



**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship
Transformative Mission**

**2nd Sunday Of Easter
April 11th, 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

Little Meditation
Music by Pierre Gallant

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

We Are A Rainbow *(verse 2)*

**We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade
In the rainbow each of us can find a place**

**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

The Spirit of God calls to our spirits:

calling us together in worship and service.

The Word of God calls us to ministry:

**calling us to be the church,
calling us to love the world,
calling us to work for peace,
each and every day.**

HYMN/CANTIQUE MORE VOICES 145

Draw The Circle Wide /Traçons Un Grand Cercle

**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.**

**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire
Debout solidaire, traçons un grand cercle.**

**Que nos cœurs touchent les horizons,
enveloppant chaque lieu;
notre amour sans fin répondra
à l'appel de Dieu.**

**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire
Debout solidaire, traçons un grand cercle.**

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

**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.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy Creator God, we gather in worship to give thanks and to seek inspiration for living our lives. We lift up our thanks for the world, this home, for its infinite varieties of peoples, colours, and cultures; for the endless opportunities to make new relationships; for the challenge of venturing across new frontiers, creating new things, and discovering new truths. We thank you for your call to participate in healing what is hurt or broken. We are thankful for the work of our Mission and Service partners and the difference they are making around the world. Forgive us, good God, when we fail to see the wonder of diversity and the opportunity to love and serve others. Open us to the abundance of your grace. Give us peace and joy as we respond to your call in the Way of Christ. Amen.

MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES 90

Don't Be Afraid/N'ayez pas peur

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
And I have promised,
Promised to be always near.

N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort
Il est plus fort que votre peur.
N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort
Je vous ai promis,
Promis d'être toujours là.

EPISTLE READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Transformative Mission

Guest Speaker - Anwar Alhjoob
Montreal City Mission Intercultural Coordinator and Assistant Director

*You can view MCM's most recent Annual Report [here](#)
and stay after the service for a Q&A with Anwar for more about the important work of MCM*



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

Redemption Song

words and music by Bob Marley
performed by Jon Davis

CHORAL DEDICATION MORE VOICES 30

It's A Song Of Praise For The Maker

(verse 1 & refrain)

**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,
And by the Spirit, you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

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

HYMN/CANTIQUE MORE VOICES 161

**I Have Called You By Your Name/
Tu sais, je t'ai appelé par ton nom**

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
All my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**Je t'apprendrai mon nom à chaque pas.
Lis-le en tous ceux que tu rencontreras.
En versant l'eau en mon nom,
proclame la communion;
et de Jésus, qui s'est donné, suis les pas.**

**Tu auras besoin de moi en chemin.
En tous lieux, sens ma présence et mon soutien.
Comme cette femme en pleurs
qui a surmonté ses peurs,
touche et laisse aller Jésus sur son chemin.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

~ Thank you to for joining us today ~

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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- Apr 11th.** Second Sunday of Easter – Transformative Mission/Faith in Action
We welcome Anwar Alhjoog from MCM
- Apr 18th.** Third Sunday of Easter - guest preacher Rev. Wendy Evans
- Apr 25th.** Forth Sunday of Easter – Earth Day - Earth Day – guest presider Aaron
Miechkota MDiv with the Outreach Committee
- May 2nd.** Fifth Sunday of Easter – Communion Sunday
- May 9th.** Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day/Christian Family 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

It's About Bloomin' Time! - Please come and join four plant lovers (Bonnie, Helen, Christine & Kathie) for another informal and friendly gathering about plants on Tuesday **April 13 @ 7:00pm**. We will start with a quick exchange of what is blooming in our gardens and inside our houses at the moment - so we all know what to put on our wish list. From there - as time and interest permit - we will talk about what goes into making a butterfly garden and/or creating a meadow. Bring your questions and sad plants and between us all, we may come up with some solutions.



Zoom details in the Mid-week message and on our website: www.mergingwaters.ca

This video sure opened my eyes:

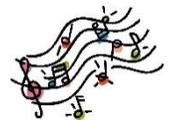
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/news/article/why-grow-it-and-dont-mow-it-is-ideal-spring-gardening-tactic-canadian-wildlife-federation>



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.

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

Festival de a Voix is ongoing, online, through to April 24th.



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.

Rev. Ryan will be on leave for the next two weeks we will welcome the leadership of Rev. Wendy Evans on April 18th and Aaron Miechkota MDiv on April 25th. We look forward to them sharing their ministry and leadership with us in worship.

**The services of April 18th and April 25th will not be rebroadcast on YouTube
Please join us live on ZOOM these weeks.
Posting of recorded services will resume May 2nd.**

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