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**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship
We Walk this Easter Road
Together
With Rev. Wendy Evans**

**3rd Sunday Of Easter
April 18th, 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

How Great Thou Art

Wendy Hamel, Soprano
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

by David Kai (Verse 2 & Chorus)

**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 Holy One is in our midst.

Allelulia! May our eyes be open!

God calls us to continue the journey together

With joy and thanksgiving we sing our praise.

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This is God's Wondrous World

**This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.**

**This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Wondrous God
Creator and lover of the earth
You have given us this life
To share – to belong – to treasure
Hold us in hope and grace
As we learn to walk in the rhythm of your ways**

**Made known to us
in branch and leaf and root
In rock and hill and mountain
In silence and in song
And in the words of your love
Made known to us in the Word made flesh
In the body of Christ
Risen
Amen**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Two people were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?" They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said,

"Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?" They said,

"The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him.

And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened.

But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive.

Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "So slow-hearted" Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.



They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him:

“Stay and have supper with us.

It’s nearly evening; the day is done.”

So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked.

“Didn’t we feel on fire as he talked with us on the road,

as he opened up the Scriptures for us?”

They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! Jesus has been raised up—Simon saw him!” Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized Jesus when he broke the bread

This is the good news of God in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Surprising Companions

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Open My Eyes, That I May See

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

High Mountain Companions; Namaste
written by Michael Woytiuk

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

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



**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all in circles of our love.**

Thank you to for joining us today

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

April 25th. 4th Sunday of Easter – Earth Day – Outreach Sunday
May 2nd. 5th Sunday of Easter – Communion Sunday
May 9th. 6th 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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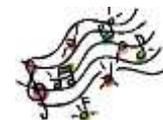
It's About Bloomin' Time! – was held Tuesday night Apr 13, 21 attendees. Many specimens of flowers that are happening right now: pulmonaria, violet, blood-root, scilla, pachysandra, candytuff, asclepoa (milkweed).



Ferme Tourne-sol – Is launching a 10-day crowd funding campaign to convert a used cube delivery truck into being fully electric-powered! The campaign running until **April 22nd** (Earth Day) Patti Murphy

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

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



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