



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday of Hope

November 28th, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

Rev. Ryan Fea presiding

Michael Woytiuk Ministry of Music

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 text for congregational response – please note, as we will be engaging gently in responsive liturgy and singing all are asked to remain seated and masked, keeping bubbles 2 meters apart during the service.

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge the lands our churches and many of homes sit on have been stewarded by the first peoples of Turtle Island, among them the Kanien'kehá:ka, "Mohawk" peoples, as well as nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the neighbouring Huron-Wendat, Anishinaabeg, and Abenaki peoples. We commit ourselves as a faith community to the multi-generational work of reconciliation and the pursuit of true justice and flourishing wellbeing for all peoples who now call Canada home.

MUSICAL CENTERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

a 15th Century Melody
Arranged by Phillip Keveren

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Light for the shadows:

may it show us the way.

A flame of hope:

may our hearts be warmed.

We light the Advent candle of Hope

A beacon of possibility:

**may there be light and hope in our living
as we prepare to welcome Jesus.**



SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN MORE VOICES 220

Hope Shines As The Solitary Star
(x3)

**Hope shines as the solitary star.
Faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
And illumine the pathway home.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy Mystery, we begin this season of Advent with great anticipation of your coming to live among us. This has been a year like no other we have experienced. So much has been outside of our control. And so, we approach this season prayerfully, setting aside the distractions. Protector God, we know you will guide us through the shadows and provide blessed moments that will delight and comfort us. We value this time together when we can focus on your word and its relevance for our lives, while we journey with hope into this season of miracles. Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-33

Strange things will happen to the sun, moon, and stars. The nations on earth will be afraid of the roaring sea and tides, and they won't know what to do. People will be so frightened that they will faint because of what is happening to the world. Every power in the sky will be shaken. Then the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. When all of this starts happening, stand up straight and be brave.

You will soon be set free.

Then Jesus told them a story:

When you see a fig tree or any other tree putting out leaves, you know that summer will soon come. So, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom will soon be here. You can be sure that some of the people of this generation will still be alive when all of this takes place. The sky and the earth won't last forever, but my words will.



Refrain: **I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.**

**There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
the Tree of Life will be. R**

**There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. R**

**There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. R**

**There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. R**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Catching Stones

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Building a World Where Everyone Belongs
Lynda's Story

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

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

by M. Praetorius

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In these days of waiting, O God, as Mary grew Jesus in her womb, so grow in us a spirit of generosity. Bring to birth within us a passion for justice and peace. As we share these gifts, which you have entrusted to us, so may your dream for the world come closer to fulfillment. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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« An Affirming Congregation »**

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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| Nov 28th. | Advent 1 – Hope |
| Dec 5th. | Advent 2 – Peace/Human Rights Sunday – White gifts (grocery gift cards Tree) |
| Dec 12th. | Advent 3 – Joy Sunday |
| Dec 19th. | Advent 4 – Love Sunday |
| Dec 24th. | Christmas Eve (Family Candlelight Service 8 pm) |
| Dec 26th. | Cocoa and Carols Service – First Sunday After Christmas (online) |

Unless otherwise indicated all services are simultaneously
in person (24 Maple. Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue) and online
Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pay It Forward

Canadians are receiving COVID vaccines, people in many other parts of the world have no way to get them.

Your gift of 25\$ will provide a complete COVID-19 vaccination to one person in a country where vaccines are in short supply. 25\$ to save a life.



<https://giftswithvision.ca/collections/featured/products/pay-it-forward>



Lynn Thompson – Has a new series of hand-made 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.

Dec 5th 2021 – White Gift Sunday please bring Gifts for St. Columba House. Need: primarily they would like **gift cards** that can be spent at local grocery stores, IGA or Maxi. Denominations of \$25 are ideal but any size is most welcome. Any questions? Ask Helen Fyles hfyles@bell.net

Church Café Advent of Discussion, activities, song, and FUN: Church Café continues weekly on ZOOM Fridays 2 pm with special themes throughout Advent. Grab a cocoa and share!



Dec 3rd - Do you know how many of the Gospels include a birth narrative for Jesus? Come and celebrate preparing for the birth of the Christ Child with fun and informative trivia. Test your Christmas Gospel knowledge. No letter grades for this gathering just fun!!

Dec 10th - Does O Come All Ye Faithful get your spirit up? Love to sing Joy to The World? Get ready to tap your toes and sing along. We're going to share our favourite Christmas Carols. Not only will we talk about them but, with the help of modern technology, we will enjoy your favourite Christmas Carols together. Warmup your vocal chords, or not, we're going to have lots of fun.



Dec 17th - Dawn we now our Bake apparel?! It's cold outside! Let's bake something yummy inside! This week we're going to share our favourite Christmas recipes – type it up to share or trade a link. No baking during the gathering but if you make something in advance you can show off your goodies and share the story of how this recipe became your fav Christmas delicacy.

JOIN US ON ZOOM – LIVE online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87988296312>
Or by phone: 438-809-7799 Meeting ID: 879 8829 6312

These and other announcements available in the Mid-week message

