



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge  
Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday of Joy

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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.



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Light for the shadows:

**may it show us the way.**

A flame of Joy:

**may our hearts be warmed.**

*We light the Advent candle of Joy*

A beacon of possibility:

**may there be light and joy in our living  
as we prepare to welcome Jesus.**

READING

Zephaniah 3:14

Everyone in Jerusalem and Judah, celebrate and shout with all your heart!

HYMN VOICES UNITED 59

Joy to the World (*verse 1 & 2*)

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**



MUSICAL REFLECTION

Little Dance for Oboe and Piano

by Pierre Gallant  
Christine Bryce Oboe

MUSICAL MEDLEY

Christmas Medley

~ Chill of the Nightfall ~

Lyrics by T. Dudley-Smith  
Music by K. Lee Scott

~ Love came Down at Christmas ~

Words and Music by Roger Copeland

~ A Child Is Born ~

Words and Music by Pat Mayberry Arrangement by Pierre Gallant

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN VOICES UNITED 71

Huron Carol (*verse 1*)

**'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead,  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:**

**Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.**

GOSPEL

John 3:15-16

Then everyone who has faith in the Son of Humanity will have eternal life.

God loved the people of this world so much as to send the Son Jesus, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.

HYMN VOICES UNITED 48

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (*verse 1*)

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Children Go Where I Send Thee

Spiritual shared by  
Keith Whittall and Victoria Moulton, and Patti Murphy



The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
 the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
 the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
 and they say that his name is Jesus.

*Refrain:*

He come from the glory,  
 he come from the glorious kingdom.  
 He come from the glory,  
 he come from the glorious kingdom.  
 O yes! believer!  
 O yes! believer!  
 He come from the glory,  
 he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby born,  
 the angels sang when the baby born,  
 the angels sang when the baby born,  
 and they say that his name is Jesus. *R*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

## Christmas Medley

~ Christmas Lullaby ~  
 By John Rutter

~ God Rest Ye Merry People Here ~  
 18<sup>th</sup> Century English Carol  
 Arranged by Joe Cox

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

## THE JESUS PRAYER FOR TODAY

**O Source of Life,**  
**Connectedness beyond simple perception,**  
**We hold our experience of you as sacred.**  
**May we choose to live the good you call for,**  
**In our actions as well as in our imaginings.**  
**Nourish our bodies and spirits,**  
**Inspiring us to share the abundance that we have.**  
**Challenge us to show understanding and love for others**  
**As we need to be understood and loved.**  
**Help us overcome our shortcomings to be our best selves,**  
**Through the faith that you have always shown in us.**  
**May we all make it so.**

**Amen**



MUSICAL REFLECTION

Ode To Joy

By Ludwig van Beethoven  
arranged by Pierre Gallant

HYMN VOICES UNITED 45

Joy Is Now In Every Place (*verses 1&2*)

**Joy is now in every place,  
Christmas lightens every face;  
now be with us, in your grace,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

**May the star that shone that night,  
making your poor stable bright,  
fill our hearts with love and light,  
O hear us, bless us, holy Jesus.**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Amen! Go Tell It On The Mountain

Spirituals arranged by Mary McDonald  
shared by the Davis Family

*~ Thank you to for joining us today ~*



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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

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

- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.** Advent 3 – Joy Sunday  
**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.** Advent 4 – Love Sunday  
**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.** Christmas Eve (Family Candlelight Service 8 pm)  
**Dec 26<sup>th</sup>.** Cocoa and Carols Service – First Sunday After Christmas (online)

Unless otherwise indicated all services are simultaneously  
in person (24 Maple. Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue) and online  
Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

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

**Download the Zoom App at [zoom.us/download](https://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>



**Lynn Thompson** – Has a new series of hand-made 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.

**Send a card, Fund a student** – Caring for Kenya, Ebi Kimanani Scholarship Cards are available for purchase. The cards celebrate Christmas and special occasions and can be given as a gift or part of a gift. A donation of \$10 per card, contributes to the cost of sending 16 girls and boys to secondary school in the Itegero region of Kenya. Handmade pillowcases by Linda Toivanen will also be available. All donations of cash or cheques are gratefully received. Cheques can be made out to Beaurepaire United Church (Caring for Kenya on the memo line). Tax receipts provided. Address inquiries to Susan Cruickshank ([susanc394@hotmail.com](mailto:susanc394@hotmail.com) / 514-694-3382).



**Church Café Advent of Discussion, activities, song, and FUN:** Church Café continues weekly on ZOOM Fridays 2 pm with special themes throughout Advent. Grab a cocoa and share!

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - 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

Please note that the Church Café will be on hiatus starting Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> returning Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

These and other announcements available in the Mid-week message

