



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

Singing Our Song of Faith

June 20th, 2021

4th 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

An introduction to our Song Of Faith Service and lifting appreciation for the life of faith of Merging Waters. Special presentation by Jan Langelier thanksgiving of the Ministry of Music of Pierre Gallant.

Bold print indicates text to read/sing/pray in unison

SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

God is Holy Mystery,
beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.

Yet,
in love,
the one eternal God seeks relationship.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

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.



SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

So God creates the universe
and with it the possibility of being and relating.
God tends the universe,
mending the broken and reconciling the estranged.
God enlivens the universe,
guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

Grateful for God's loving action,
We cannot keep from singing.

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Come Let Us Sing

**Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

**O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**

**You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

**Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

With the Church through the ages,
we speak of God as one and triune:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We also speak of God as
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
God, Christ, and Spirit
Mother, Friend, and Comforter
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
and in other ways that speak faithfully of
the One on whom our hearts rely,
the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.



MUSICAL RESPONSE

Hosanna

Music by Pierre Gallant
vocals by the Merging Waters Choir

SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

God is creative and self-giving,
generously moving
in all the near and distant corners of the universe.
Nothing exists that does not find its source in God.
Our first response to God's providence is gratitude.
We sing thanksgiving.

Finding ourselves in a world of beauty and mystery,
of living things, diverse and interdependent,
of complex patterns of growth and evolution,
of subatomic particles and cosmic swirls,
we sing of God the Creator,
the Maker and Source of all that is.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Trees

by Pierre Gallant

SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

Each part of creation reveals unique aspects of God the Creator,
who is both in creation and beyond it.

All parts of creation, animate and inanimate, are related.

All creation is good.

We sing of the Creator,
who made humans to live and move
and have their being in God.

In and with God,
we can direct our lives toward right relationship
with each other and with God.

We can discover our place as one strand in the web of life.

We can grow in wisdom and compassion.

We can recognize all people as kin.

We can accept our mortality and finitude, not as a curse,
but as a challenge to make our lives and choices matter.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

My Brother, My Sister

music by Pierre Gallant
words and drawings by Khalil Gibran



SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH (OUR CONCERNS)

Made in the image of God,
we yearn for the fulfillment that is life in God.
Yet we choose to turn away from God.
We surrender ourselves to sin,
a disposition revealed in selfishness, cowardice, or apathy.
Becoming bound and complacent
in a web of false desires and wrong choices,
we bring harm to ourselves and others.
This brokenness in human life and community
is an outcome of sin.
Sin is not only personal
but accumulates
to become habitual and systemic forms
of injustice, violence, and hatred.

We are all touched by this brokenness:
the rise of selfish individualism
that erodes human solidarity;
the concentration of wealth and power
without regard for the needs of all;
the toxins of religious and ethnic bigotry;
the degradation of the blessedness of human bodies
and human passions through sexual exploitation;
the delusion of unchecked progress and limitless growth
that threatens our home, the earth;
the covert despair that lulls many into numb complicity
with empires and systems of domination.
We sing lament and repentance.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

For God So Loved The World

music by Pierre Gallant
words from Gospel According to John 3:16

SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

Yet evil does not—cannot—
undermine or overcome the love of God.
God forgives,
and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings
with honesty and humility.
God reconciles,
and calls us to repent the part we have played
in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other.
God transforms,
and calls us to protect the vulnerable,
to pray for deliverance from evil,
to work with God for the healing of the world,
that all might have abundant life.

We sing of grace.



**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.

(Our Joys)

We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.
We sing with trust.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Every Time I feel the Spirit

duet by Pierre Gallant and Michael Woytiuk on piano
arrangement by Michael Woytiuk



SINGING OUR SONG OF FAITH

We sing of God's good news lived out,
a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God,
corrected and comforted,
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,
creation's mending.
We sing of God's mission.

HYMN MORE VOICES 213

Take Up His Song

**Take up his song of peace and go into the world
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in peace,
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Take up his song of hope and go into the world
Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in hope,
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Take up his song of joy and go into the world
Take up his song of joy in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in joy,
Lay them down, and take up his song.**

**Take up his song of love and go into the world
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in love,
Lay them down, and take up his song.**



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Creating and seeking relationship,
in awe and trust,
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.

Amen.

SENDING OUT IN MUSIC

Merging Waters Anthem

Words by Diana Jackson
Music by Pierre Gallant

~ Thank You for Joining us ~

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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- June 20th.** **Singing 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

Family Life Centre – **June 29th** – you are invited to a Zoom meeting ‘Demystifying Transgender Identity’. Registration details are in the mid-week message.

Local Markets – Fridays in Bearepaire Village, 3 to 6pm, Marché Beau.
Saturdays in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, 9am to 2pm, Ste-Anne’s Market.

Broadview magazine – deadline for joining our group subscription rate is next week, contact Ivy Lewis or Susan Smith.

Details for all of these announcements are in the Mid-Week Message, available also on the Merging Waters website www.mergingwaters.ca