



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship Of Fire and Water

Pentecost
May 23rd, 2021

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 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

Today (a Pentecost song)

Words (abridged) by Malcom Guite

Music by Pierre Gallant

Singers: Eric and Bonnie Norris, Al and Sandy Davis

Instruments: Judy Hung (violin), Pierre Gallant (piano)

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

We Are A Rainbow *(verse 2)*

**We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.**

**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**

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SPIRITUAL FOCUS

The hand of the Lord is upon us.

**We are brought out of the valley
by the spirit of the Lord.**

God's spirit is within us, and we shall live.

God will bring us to new life.

No more can we say, "There is no life within us,"
**for God has given us flesh and bones,
spirit and life.**

In the Spirit of Life, let us worship God.

HYMN VOICES UNITED 380

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. (Refrain)**

**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. (Refrain)**

**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. (Refrain)**



PRAYER OF APPROACH

Spirit of Life, Breath of God, wind that moves over the earth, we are humbled by your presence and power. We are here this morning to take you in and experience the transforming ways of your love, to rest a little while and sing and pray and be in sacred fellowship with one another. If we arrive here empty, may we leave filled. If we arrive here lonely, may we leave uplifted. If we arrive here anxious, may we leave knowing peace. Inspired by your word, Source of Love, may we be a blessed and blessing people today and every day. Amen.

MUSICAL APPROACH VOICES UNITED 202/203

O Breath of Life/Viens, Créateur, emplis nos âmes

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart; come, love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.	En nos esprits met ta lumière; en nos cœurs verse ton amour; tu es la source inépuisable de la vraie vie, du vrai bonheur
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GOSPEL READING

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

“When the Paraclete comes, the Friend whom I will send to you from the Creator, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Creator, will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to the one who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate, the Companion Spirit, will not come to you; but if I go, I will send them to you.

And when this Spirit Friend comes, will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Divine and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, they will guide you into all the truth; for the Encourager will not speak on their own, but will speak whatever they hear, and will declare to you the things that are to come. This Companion to Your Souls will glorify me, because they will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Creator has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Fired By The Spirit



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

A Gathering of Spirits

Words and Music by Carrie Newcomer
Sung by Eric Norris

CHORAL DEDICATION MORE VOICES 30

It's A Song Of Praise For The Maker

(verse3 & refrain)

**It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song,
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND JOY

A NEW CREED	CONFESSION DE FOI
We are not alone, we live in God's world.	Nous ne sommes pas seuls, nous vivons dans le monde que Dieu a créé.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.	Nous croyons en Dieu qui a créé et qui continue à créer, qui est venu en Jésus, Parole faite chair, pour réconcilier et renouveler, qui travaille en nous et parmi nous par son Esprit.
We trust in God.	Nous avons confiance en Dieu.
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.	Nous sommes appelés à constituer l'Église: pour célébrer la présence de Dieu, pour vivre avec respect dans la création, pour aimer et servir les autres, pour rechercher la justice et résister au mal, pour proclamer Jésus, crucifié et ressuscité, notre juge et notre espérance.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.	Dans la vie, dans la mort, et dans la vie au-delà de la mort, Dieu est avec nous.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.	Nous ne sommes pas seuls. Grâces soient rendues à Dieu.
Amen.	Amen.



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN MORE VOICES 23

Come, O Holy Spirit

**Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
Strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and
consume the sham of our holy systems:
Come, in Jesus' name!**

**Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now! (2x)**

**Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm! R**

**Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness,
Come and show us how all the world lies open:
Pentecost is now! R**

(Last time) **Amen!**

~ Thank you to for joining us today ~



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**Merging Waters
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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- May 23rd.** Pentecost
- May 30th.** Combined Worship with West Island United Churches (10 am)
hosted by Cedar Park United Church on Facebook Live
Discussion to follow on ZOOM
links will be provided at www.mergingwaters.ca/worship-online
- June 6th.** United Church Pride Sunday
- June 13th.** Union Sunday – Celebration of the 96th Anniversary of the United
Church of Canada
- June 20th.** 4th Sunday After Pentecost
- June 27th.** Ecumenical Combined Worship Service with Merging Waters Pastoral
Charge, St George's Anglican Church, Christ Church Beaurepaire
Anglican Church, and Briarwood Presbyterian Church
(10 am on ZOOM and YouTube Live)

**Worship at Merging Waters: Sunday 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sauvons la Forêt Fairview/Save Fairview Forest is trying to protect the forest to the west of the Fairview Shopping Centre. If you haven't yet done so, we invite you to join the over 25,750 that have already signed the online petition. This petition is spearheaded by that wonderfully committed Geneviève Lussier, daughter of our own Susan Hawker, both of whom spoke to us last week for the Earth Day Service.

Merging Waters Pastoral Charge is a Community that Cares – Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns. **Ivy Lewis** Union Pastoral Care Chair: lewisir@hotmail.com & **Diane Nener** Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: dianenener@icloud.com.

We also have a Prayer Circle made up of members from both Union and Beaufort. If you have **prayer requests**, please contact lewisir@hotmail.com.

Church Café May 28th – Fridays 2-3pm – Join Rev. Ryan in a discussion about our

2pm Fridays in May
ZOOM in online:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82042185110>
Or by phone:
1 438 809 7799
Meeting ID: 820 4218 5110

journey. This week's topic "What Are We Called to Do?" Having explored who we are called to be earlier in May - Grounded in our understanding that we are called to be "Welcoming seekers who are curious about the Divine presence in our lives, traditions, sacred texts, and in the world in surprising ways, called to be active and just," we will join our neighbours on May 30th to ask What we are called to do? We

will explore this question together as we prepare to gather with the wider community.

St-John's United, in Pointe-Claire has a food bank, you can drop-off on Wednesdays 11-noon or Wendy & Richard Buchanan have kindly offered to pick-up and drop-off for you.

Union Church's Annual Plant Sale is confirmed, starting May 1st. Helen Fyles will operate the sale as she did last year with selection of plants on a Facebook page, send her an email, pick-up at her front lawn.

Lakeshore Association of Artists (LAA) and NOVA West Island are holding an online exhibition of works, a fundraiser for NOVA. 50 artists taking part, running May 1st-31st.

Beautiful **handmade cards** by Lynn Thompson are on offer. Proceeds to Union church.

Details about these happenings and more in the Mid-Week message. Which you can find on our website www.mergingwaters.ca click on the Stay Up-to-Date tab then on Mid-Week Message.

