



**Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship
World Food Day
With The Outreach Committee**

**21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 17th, 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

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Mohawk and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

MUSICAL CENTERING

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Words by Ruth Duck;

Music by Ron Klusmeier

Michael Woytiuk accompanied by Jim Fyles

Introduction to World Food Day and this year's theme

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

David Suzuki

The way we see the world shapes the way we treat it.

If a mountain is a deity, not a pile of ore;

if a river is one of the veins of the land, not potential irrigation water;

if a forest is a sacred grove, not timber;

if other species are our biological kin, not resources;

or if the planet is our mother; not an opportunity - then we will treat each one with greater respect.

This is the challenge; to look at the world from a different perspective.

HYMN MORE VOICES #12

Come Touch Our Hearts

**Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.**

**Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.**

**Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding to welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.**

Where does your food come from? Does some of it come from local farmers?

World Food Day Prayer

by Michael Shewburg

Creator of all that is, all that has ever been, and all that will ever come, in the season we know in the North as autumn, we offer gratitude for the cycle of the seasons. In this season we begin to reap what we have sown, tended to, prayed over, and fretted on. In all of this, we know that you have been there, watching over your creation and all its creatures.

We lament over crops that were lost this year, to drought, and hail, and floods, to frost, to lack of workers, to pandemic. We lament over crops that were never planted, where farmers could not access their land or do not have the privilege to acquire land. Help us to stand in solidarity with farmers whose harvest never came to yield; help us to see land not as a resource to use, but as a gift to share.

As the leaves begin to turn brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows, we begin to pull from the ground the fruit of our labour. The potatoes, squash, brussels sprouts, cabbage, apples, pears and more begin to fill our baskets. We give thanks. We know that these foods will sustain us through the winter.

We give thanks for labourers who have come to harvest, workers from near and far, many who travel to this land to find work. Sustainer, open our eyes to their sacrifice and help us to honour their gift.

Creator, we are called back to remember our interconnectedness during this harvest season. Forgive us the times that we have been disconnected from our relations in our desire to take more than we should. Call us back into the fabric of creation so that we might live in the abundance of life.

**For all this, and more, we give thanks. Amen.
HYMN VOICES UNITED #520**

We Plough the Fields

**We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By god's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

Refrain:

**All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.**

**You only are the Maker
Of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
You light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
By you the birds are fed;
Much more to us, your children,
You give our daily bread. [Refrain]**

**We thank you, then, Creator,
For all things bright and good, the see-time, and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all your love imparts,
And what you most would welcome:
Our humble, thankful hearts. [Refrain]**

What is a healthy diet for you and for the planet?

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Our Land is like a Poem

Words by James Rebanks

Music by Michael Woytiuk

Sung by Sandy Davis

It's Lost, Its Wasted, It's Tossed, It's Tasted

PRAYER

(365 Graces, #23 William Kervin)

**As we eat our daily meals, remind us of hands that weed the fields
and tend the livestock and haul the nets;
hands that pack the boxes and load the trucks and stock the shelves;
hands that work where we do not, like the very hands of God.
For this and so much more, we are deeply thankful. Amen.**

Thank you to for joining us today

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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m. (unless alternative time is listed)

Oct 24th.	The Sunday of Grace – Rev. Lisa Byer-de Wever, Guest Pastor
Oct 31st.	All Saints Day
Nov 7th.	The Sunday of Peace – 24 th Sunday of Pentecost (online only)
Nov 14th.	Stewardship Sunday
Nov 21st.	Reign of Christ
Nov 28th.	Advent 1 – Hope

**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

The **All Saints Day** service will be **October 31st**. A service to Lift-up in Remembrance anyone who was a member or dear to a member who passed in the last year. Please send in a name, year born and photo by noon on **Wednesday Oct 27th**.

Faiths 4 Climate Justice - Come join our interfaith action at the Square St James (463 rue Ste-Catherine Ouest) in support of Faiths 4 Climate Justice on **October 18 at noon!** We aim to engage people of faith and the community to take action and put pressure on our national government to address the climate crisis at COP26.

Please bring signs if you can, and wear religious apparel and symbols if you have them. All current public health measures will be followed.

Let people know you're coming by posting this link to your social media, share it with friends, and by using it to let organizers know you're in!

Photo contest: How I spent my COVID summer 2021

Help Merging Waters celebrate our summer experiences!

Living with COVID has meant some quieter times and more local pursuits, but also opportunities to pause and take a closer look at our surroundings.

Share your photo memories with the community, and we will feature them in our slide shows, on our website and in our social media!

You can drop off clean and label-free clear or coloured **prescription bottles**. We have them delivered to Earthub in Ottawa for use with doctors overseas.

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**.