittall, guitar and vocals
Victoria Moulton, vocals

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate our gifts to you, Holy One

**Help us to use them to awaken your dream for the world;
to be agents of your work in this world.**

We dedicate our pledges to you, Spirit of Justice.

Guide us as we prepare us financially for the future.

Use us, O Creator, to do your work in this world.

**Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ.
Helps us choose to be courageous in our community. Bringing love to all
places and the unity of this faith family to all the world.**

Amen.

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



HYMN VOICES UNITED 506

Take My Life And Let It Be

music leader Geoff Quaid

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love: and I will pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Love is the Greatest Part of It

by Michael Woytiuk
Allan and Sandy Davis, vocals

Thank you to for joining us today



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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Nov 22nd.	Stewardship Sunday
Nov 29th.	Advent 1 West Island Shared Worship (10 am exceptionally but our same webpage)
Dec 6th.	Advent 2 Peace
Dec 13th.	Advent 3 Joy
Dec 20th.	Advent 4 Love
Dec 24th.	Christmas Eve
Dec 27th.	First Sunday after Christmas

**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

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/>

Ebi Kimanani Scholarship fundraiser – Beautiful pillowcases made by Linda Toivanen: all season two pairs and 5 singles; Christmas two pairs and one single. Pairs are \$25 and singles \$13. Cheques can be made to Beaurepaire United with Caring for Kenya in the op/info line. Inquiries to Susan Cruickshank, susanc394@hotmail.com or 514-694-3382

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

Lynn Thompson is still making Christmas and other occasion cards. If you are interested drop her and email at: lynnathompson3@icloud.com She prefers cash, but no e-transfers.

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

Rev. Ryan on Study leave – Rev. Fea will be on study leave this week from Nov. 23rd until the 29th. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact the church office. Support will be available. Ryan will return on the 29th to join us in shared worship with our neighbours from Beaconsfield and Ste-Genevieve United on live zoom worships.

Next Week's Shared Worship – November 29th we will be worshipping together with our neighbours at Beaconsfield United and Ste-Genevieve United Churches. The Service will be at 10 am lead by Rev. Shaun Fryday and the Beaconsfield student ministers, along with Rev. Joelle Leduc, and Rev. Ryan Fea, as well as lay prayer leaders from each community. We will be sharing in the Sacrament of Communion as we lift up our togetherness so please bring elements with you when you attend online. As always, the Zoom link will be available at www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online

Upcoming Board Meetings – Members of all three boards keep your eyes out for the links for upcoming meetings Dec 1st for Union Church Board, Dec 2nd for Merging Waters Board, and Beaurepaire Board on Dec. 3rd. All three meetings will be at 7pm on the established day of the meeting. Board members, please see upcoming email from the church office for Zoom details each meeting.

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. A brand new very interesting, **issue Nov 12th**.
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