



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

One In The Divine

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8th, 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

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We gather once more as a great multitude
From various peoples and places, we've come

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving

Honour and power be to God

We gather once more to shout "Alleluia!"

Salvation belongs to the Holy One.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving

Honour and power be to God

We gather to worship day and night

The one who guides us to the springs of life.

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving

Honour and power be to God

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
 Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
 God is trickling through our lives
 as in a dream unfolding,
 promising revival and rebirth...
 like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
 Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
 God is bubbling through the soil
 to coax a new creation,
 yearning for an end to want and need...
 like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
 Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
 God is Carving out a channel
 in a new direction,
 calling for an end to hate and war...
 like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
 Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
 God is working in our hearts
 to shape a new tomorrow:
 God will always challenge and provide!
 Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
 like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy Healing One, Righteous Restorer— We come as standard-bearers of your love, offering our disconnected lives in return for your unity. May we know you in this place, not as lone individuals but as faithful fragments seeking to be made whole again. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-30

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the people gathered around him and said to him,

**“How long will you keep us in suspense?
 If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”**

Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Creator’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my God and your God has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of God’s hand. The Divine and I are one.”



**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. R**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. R**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

One In The Divine

OFFERING

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

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Union Church or **Beaurepaire United** through **CanadaHelps.org**

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Psalm 23, melody by Jessie Irvine
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need.



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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**

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She Comes Sailing On The Wind

Refrain:

**She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun,
she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light,
she flies on.**

**Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.**

**Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. *R***

**To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.**

**Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. *R***

**Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *R***



COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

The Swinging Shepherd Blues

Music by Moe Koffman
arranged by Brent Edstrom

~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~

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&

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Merging Waters
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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

May 8th. 4th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield and online
May 15th. 5th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online
May 22nd. 6th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield and online
May 29th. 7th Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online
Merging Waters hosts a combined worship with United Churches of the West Island of Montreal and Riverside United Church
This service will include the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

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Meeting ID: 879 6431 2436
Fridays @ 3 pm
Details and link at
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A great big



To **Keith Whittall and
Victoria Moulton**

For your committed service, in caring for the property and community, work with the COVID task group, leadership in finance as Treasurer, Spiritual Formation and Board Chair, for sharing your wonderful gifts of music and so much more!!

You are a blessed blessing every day!

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