



Sunday Morning Worship  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Called To Be  
Beloved Community**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
After Epiphany

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.**

MUSICAL CENTERING

Parable of Light  
Homage to Kahlil Gibran  
Music: Pierre Gallant piano

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

**We Are A Rainbow**

by David Kai (verse 1 & chorus)

**We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,  
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,  
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,  
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**



## **SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

God calls all ages, all people,  
The Divine is call you,  
to live in God's New Day.

**God calls people just like us,  
and people very different from us.**

## **HYMN VOICES UNITED 595**

## **We Are Pilgrims**

**We are pilgrims on a journey.  
Fellow travellers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Sister let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I might have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

Revealing God,  
you make yourself known to us,  
and through us.  
So, we tune our hearts and minds  
to recognize your call,  
and respond.  
Interrupt our busyness or leisure or sleep.  
Speak to us.  
We are listening.  
Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called,

**“Samuel! Samuel!”**

and he said,

**“Here I am!”**

and ran to Eli, and said,

**“Here I am, for you called me.”**

But he said,

**“I did not call; lie down again.”**

So he went and lay down.

The Lord called again,

**“Samuel!”**

Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said,

**“Here I am, for you called me.”**

But he said,

**“I did not call, my son; lie down again.”**

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said,

**“Here I am, for you called me.”**

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel,

**“Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say,**

**‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ ”**

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before,

**“Samuel! Samuel!”**

And Samuel said,

**“Speak, for your servant is listening.”**



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 beat 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

## GOSPEL

John 1: 43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him,

**"We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."**

Nathanael said to him,

**"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"**

Philip said to him,

**"Come and see."**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Nathanael asked him,

**"Where did you come to know me?"**

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Nathanael replied,

**"Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"**

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Called By The Divine

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

Hope For A Better World

Words: Bonnie Jennings

Music: Pierre Gallant

CHORAL DEDICATION VOICES UNITED 55

In The Bleak Midwinter

(verse 4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.**

PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our ....., in heaven,  
holy 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 is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



**Refrain:**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms. R**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call. R**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door. R**

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**MUSICAL SENDING**

**Try A Little Kindness**  
Music & Words: B. Austin/C. Sapaugh

**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.**

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.** Second Sunday After Epiphany  
**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>.** Third Sunday After Epiphany  
**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.** Shared West Island Worship Service 10:15 am (gathering time 9:45 am)

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](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](https://zoom.us/download)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**KnitPick** – June Hudon is hoping someone has #3 KnitPick needles to loan her, she is in the middle of a project. Here is an image of the Knit Pick system, detachable needles that screw on to a cable. It shows a large needle at the top, a smaller one detached, and the other end of the cable with the screw thread. Call June at 514-713-5054

**EBI KIMANANI SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – Sincere thanks to all of you who made recent donations to support the education of Kenyan Secondary School Students. They would not be able to attend school without your generous assistance. Donations are gratefully received throughout the year and are receipted for the year in which they are received.



**Church Café** – Fridays 2-3pm. Join with Rev. Ryan Fea and other members of the community for a time of conversation. Weekly get togethers online with a chance to catch up, we also have theme weeks, discussion days, and prayer times depending on the week. Come chat, catch up, share stories or just listen. We can talk about our lives, hope and concerns, or just shoot the breeze and see friends.

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83863371519>  
or By Phone: 4388097799 meeting ID 83863371519

### Resources online

**Groove with the Guitar** – KanataUC left us a voice mail to tell us about their two music videos they thought we could share. They are called: Groove with the Guitar – [Christmas Cheer](#) and – ['Twas the Night Before Christmas](#) Each video is about 30 minutes long.

**Social Time and Worship** – Sundays 10am. During the covid-19 pandemic we are worshipping online and will be gathering together before and afterward to share in conversation and community. The worship page has the Zoom details available each week.

<http://mergingwaters.ca/worship-online/>

**YAYA** – Youth and Young Adult with Shanna Bernier - Youth group is 6:30 on Thursdays.

Contact [Shanna Bernier](#) for details about how to connect.

**Children's Church at Home** – will now be at 9:30 am on Sundays.

Check Facebook there is [a new page for it!](#) Please go, like, follow, and share!

**Nakonha:ka Regional Council youth and young adults page** – Find details as these programs are updated at <https://nakhaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>

**ONLINE-Yoga** – With trained instructor Bryson Davis, available at

<http://mergingwaters.ca/yoga-at-home/>

**ONLINE-Chair Yoga** – For deep relaxation, try Chair Yoga

<http://mergingwaters.ca/yoga-at-home/>

## Support available

**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge in 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](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com) &

**Diane Nener** Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com)

We do 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](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com)

**Family Life Centre** – The Family Life Centre offers short term pastoral care listening and guidance on behalf of our member churches. Our services are for those without the ability to pay, are offered in English only, and are intended to help you discern your options when facing a temporary rough patch.

<http://www.familylifecentre.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>

## Online reading

**E-ssentials e-newsletter** – from The United Church of Canada arrives weekly, open link and click on the Past Issues tab at the top left.

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=ff2087d5fde243a770ed893a8&id=1507c08385>

**Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble** – comes to us bi-monthly

<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=cc608c73f94333ec58cfbfd2&id=132d18d215>

**Nakonha:ka News** – from the Regional Council, arrives monthly

<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/newsletter/>

**Broadview Magazine** – also available online and is special and important reading. If you were a subscriber, you could be part of their National Online Reading Club on Monday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, the Digital Editor will interview three guests authors featured in the Jan/Feb 2021 issue.

## Reminder

**Ste-Anne's Market** - reopening on Saturday Jan 16th 10am-1pm indoor/outdoor at St-George's church, vendors present: Mediserre; Culture Adamo; Du champ aux pots; Érablière des Roy; Ferme A. Lauzon; Ferme de l'île mtl; La maison de thé O Chadô; Masala Dhabba; Multi-ferme; Nan-Cheeze: SUUT; Tannahill Soaps; TWIGS.

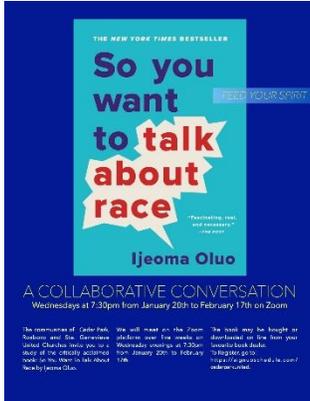
Masks-Arrows-Distancing-no Linger

**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](mailto:david.lewis@mcgill.ca)

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>

**Suitcases for Africa** – a worthwhile cause to provide assistance to **Ebi Kimanani's** childhood community. Check-out the Suitcases for Africa Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/suitcasesforafrica> many beautiful items still available. Call Wendy Buchanan for information: 514-992-5500. Our website is: <http://suitcasesforafrica.com/>



**Wednesday Study Group** (below) – Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. The communities of Cedar Park, Roxboro and Ste-Genevieve United churches invite you to a study of the critically acclaimed book: *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. This is the link for the sign-up: <https://signupschedule.com/cedarparkunited>