



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship

**Celebrating International
Women's Day**

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 7th, 2021**

WELCOME/BIENVENUE

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome.
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./

*Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge, l'identité ou
les conditions de vie.*

*Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui
que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans
l'amour et la communauté pour louer Dieu ensemble.
Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance.*

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

O Wisdom's Energy
lyrics by Hildegarde von Bingen
music by Michael Woytiuk

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We celebrate women's voices, proclaiming wisdom.

We honour women's lives, forging new paths.

We remember women's faith, strong amid challenges.

We celebrate women's vision, calling us all into the future.

Past, present, and future, our lives join with women everywhere.



**There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing:
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."
There is room for all, there is room for all!**

**Chacun a sa place á l'abri sous l'aile de Dieu;
chacun a sa place en l'amour de Dieu.
De joie, je chanterai :
«Mon refuge en le quel le me confie. »
Chacun a sa place, chacun a sa place.**

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PRAYER OF APPROACH

Embracing Mother God, we are grateful for all the blessing you have bestowed upon us – the breath of life, the sisterhood, the friendship, the fellowship and womanhood. We give thanks for showering us with delight and joy so that we may continue to protect life amidst sacrifices and direst of circumstances. We endure and share each other's load amidst life struggles for decent living; to end all kinds of violence inflicted unto us, to our children and in the environment; to continue to inspire others to collectively break our silence. Without ceasing, we will move in body and soul, and use our hands and voices to express our very strong resistance to the injustices and violence of this world. Amen.

MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES 154

Deep In Our Hearts (verse 1)

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.**



For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of the Holy One. For it is written,

**“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of the Creator, the world did not know God through wisdom, the Sacred decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Authorities demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Authorities and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Authorities and Greeks, Christ the power of the Spirit and the wisdom of the Holy One.

**For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and the Divine’s weakness is stronger than human strength.**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

How Do We Walk Together?

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Montreal City Mission & Women Catering Cooperative

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

Changes

By Alexina Louie, Order of Canada

CHORAL DEDICATION MORE VOICES 115

Behold, Behold I Make All Things New v. 1

**Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**



AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PRAYER

**God,
Today we honour the women of all times and places,
Women of courage,
Women of hope,
Women of suffering,
Women of mourning,
Women living fully,
Women experiencing joy,
Women delighting in life,
Women knowing the interconnectedness of the human family,
Women promoting human flourishing,
Women boldly leading the transformation of unjust global structures,
Women seeking and sharing wisdom and love,
Loving God, we celebrate your faithfulness and love,
On this day we celebrate the promotion of the full humanity of all women everywhere,
We know that whatever denies or distorts the full humanity is not of God,
Help us to be faithful to your call to love all of humanity equally,
In your holy name we pray.**

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**



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING HYMN MORE VOICES 179

Sisters Let Us Walk Together

**Sisters let us walk together,
Sharing sadness, loss and grief,
we will move through pain to wholeness,
brokenness transformed to peace.**

**Brothers let us work together,
seeking justice, healing shame,
filled with hope, imbued with courage,
ev'ry violence we will name.**

**People let us love together,
joining spirits, linking hands,
we are God's unique creation,
clothed with dignity we'll stand.**

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.

Mar 7th.	3 rd Week of Lent – Wisdom of Love: International Women's Day
Mar 14th.	4 th Week of Lent – God's Healing Love
Mar 21st.	5 th Week of Lent – Write Your Love Upon Our Hearts
Mar 28th.	6 th Week of Lent – Palm Sunday
April 1st.	Maundy Thursday (evening gathering)
April 2nd.	Good Friday Service (12 pm)
April 4th.	Easter Sunday

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

Annual General Meetings AGMs - All members and adherents are encouraged to come.

- Union meeting today at 1pm, Annual Report 2020 was sent each of the two last weeks. Agenda was sent Thursday March 4 in the mid-week message.
- Beaurepaire United Church is March 14 at 1pm.
- Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is March 21 at 1pm.

A Global Day of Climate Action - Sacred People, Sacred Earth

Montreal Event - 11 March 2021, 11-11:30am

-this is a Zoom event for the whole world details in the mid-week message

ECOfast continues – this week the fast objective is water. What is your consumption of water each day?

Online **petitions** for local forests (Fairview & Ile Perrot) need you to help out by signing the petitions, details in the mid-week message.

Église St. George's Church, just down the street from Union, has invited us on March 11th at 1pm on Zoom to book discussion 'Five Loaves, Two Fish and Twelve Volunteers'.

Lynn Thompson is once again selling handmade cards featuring origami decorations using assorted papers. The cards are \$2.00 each and all proceeds go to Union Church. Anyone interested in ordering cards can reach Lynn by phone (450-218-6131) or email (lynnathompson3@icloud.com) and arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery.

Wendy Hamel noticed an article in the Beaconsfield Journal, suggesting seniors to **foster a rescue** animal (dog, cat, rabbit, bird) needing a short-term home. Check out the SPCA website.