

**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship**

Christ Is Risen

**Easter Sunday
April 4th, 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.

POEM

The first gold of dawn

MUSICAL CENTERING

Oh Happy Day

by Edwin Hawkin
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

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.**

Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

For whom are you looking?

The Creator of a new heaven and a new earth.

For whom are you looking?

The risen One who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Then come. You will find what you seek.

For Christ is risen today.

Let us celebrate with heart, and soul, and mind.

Hallelujah!!

HYMN VOICES UNITED 155

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (verses 1,2, &4)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!**

**Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love, hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

We come to your Word, Source of Novelty in the Universe, seeking renewal, and find a world renewed each day. Speak to us, Spirit of Life, and in hearing your message, may we all be free from expectations of “how things should be.” Open our eyes, God of Love, to see the empty tomb and find that your grace has been set loose upon the world – freeing us all to love, live, worship, and be in new ways. AMEN.

MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES 90

Don't Be Afraid/N'ayez pas peur

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| 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. |
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When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

HYMN VOICES UNITED 359

He Came Singing Love

**He came singing love and he lived singing love;
He died singing love.**

He arose in silence. (one beat of silence)

**For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
He died singing faith.**

He arose in silence. (one beat of silence)

**For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
He died singing hope.**

He arose in silence. (one beat of silence)

**For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
He died singing peace.**

He arose in silence. (one beat of silence)

**For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

God Is On The Loose



OFFERING

We offer our prayer, time, talent, reflections, and resources

Please write down how your offering of how you will live out the resurrection this year.

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

You Will Have Joy

by Gene Bartlett

arranged by Michael Woytiuk

recorded at Beaurepaire United in 2017

CHORAL DEDICATION VOICES UNITED 173 **Thine Is The Glory/À Toi La Gloire** (refrain)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

À toi la gloire, Ô Ressuscité!

À toi la victoire pour l'éternité!

PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

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| THE LORD'S PRAYER Our ..., in heaven, hallowed be 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, forever and ever. Amen. | LE NOTRE PÈRE Notre qui es aux cieux, Que ton nom soit sanctifié, Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel, Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour, Pardonne-nous nos offenses, Comme nous pardonnons aussi, A ceux qui nous ont offensés, Et ne nous soumet pas à la tentation, Mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, La puissance et la gloire, Pour les siècles des siècles, AMEN |
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HYMN VOICES UNITED 958

Halle, Halle, Halle

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

The Day of Resurrection

words by John of Damascus ca 750 on a German traditional tune

Arranged by Michael Woytiuk

Pierre Gallant piano 1 at Union Church

Michael Woytiuk piano 2 at home in Pointe-Claire

Thank you to for joining us today

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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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| April 4th. | Easter Sunday |
| April 11th. | 2 nd Sunday of Easter – Transformative Mission |
| April 18th. | 3 rd Sunday of Easter – guest preacher Rev. Wendy Evans |
| April 25th. | 4 th Sunday of Easter – Earth Day – guest presider Aaron Miechkota MDiv |

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

After Holy Week the office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday April 5th & 6th. If you have pastoral needs please contact Diane Nener or Ivy Lewis. Rev. Ryan and Susan will be back in action on Wednesday.

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.

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.

Petitions & Survey - 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 la Voix, ongoing, online, Mar 20 to Apr 3. Still on offer are: ROOTS, BLUES and SPIRITUALS (until Apr 11, 8:00pm) and "Rendez-vous" with QUARTOM (Apr 10-24, 8:00pm)

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 click on the Stay Up-to-Date tab then on Mid-Week Message.

Be prepared for Sunday, when you write your commitment for resurrection living for the coming year.

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