



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

Union Sunday

June 13th, 2021
3rd Sunday After Pentecost

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

Largo

Music by Vivaldi
Sopranino recorder: Christine Bryce

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 4)

**When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone
For our God will be with us on the way
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day**

**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**

Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

The Spirit of God calls to our spirits:
calling us together in worship and service.

The Word of God calls us to ministry:
**calling us to be the church,
calling us to love the world,
calling us to work for peace,
each and every day.**

HYMN/CANTIQUE MORE VOICES 145

*Draw The Circle Wide
/Traçons Un Grand Cercle*

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.**

**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire
Debout solidaire, traçons un grand cercle.**

**Que nos cœurs touchent les horizons,
enveloppant chaque lieu;
notre amour sans fin répondra
à l'appel de Dieu.**

**Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire
Debout solidaire, traçons un grand cercle.**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.**

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**



PRAYER OF APPROACH

Holy Creator God, we gather in worship to give thanks and to seek inspiration for living our lives. We lift up our thanks for the Earth, this home, for its infinite varieties of peoples, colours, and cultures; for the endless opportunities to make new relationships; for the challenge of venturing across new frontiers, creating new things, and discovering new truths. We thank you for your call to participate in healing what is hurt or broken. We are thankful for the work of our Mission and Service partners and the difference they are making around the world. Forgive us, good God, when we fail to see the wonder of diversity and the opportunity to love and serve others. Open us to the abundance of your grace. Give us peace and joy as we respond to your call in the Way of Christ. Amen.

MUSICAL APPROACH MORE VOICES UNITED 21

Open Our Hearts/Ouvre nos cœurs

Open our hearts, open our minds.	Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvres nos pensées;
Open our lives to you O loving God	ouvres nos vies à toi, O Dieu d'amour.
Open our hearts, open our minds.	Ouvre nos cœurs, ouvres nos pensées;
Open our lives to you O loving God	ouvres nos vies à toi, O Dieu d'amour.
Open our hearts.	



Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by the Divine Presence, 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.'

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love,

I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love,

I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

**And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.**

REFLECTION

96th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
Shared by United Church Ministers Across the Country



OFFERING

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

If you are not on [pre-authorised 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

The Lord's Prayer
sung in the original Aramaic
by Bryson Davis
Christine Bryce, oboe
Pierre Gallant, piano

CHORAL DEDICATION CHORALE MORE VOICES 85

Take, O take me as I am/Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis

**Take, O take me as I am: summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis; fais-moi vivre que pour toi.
Viens, mets ton sceau sur mon cœur; viens vivre en moi.**

UNION SUNDAY PRAYER

**God in whom we live and move and have our being:
From sea to sea to sea we gather in prayer;
from generation to generation we sing;
on this anniversary we give thanks
for your care
guidance
and correction.
In this heritage of trust
we pray for this United Church
and for faithful living on this land,
Our Source of Life, Living Word, and Bonding Love:**

*You will be invited to share prayers of joy and concern in the chat as
together we lift all prayers that are shared or lifted from within our hearts*

And we all say,
Amen.



CREEDAL REFLECTION

'We Are Not Alone' (United Church Creed)

Spoken by Eric Norris
Music by Pierre Gallant

You are invited to reflect on this spoken word reflection of A New Creed
keeping the traditional format below for later contemplation.

A NEW CREED	CONFESSION DE FOI
<p>We are not alone, we live in God's world.</p>	<p>Nous ne sommes pas seuls, nous vivons dans le monde que Dieu a créé.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>We trust in God.</p>	<p>Nous avons confiance en Dieu.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.</p>	<p>Dans la vie, dans la mort, et dans la vie au-delà de la mort, Dieu est avec nous.</p>
<p>We are not alone. Thanks be to God.</p>	<p>Nous ne sommes pas seuls. Grâces soient rendues à Dieu.</p>
<p>Amen.</p>	<p>Amen.</p>



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN/CANTIQUE MORE VOICES 161

I Have Called You By Your Name/
Tu sais, je t'ai appelé par ton nom

**I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
All my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.**

**Je t'apprendrai mon nom à chaque pas.
Lis-le en tous ceux que tu rencontreras.
En versant l'eau en mon nom,
proclame la communion;
et de Jésus, qui s'est donné, suis les pas.**

**Tu auras besoin de moi en chemin.
En tous lieux, sens ma présence et mon soutien.
Comme cette femme en pleurs
qui a surmonté ses peurs,
touche et laisse aller Jésus sur son chemin.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

~ Thank you to for joining us today ~



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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- Jun 13th.** **Union Sunday** – Anniversary of the United Church of Canada
June 20th. **Singin Our Song of Faith** – 4th Sunday After Pentecost
June 27th. **Ecumenical Combined Worship Service** with
Merging Waters Pastoral Charge, St George's Anglican Church, Christ
Church Beaufortville Anglican Church, Briarwood Presbyterian Church
(10 am on ZOOM and YouTube Live) – 5th Sunday After Pentecost
July 4th. **Shared Summer Service Series** begins (July 4th to Sept 5th inclusive)
Schedule and links will be located on the Merging Waters Website
Services will begin at **10 am Sunday mornings**

**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

Church Café – Fridays 2-3pm

Please note that the new ZOOM details for attending the Church Café in June are as follows.

2pm Fridays in June
ZOOM in online:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87332781900>Or
by phone:
1 438 809 7799
Meeting ID: 873 3278 1900

Each Friday in June, Rev. Ryan will be online for you to come and visit. Get to know one another, share your story and your thoughts, chat with others in the Merging Waters family, or take time to pray together. Every week is different because you set the tone. Come and visit!

Looking in the distance – August 29th Merging Waters is hosting the West Island joint service of the United churches. The theme is Green Church. Here are some interesting websites:

- <https://greenfaith.org/>
- https://www.faithcommongood.org/how_the_arts_thrive_in_montreal_faith_buildings
- <https://centdegres.ca/magazine/amenagement/6-etapes-pour-amenager-une-ruelle-verte/?fbclid=IwAR3oFhET6DedaTa5-hzgMijCxSwpTJtnQtAaEVa-aYSFtr90jEDkXXqywrw>

Broadview Magazine – Renewal of subscriptions has arrived!! SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING | CELEBRATING 192 YEARS. From the United Church of Canada, containing very thoughtful and moving articles and worth having come into your life.
<https://broadview.org/>

The annual group subscription rate is \$25/year for 8 issues. To get this great rate **Ivy and Susan need to hear from you by June 15th**. Ivy Lewis (Union) lewisir@hotmail.com, Susan Smith (BeaurepaireUC) beaurepaire@bellnet.ca



Volunteer West Island – is looking for people to help with their big fundraiser. To participate to our socially distanced fundraiser, you must be: 18 + and Be available for 3 hours, either from 10am to 1pm or from 1pm to 4 pm
(We would appreciate if you could register before June 17th.)
info@volunteerwestisland.org

Looking for ways to be a rainbow of hope to 2S&LGBTQAI+ peoples?

- Attend the upcoming workshop from the West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre Free of Charge hosted by the Family Life Centre:
Demystifying Transgender Identity Tuesday June 29th, 1:30 pm
contact the Family Life Centre to register send an email to familylifecentre@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.



Celebrate the history, growth, and love of the ongoing journey that is the United Church of Canada and experience a gift from United Church Ministers click here:

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.