

Sunday Morning Worship  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
After Epiphany  
How are We Connected?**

**WELCOME**

People of all ages, identities, and walks  
of life are  
welcome in the Merging Waters family.  
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.

**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.**

**MUSICAL CENTERING**

**Shine On Me**  
spiritual, arranged by Floyd Connett  
Michael Woytiuk vocals

**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.**



## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was light.**

The Divine Spirit has woven the web of life,

**And all were born into connection.**

Come and worship the God who speaks the words of creation.

**We join together in community,**

**To receive those creative words that connect us all,**

**And to be made new!**

## HYMN MORE VOICES 39

## Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing

(tune from "Laua Anima" VU 399)

**Mother Earth, our Mother birthing  
ev'ry creature from the ground.  
Jesus too was flesh and breathing,  
kin to all that's green and brown.**

**Refrain:**

**Celebrate with all creation:  
God has formed the web of life;**

**Sister Air, our Sister lifting  
ev'ry creature born with wings;  
Jesus shared the breath of forests,  
breath that makes our spirits sing. R**

**Brother Water, Brother pulsing  
through ev'ry vein and sea,  
Jesus drank the very raindrops  
for our wine and in our tea. R**

**Father Fire, our Father burning  
with the sacred urge to live.  
Jesus' death completes the cycle,  
bringing life beyond the grave. R**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

Water of life, present at the creation of the universe.

**Water of life, present at our birth.**

Water of life, present at the baptism of Jesus.

**Water of life, present at our baptisms.**

We remember at these times, not only was there water, but also the voice of God was experienced and felt speaking to us.

**Divine connection, Water of Life, we join together this morning to be filled  
with your living water and to listen for your voice.**

**Amen.**



“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

**‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’**

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them,

**‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’**

OUR NEIGHBOUR’S STORY

The Story of Betty Lloyd

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Living Divine Connection

**HYMN VOICES UNITED 600**

**When I Needed A Neighbour**

**When I needed a neighbour,  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter;  
were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty,  
were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter;  
were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked,  
were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter;  
were you there?**

**When I needed a healer,  
were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter;  
were you there?**

**Wherever you travel,  
I'll be there, I'll be there;  
wherever you travel, I'll be there.  
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter;  
I'll be there.**



## 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

Shine On

words and music by Michael Woytiuk

## CHORAL DEDICATION VOICES UNITED 55

**In The Bleak Midwinter**

(verse 4)

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.**

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our ...., who is 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## HYMN MORE VOICES 154

**Deep In Our Hearts**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
Justice and peace in harmony.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**

**Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
Telling Creation that we are one.**



## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

## MUSICAL SENDING

Put On A Happy Face  
by Charle Strouse

Thank you to for joining us today

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### UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

<b>Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.</b>	First Sunday After Epiphany – How We Are Connected
<b>Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Second Sunday After Epiphany – Called To Be Beloved Community
<b>Jan 24<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Third Sunday After Epiphany – Together We Journey
<b>Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.</b>	Fourth Sunday After Epiphany – Shared West Island Untied Church – Celebrating Our Togetherness – Worship Service 10 am

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday [www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://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](https://zoom.us/download)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanks received** – From a number of people who have received the care packages and musical visits from the Merging Waters Christmas Elves. Hey Elves you done good!

**EBI KIMANANI SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – Sincere thanks to all of you who made recent donations to support the education of Kenyan Secondary School Students. They would not be able to attend school without your generous assistance. Donations are gratefully received throughout the year and are receipted for the year in which they are received, contact Susan Cruickshank.

**Suitcases for Africa** – a worthwhile cause to provide assistance to **Ebi Kimanani's** childhood community. Check-out the Suitcases for Africa Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/suitcasesforafrica> many beautiful items still available. Call Wendy Buchanan for information: 514-992-5500.

**Church Café** – Fridays 2-3pm. Join with Rev. Ryan Fea and other members of the community for a time of conversation. Weekly get togethers online with a chance to catch up, we also have theme weeks, discussion days, and prayer times depending on the week. Come chat, catch up, share stories or just listen. We can talk about our lives, hope and concerns, or just shoot the breeze and see friends.

This past Friday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> there was an interesting discussion with Eric Norris & Rev. Ryan. The On Being Podcast about: Craig Minowa and Cloud Cult – "Music as Medicine" Keep your eyes peeled for more upcoming discussions and engaging programs this season.

**Wednesday Study Group** – Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm. The communities of Cedar Park, Roxboro and Ste-Genevieve United churches invite you to a study of the critically acclaimed book: *So You Want To Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. This is the link for the sign-up: (is in the mid-week message) <https://signupschedule.com/cedarparkunited>

**Children's and Youth Ministries:** Nakonha:ka Regional Council Children's Church and Youth programs are available to all through <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/youth-young-adult/>