

Greetings Merging Waters,

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

I continue to hold each of you in my prayers and in my heart as we take steps toward a future where we can live our faith out in the world, online, and joyously, hopefully, happily, and safely, in person.

For this coming as we reflect on the message of [Psalm 23](#) this week we will delve into focusing on appreciation for all that we have and how gratitude for what we have leads to generosity toward others. As we explore appreciation and gratitude, we will joyously welcome guest speakers from St Columba House, our partners in mission and outreach within the United Church here on the Island of Montreal. Lisa Byer-de Wever, Director General of St Columba House, and Steven Wells, participant, volunteer, and board member of St Columba House, will share with us stories of community, caring, and the impact that their work has on the lives of so many.

During this week we are exploring ways to connect with God in worship at home and in the world, individually or with others. I look forward to hearing how you've done this. Have you spent time in prayerful contemplation and song as I have in the early part of my days? Have you gotten a hymn stuck in your head like I have? Have you worshiped online or with resources you've found for home church? In nature or indoors?

As we expand our daily worship of word, song, prayer, and reflection to work and sharing in gratitude – all of which is worship – I look forward to our shared journey, learning, and living together.

Peace and hope,

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