



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

Bless You!

2nd Sunday of Lent
March 13th, 2022

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 print indicates an invitation for congregational response and participation

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the lands our churches and many of our 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, the pursuit of true justice and flourishing well-being for all peoples who now call Canada home.

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

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

PIE DAY WELCOME

A message shared by Val Strong (*Affirm United Rep*)

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

We Are A Rainbow

(verse 1 and 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.**

**Chorus: 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

Blessed and blessing,
loving and loved,
God's people, Merging Waters,
come to this place!

We're ready!

From times of work,
from times of play,
from times of busy-ness,
from times away,
God's people of Merging Waters, come!

We're set!

To speak and to receive,
to sing and to pray.
God's people of Merging Waters, come!

We're here!

We're here!

We're here to worship God!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God of the smooth road,
God of the rough places,
God of the wilderness paths,
thank you.**

**Thank you for calling us out
when we want to wrap ourselves up and hide.
Thank you for giving us safe space
when everything is just too much.
Thank you for blessing all creation with your presence,
and with your love.**

**Open our hearts, we pray—open our minds—
open our souls and, by your grace,
fill them with your abundant love;
not only so that we would be changed,
not only so that we would be blessed,
but so that we can be blessing
and people of transformation,
in your world.**

In Jesus' name we ask it.

Amen.

HYMN MORE VOICES 12

**Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a work more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

Come Touch Our Hearts

(verse 1)



Now the Great Spirit said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as God had told him; and Lot went with him.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Bless You!

HYMN VOICES UNITED 634

To Abraham and Sarah

**To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
'Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'**

**From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace.
and in their heart was written by God this saving word:
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'**

**We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future secure and un afraid!
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word:
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Affirm United 4th Annual PIE Day

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

Elegy in Blue and Yellow

Music by Pierre Gallant

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all creation, we know that all that we have, all that we are, is blessed and blessing. In this sharing, we add our blessing to yours. May all of these blessings bring hope and healing to your world. Amen.



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE 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 actions as well as in our imaginings.

Nourish our bodies and spirits,

Inspiring us to share the abundance that 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,

Through the faith that you have always shown in us.

May we all make it so.

Amen

HYMN VOICES UNITED 420

Go To The World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

**Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you 'til the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

Blessed and blessing,
loving and loved,
God's people, Merging Waters,
go from this place!

We're ready!

To times of work,
to times of play,
to times of busy-ness,
to times away,
God's people of Merging Waters,
go to the world!

We're set!

To speak and to listen,
to sing and to pray,
to be a blessing, each and every day.
God's people of Merging Waters,
go and be stewards of the faith,
Jesus' people on the Way.

**We go, knowing we are never alone!
Carried by the wings of the Holy Spirit,
moving forward with Christ's peace,
enfolded in the Creator's love, we go!
Amen. Amen! AMEN!**

MUSICAL SENDING

Beautiful

music and words by Carole King
sung by Patti Murphy

~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~

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UNION CHURCH



**STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, QUE.
« An Affirming Congregation »**

&

**BEAUREPAIRE UNITED CHURCH
BEACONSFIELD, QUE.**

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Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

www.mergingwaters.ca

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- Mar 13th.** Lent 2 – Bless You! Service in-person & online onsite at 25 Fieldfare
Mar 13th. Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Annual General meeting
online on ZOOM at 2 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84679694054>
- Mar 20th.** Lent 3 – Are You A Regular? – Spiritual Communion
Onsite and online at 24 Maple, Ste-Anne
- Mar 27th.** Lent 4 – I've Had Enough

Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR WEEK 2 OF LENT

This week go into blessing stealth mode. Be creative. At least once a day, this week, use something you have been given, something you have been blessed with, to secretly bless someone else. Don't let them know it was you. It could be a family member. It could be a co-worker. It could be a total stranger. It doesn't matter who. At least once a day, this week, use something you have been given, something you have been blessed with, to secretly bless someone else.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH CAFÉ

Now with a new link for Feb 27th and March

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87964312436>

Dial by your location

+1 438 809 7799 Canada

Meeting ID: 879 6431 2436

Fridays @ 3 pm

Details and link at

www.mergingwaters.ca

Lent with Merging Waters

Lesser Evils

Lenten Study

Journey through daily reflections with a weekly discussion

A shared journey with Merging Waters, Beaconsfiled and Riverside United

To register contact Cynthia:

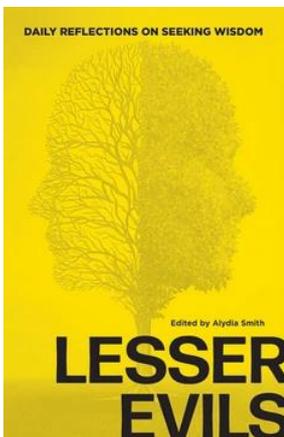
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There are hard copies already available

to purchase through Riverside

Also available through www.urcd.ca

in hard copy and epub versions



March 13th service will acknowledge that
March 14th, 2022 marks the 4th Annual Affirming PIE Day when we will lift up and celebrate in different ways our commitment to being Public Intentional and Explicit in living out our commitment to inclusion and diversity.

We can't have pie in person but we can be inclusive.



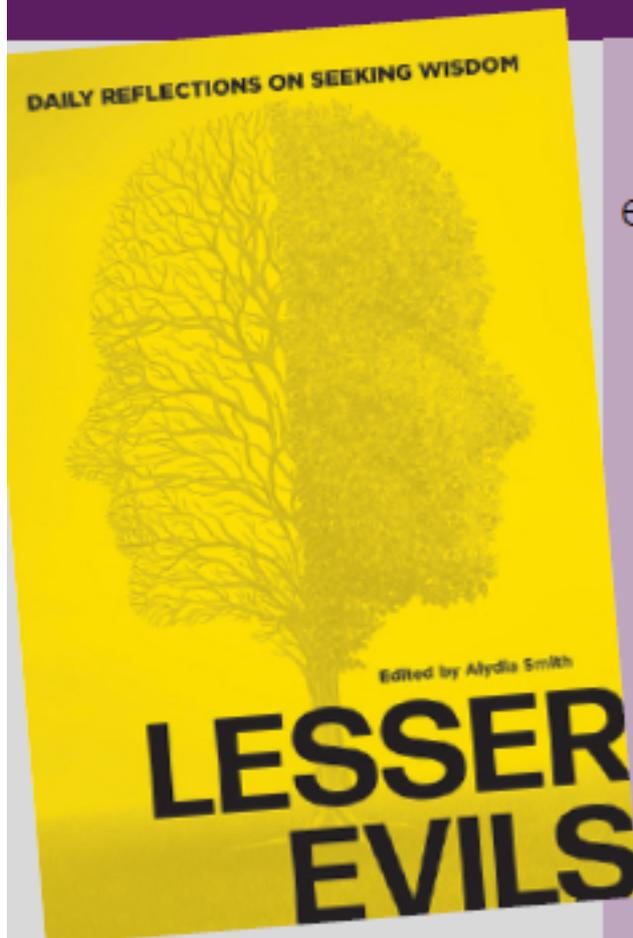
Get Public. Intentional. Explicit.

Photo: Affirm United/Saffirmer Ensemble



Riverside United Church, Beaconsfield United Church
and Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Present

Lesser Evils: A Lenten Devotional Reflection Series



Join us on Thursday evenings in Lent (beginning March 10th) as we reflect together on making faith-led moral decisions in a complex world, using the book Lesser Evils as a guide.

Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM over Zoom.

Access to a copy of Lesser Evils is needed to participate. The E-Book is available from the United Church Bookstore (<https://ucrdstore.ca>). And we have some hard copies available for purchase. Contact your church's administrator for more information.

To register to participate, please email riversideunitedchurch@hotmail.com



WEST ISLAND & RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCHES

JOURNEYING TOGETHER
THROUGH LENT 2022



WEST ISLAND AND RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCHES LENT 2022

(all times are Eastern Time Zone)

LENTEN SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT/PRAYER/WORSHIP

Mondays–Thursdays **9 AM**. **Morning Celtic Meditation** with Rev. Darryl Macdonald.
Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/roxborounited/>

Wednesdays: 11:30 - 12:30 March 9–April 6. **Labyrinth Prayer** (Walking Meditation)
At Cedar Park United, 204 Lakeview Ave, Pointe Claire.
(In person, masked, proof of vaccination)

LENTEN STUDIES

LENT MONDAYS

Roxboro

Study Group **10 am**, on Zoom, discussing the Scripture reading from the previous Sunday.
For Link: www.roxborounitedchurch.org

LENT WEDNESDAYS

Midweek Midrash: Lenten Psalms, Songs for the Journey (Cedar Park)

Using “midrashic” method of group exploration of Scripture,
we’ll explore the six Psalms for Lent

2022.No previous experience necessary, just curiosity!

Register for one, some or all six sessions.

Wednesday Evenings: **7:15- 9:00 pm** on Zoom **March 9 – April 13**

Info: erjones.cpu@gmail.com

Register in advance for this meeting: www.cedarparkunited.com

Or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfu-rrTMpG9yZ8d6eR291Lkdo3xrHjYpn>

LENT THURSDAYS

Lent Book Study

21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act

Hosted by Cedar Park United. **9:15-11 am**

Pre-register to receive details, preparatory materials, and Zoom link

Website: www.cedarparkunited.com

Info: cedarparkunited@videotron.ca

“**Lesser Evils**” (UCCan book, ed. Alydia Smith).

Co-facilitated by Merging Waters/Riverside/Beaconsfield

Thursdays **7-8:30 pm** starting March 10 on Zoom.

(You will need to access a copy of the study book. Register to get the Zoom Link.)

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PLANS FOR HOLY WEEK are still in process. Watch for more soon!!

