



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship

Stewardship Sunday

November 14th, 2021

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Ryan Fea presiding

Michael Woytiuk Ministry of Music

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 text for congregational response – please note, as we will be engaging gently in responsive liturgy and singing all are asked to remain seated and masked, keeping bubbles 2 meters apart during the service.

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

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 a faith community to the multi-generational work of reconciliation and the pursuit of true justice and flourishing wellbeing for all peoples who now call Canada home.

MUSICAL CENTERING

Vocalise no.4

by Denis Bedard
Christine Bryce, Oboe

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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

CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Christ asks us if we love him.

We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

**Sacred One-In-All, help us to witness to your love in the ways
in which we care for others. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN VOICES UNITED 222

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.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Generous God, giver of every gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For hope found in togetherness, for family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we lift our gratitude. For your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise. Make us deeply aware of your presence today as we gather together to worship, in Jesus' name. Amen.



When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him,

"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him,

"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him,

"Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

HYMN VOICES UNITED 563

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

**Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
--- you will find there my nets and labour. R**

**You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R**

**You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Most Important Meal of the Day
Rev. Ryan Fea / Jim Fyles / Mary Clark

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Why I Give
youth from the Ugandan Martyrs United Church (Toronto)

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 My Shepherd

tunes by J.S. Irvine and J.L. Bain
words from the Scottish Psalter 1650
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you inspire us to respond to your love with love. Accept the gifts we bring, and accept us that, together, we might be able to show your love and transform the lives of your people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Creating God, we are grateful for the gift that is life: for the changing seasons, for the tiny seeds that in your Holy Mystery become life-sustaining food, cleansed air, beauty to behold, and life itself.

We lift our thanks for the gift of life.

Loving God, we are thankful for the gift of family, friends, and community—those who know us so well that they know when to hold our hand and when to let go. We are thankful for those people who journey with us in our times of joy and especially in our times of sorrow.

We lift our thanks for the gift of love.

Compassionate God, we feel you holding us in troubling times and are grateful for your presence found in relationship. We pray for those who are journeying through illness, awaiting medical diagnosis, those with life-threatening and degenerative diseases. We know that we do not journey alone but that you are always with us.

We lift our thanks for the gift of compassion.

Challenging God, we are thankful for your law written upon our hearts so that we are called to seek justice and to love kindness. Grateful that we are moved to action as it challenges us to be your hands and feet in a world so desperately in need of healing.

We lift our thanks for the gift of challenge.

God of all time and place, we lift thanksgiving for the gifts of life, love, compassion, and challenge. Help us to know that each small individual action, together with another's, can make a difference to the world and make a world of difference. May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

We lift our thanks for the gift of our call to discipleship.



Let us join our hearts, minds, and voices together as we pray
the prayer our Saviour taught...

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**

HYMN MORE VOICES 169

When Hands Reach Out Across Divides

**When hands reach out beyond divides
and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away
and bells of peace shall sound.**

**When fear no longer guides
our steps and days of war are done,
God's dream for all shall live anew;
our hearts will heal as one,
our hearts will heal, will heal as one,
our hearts will heal as one,
God's dream for all shall live anew;
our hearts will heal as one.**

**When race and creed blind us no more,
a neighbour's face we'll see,
and we shall dance the whole
world round, for love will set us free,
for love, yes love will set us free,
for love will set us free,
and we shall dance the whole world round,
for love will set us free.**



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Our worship is over, but now our service begins. We are called to go and live God's love in the world.

**We go in faith and in hope to feed Christ's sheep
and care for Christ's lambs.**

Go in peace, and may the love of God embrace us, the compassion of Christ challenge us, and the Holy Spirit guide us.

Amen.

MUSICAL SENDING

Here Comes the Sun

by the Beatles
arranged by Brent Edstrom

~ Thank you to for joining us today ~

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« An Affirming Congregation »**

&

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Community*

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Nov 14th.	Stewardship Sunday
Nov 17th.	Beaurepaire United Church Official Board (7 pm)
Nov 18th.	Union Church Official Board (7 pm)
Nov 21st.	Reign of Christ – Worship to be held at Beaurepaire United Building 25 Fieldfare, Beaurepaire Village
Nov 21st.	Beaurepaire Congregational Meeting (immediately following the service)
Nov 24th.	Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Official Board (7 pm)
Nov 28th.	Advent 1 – Hope
Dec 5th.	Advent 2 – Peace/Human Rights Sunday
Dec 12th.	Advent 3 – Joy Sunday
Dec 19th.	Advent 4 – Love Sunday
Dec 24th.	Christmas Eve (Family Service 7 pm and Candlelight Service 9 pm)

Currently we are alternating between in person and online worship
First Sunday of the Month is online only
all other weeks are both in-person at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and online.
Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 25\$ to save a life. <https://giftswithvision.ca/collections/featured/products/pay-it-forward>



Church Café Advent of Discussion, activities, song, and FUN: Church Café continues weekly on ZOOM Fridays 2 pm with special themes throughout Advent.

November 26th – December 17th. Grab a cocoa and share!
“Being Stone Catchers” – Nov. 26th, 2021 2 pm on ZOOM. Join Rev. Ryan and Eric Norris for a conversation about Krista Tippett's conversation with Bryan Stevenson.

Bryan Stevenson is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative (<https://eji.org/>), and authors of the book *Just Mercy*. He is a Black lawyer based in Montgomery Ala. His organization is working to change the unequal treatment of black people by both the police and the criminal justice system. We in Canada certainly face some similar concerns, particularly as to policing, treatment of racialized communities, and right relations with Indigenous Peoples.

Mr. Stevenson refers to Jesus' admonition - only those without sin should be allowed to cast the first stone. He suggests that we may need to become "stone catchers" to try to mend our increasingly fractured society. We invite you to listen to the podcast and join in the conversation Nov 26th. It can be found at: <https://onbeing.org/programs/bryan-stevenson-finding-the-courage-for-whats-redemptive/>.



Dec 3rd - Do you know how many of the Gospels include a birth narrative for Jesus? Come and celebrate preparing for the birth of the Christ Child with fun and informative trivia. Test your Christmas Gospel knowledge. No letter grades for this gathering just fun!!

Dec 10th - Does O Come All Ye Faithful get your spirit up? Love to sing Joy to The World? Get ready to tap your toes and sing along. We're going to share our favourite Christmas Carols. Not only will we talk about them but, with the help of modern technology, we will enjoy your favourite Christmas Carols together. Warmup your vocal chords, or not, we're going to have lots of fun.



Dec 17th - Dawn we now our Bake apparel?! It's cold outside! Let's bake something yummy inside! This week we're going to share our favourite Christmas recipes – type it up to share or trade a link. No baking during the gathering but if you make something in advance you can show off your goodies and share the story of how this recipe became your fav Christmas delicacy.

JOIN US ON ZOOM – LIVE online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87988296312>
Or by phone: 438-809-7799 Meeting ID: 879 8829 6312

These and other announcements available in the Mid-week message

