



**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge  
Sunday Morning Worship**

*World Communion*  
*Sunday*

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Creation Time Week 4**

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 ensembles.  
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

**As we begin worship, we acknowledge the land we are on. This is the living land of the Creator. On this land are beings that move; feathered and furry, four legs and two legged, our companions. On this land are still beings; cedar and maple, oak and pine, flowering and leafed, our wise and ancient siblings. On this land are the flowing beings; oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, ebbing and flowing, our source of being. Over this land blows the winds and breezes, our breath and life.**

**We acknowledge the lands our churches and many of 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 faith communities to the multi-generational work of reconciliation and the pursuit of true justice and flourishing wellbeing for all peoples of all races and ethnicities who now call Canada home.**

MUSICAL CENTERING

People Who Need People

Music by Julie Styne,  
Lyrics by Bob Merrill



WALKING IN THE LIGHT

*Light a candle at home if it is safe to do so*

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

SONG 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**

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

We saw a stranger yesterday.

**We put food in the eating place,  
drink in the drinking place,  
music in the listening place.**

And in the sacred name of the triune God,  
she blessed us and our house,  
our cattle and our dear ones.

**As the lark says in her song:  
Often, often, often  
goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.**

RECOGNITION OF BROKENESS AND RECONILIATION

**Wow, God! You did good making this planet!**

It's beautiful, amazing – from tiny wriggly things,  
to trees and mountains, and people of all places,  
extraordinary people.

**Just sorry! For the mess we make.**

The whole me first, humans are tops thing;  
the rows, and the violence,  
no feeling for being part of something so much bigger.

**Help! Please!**

We can't see how to do it, how to undo the mess we've made,  
how to work together.

How to love your way, earth and sea and human,  
and how we fit together.

**We could?**

Find a gentle way, give stuff up, take things on;  
live a way of healing?

Reminds me now of Jesus, his inclusive way of love.

*SILENCE IS KEPT*



## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You are the divine creation, and it is not right for you to be alone. Know now that you are forgiven and called back into relationship with God and with one another.

HYMN *More Voices 150*

Spirit God, Be Our Breath (Embracing Change)

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.  
Comfort us. When we know you are near  
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.  
Patient God, calm our fear.**

**Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.  
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,  
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.  
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.  
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.  
Through change, through challenge,  
we'll greet the new dawn...  
Spirit God, be our song.**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God of all life, beyond our imagining, and yet coming so close; you refuse to leave those in need on the rubbish dump. You give the poor a place of dignity among the powerful. You make a home for the homeless, and bring joy abounding to families and communities. As we gather to celebrate and give thanks for your harvest of blessing, may we live within your reality, share your vision, and do your will, that the whole earth may echo your glory. Have mercy on us, God. In hearing your Word grant us the wisdom to be still enough to notice that the cycles of life intertwining us all have a fragile strength and we are all diminished in their breaking. We pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN.**

PSALM

Psalm 34:1-8

I bless the Divine every chance I get; my lungs expand with praise. I live and breathe God; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:  
Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out.

**The Holy One-In-All met me more than halfway,  
and freed me from my anxious fears.**

Look at God; give your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from the Great Spirit. When I was desperate, I called out, and the Creator got me out of a tight spot. God's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray.

**Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see— how good God is.**  
Blessed are you who run to God.



## ANOTHER VOICE

## The Man Who Loved a Tree

(based on Genesis 2:18-22)  
excerpt from *Does God Have a Big Toe* by Marc Gellman

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

All Are Needed

## OFFERING

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

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*[Union Church](#) or [Beaurepaire United](#) through [CanadaHelps.org](#)*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## How Great Thou Art

A traditional Swedish Melody,  
Words by Carl Boberg,  
arranged by Michael Woytiuk  
Wendy Hamel, Soprano

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts  
that they might be a blessing to all flesh. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts

**We lift up our hearts to the source of all life.**

We lift our thanks and praise

**It is right to lift up our thanksgiving to  
the Liveliness of all Life!**



We lift up our thanks loving Creator for inspiring our brother Jesus, your beloved child, to show us a path of life eternal.

**We lift our thanks to you Voice of Novelty in the Universe.**

In sharing the gifts of the Word, the blessing of creation, and the passionate embrace of the Spirit you have shown us a love that has no end. A love we may become in how we live together.

**We live our lives to reveal your love to the world, Great Lover of all life!**

With gratitude and awe we lift our song:

**Holy Mystery, Holy Life Bringer, Holy Source of Love!**

**Your inspiration shakes assumptions, brings down empires of oppression,  
and changes the world.**

**Changes lives.**

Jesus lived with the poor, stood up against oppression, lived and died and lived again - giving us hope. Giving us the mystery.



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

We will not find that needed justice in our apathy;  
we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;  
we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines;  
we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;  
we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners,  
we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.  
but

**we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread  
and in the breaking of our hearts;  
we will find you when we drain the Cup,  
refill it with our gifts,  
and offer it to a little child;  
we will find you when we squeeze closer together,  
making room at the Table for all your people.**

*You are invited at this time to share prayers of joy and concern in the chat*

Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One,  
even as we pray together, Saying,

## 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**

## THE STORY THAT FEEDS US

On the night before Jesus was betrayed by the powers of greed and fear, of selfish short-sightedness, he gathered with his friends, women and men, children and adults, to share a meal, a meal that was integral to their faith.

**By living out our faith we are drawn to this meal alongside Jesus.**

At supper Jesus took the bread and blessed it. He broke it and passed it to his friends. It was the bread of life, his life. Faithful to God's dream for us all he told them "I have lived a life in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, telling truth to power. For a life truly lived, fed by the Spirit, one needs to stand for love and equality no matter the cost. Here is life - living with integrity, steadfast to God's love. How I have died shows you how to truly live. Each time you eat remember I have shown you how to live."

**A faithful life lived with integrity is the bread of life!**



After the meal Jesus took the cup, and as was the Jewish custom, said the blessing. He took the cup and passed it to his friends. He had lived as he believed, one with the Spirit, and by this life he offered hope of a new covenant with our Creator. Jesus said to "Live out a full commitment to your faith and the world will find hope in turning and returning to right relationship with one another and with God, the Lover of All the Universe. Each time you drink remember I have shown you how to be the hope of all the world."

**Living our faithful commitment to love and justice is the cup of hope!**

*Voices United 471*

Eat This Bread and Never Hunger

***Refrain:* Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst; Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.**

**Asking for a cup of water, Jesus touched forbidden ground; and the woman, with a question, told the world what she had found. *R***

**Walking down a desert highway, Jesus healed a man born blind; soon the man became a witness to the truth we seek and find. *R***

**Weeping for his friend at graveside, Jesus felt the pain of death; yet he knew God's power to waken: living water, living breath. *R***

EPICLESIS

Be present, and live, Holy Spirit in these gifts and in us, so that we, being blessed by your presence, may bring life to the world by living with integrity, and *be* the hope we seek in the world by commitment to our authentic faith in you.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the unity of the Holy Spirit, we lift our thanksgiving to share life and hope with the world through you Great Spirit of Love.**

**Amen**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Jesus Christ the Bread of Life.  
Jesus Christ the Cup of Hope.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**By the blessing we have received, O Spirit of Life, may we be a blessing that brings life to the world. With the hope we have found in you, God whose nature is love, may we offer hope of right relationship to all. Through the faithfulness you have shown us in your Steadfast-Loving-Kindness, may we live faithful lives showing our authenticity and commitment by our actions. Amen.**



HYMN MORE VOICES 27

Creator God You Gave Us Life

**Creator God you gave us life, your image formed within our souls, yet through the mist of time and space, we search for that which makes us whole.**

*Refrain:* **Through hands that paint majestic skies, and voices chanting melody, with words that reach beyond the page, we comprehend your mystery.**

**In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree, we see your great diversity,  
yet greater still we see your love, expressed in our humanity. R**

**When with our hearts, our hands our minds, we share our gifts with all the world, our spirits soar beyond the veil, to touch the very face of God. R**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

American Spiritual  
arranged by Michael Woytiuk,  
David Carl, tenor

*~ Thank you to for joining in worship today ~*



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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

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

<b>Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.</b>	Creation Time 4 – World Communion Sunday
<b>Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.</b>	Creation Time 5 – Thanksgiving Sunday
<b>Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.</b>	World Food Sunday
<b>Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.</b>	The Sunday of Grace
<b>Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.</b>	All Saints Day

Currently we are alternating between in person and online worship  
First Sunday of the Month is online only the other weeks are both in-person *and* online.  
Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

**[www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH CAFÉ** returns with a blast of autumn air

Join Engaging Discussions and

Visits with neighbours

Hosted by with Rev. Ryan

Every Friday

On ZOOM @ 2 pm

see [mergingwaters.ca](http://mergingwaters.ca) and the mid-week message for weekly updates



## Pay It Forward

Canadians are receiving COVID vaccines, people in many other parts of the world have no way to get them.

Your gift of 25\$ will provide a complete COVID-19 vaccination to one person in a country where vaccines are in short supply.

<https://giftswithvision.ca/collections/featured/products/pay-it-forward>

**Lynn Thompson** – is selling glorious handmade cards featuring origami decorations using assorted papers. The cards are \$2.00 each and all proceeds go to Union Church. Anyone interested in ordering cards can reach Lynn by phone (450-218-6131) or email ([lynnathompson3@icloud.com](mailto:lynnathompson3@icloud.com)) and arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery.



### EMERGENCY AID FOR HAITI

On the morning of **Saturday, August 14**, Haiti was struck by a severe earthquake. The extent of the damage is still unclear. Haitians and the international community are working hard to rescue people trapped under the rubble. But the number of deaths is rising. Many homes and community buildings have been destroyed. Hospitals have also been damaged, and acutely injured and traumatized people are struggling to find help. And what's more, Tropical Storm Grace hit Haiti on August 16, making an already bad situation worse.

The United Church of Canada is in contact with Mission & Service partners in Haiti to find out how we can support their communities. Today, people in Haiti need emergency shelter, clean water, and food.

Earthquake in Haiti | The United Church of Canada ([united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca))

Details about these happenings and more in the mid-week message

Which you can find on our website [www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)

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