



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge  
Sunday Morning Worship

**Creation's Love**  
**Written On Our Hearts**

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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**

Love Will Guide Us

by Sally Rodgers  
Victoria Moulton, vocals  
Keith Whittall, the band

**WALKING IN THE LIGHT**

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

**CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW**

**SPIRITUAL FOCUS**

Each day is a gift from God,  
**each moment is that opportunity  
to reach out in service to all creation.**

Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:  
**not written on stone tablets easily broken,  
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Each day we draw closer to God:  
**who has forgotten more than we ever will learn;  
who has forgiven us more than we will ever acknowledge.**



**In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**As we come to your word, Spirit of Creation, speak to us of renewal. As we seek your wisdom inspire us, Lover of the Universe, to hold your call for love and growth in our hearts. Challenge us, God of Love, to live as your people; allowing your comfort to bring us peace, showing by our actions your love to all living beings, open to your call and one another. Amen.**

**MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES 154**

**Deep In Our Hearts (verse 3)**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.**



“That’s right. The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won’t be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master.” GOD’s Decree.

**“This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!— and be their God.**

And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about GOD. They’ll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I’ll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I’ll forget they ever sinned!” GOD’s Decree.

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Covenant In Creation

## 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

The Rustle Of Spring

By Christian Sinding  
Michael Woytiuk, piano

## 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.**

## 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.



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN VOICES UNITED 375

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.**

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stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**Tu choisies un peuple; poussé par ta voix,  
il quitta l'esclavage vers une terre et une loi.  
Et quand il fut trompé par des illusions,  
tu donnas aux prophètes tes saintes visions.**

**Souffle, vent doux du Saint-Esprit;  
ta grâce me conduit hors du désert.  
Souffle, grand vent du Saint-Esprit,  
secoue notre apathie, vent, vent sur la mer.**

**Tu chantas dans l'étable, tu gémiss sur la croix;  
tu rompis le silence, par un souffle de joie;  
et puis, dans les villes, tu nous envoyas  
le vent d'une tempête qui nous ranima.**

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ta grâce me conduit hors du désert.  
Souffle, grand vent du Saint-Esprit,  
secoue notre apathie, vent, vent sur la mer.**

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

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stir me from placid-ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

Thank you to for joining us today

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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

**UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m. (unless alternative time is listed)**

<b>Mar 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent – Creation's Love Written On Our Hearts
<b>Mar 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent – Palm Sunday – Standing Up For The Oppressed (Sacrament of Communion)
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup>.</b>	Maundy Thursday with Riverside and Beaconsfield (7 pm)
<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup>.</b>	Good Friday with Riverside and Beaconsfield United (11 am)
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Easter Sunday
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup>.</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Transformative Mission

**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

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

-Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is March 21 at 1pm Link, reports and agenda have been emailed out to membership. The link is also on the front page of the church website.

**Fascinating Report from Carleton U.** It's most enlightening about the experience of 2S&LGBTQ+ Older Adults and Workers in Public Services and the promising work being done to improve it. People can download the report or watch the video of its presentation to the community on their website.

<https://carleton.ca/carework/lgbtq2s-seniors-safety-in-public-services/>

Rev. Wendy Evans is giving you heads up of this next project MCM is doing in partnership with BTS in Maine a BOOK CIRCLE. The INCREDIBLE book: All We can Save -Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis. Four (4) session Thursdays April 8-29 4-5pm. Cost \$20.

The ECOfast continues. This past week was the Injustice Fast, ending March 21. The Upcoming week is the Electricity Fast culminating in Earth Hour on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm turn off your lights for an hour.

There are 2 forest saving petitions to sign from Susan Hawker.

One (1) survey for Older Adults, caregivers, community workers and staff, in the Anglophone community from Jane Cowell.

Beautiful handmade cards by Lynn Thompson are on offer. Proceeds to Union church.

Festival de a Voix is ongoing, online, March 20 to April 3 is: The Best of Broadway – A Sing Along, with our very own Michael Woytiuk amongst others. And much, much more!

Broadview magazine - SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING | CELEBRATING 192 YEARS. Subscription for a year, is upcoming in May. \$25 for 8 issues delivered to your door.

Details about these happenings and more in the mid-week message. Which you can find on our website [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca) click on the Stay Up-to-Date tab then on Mid-Week Message.