



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship
*Courageous Enough
to Shine*

Epiphany
January 9th, 2022
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

GREETING

God is good
all the time.
All the time
God is Good.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

BOLD print indicates an invitation for congregational response and participation

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the lands our churches and many of our 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, the pursuit of true justice and flourishing well-being for all peoples who now call Canada home.

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

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

CENTERING HYMN VOICES UNITED 79 v. 1 Arise, Your Light is Come

**Arise, Your Light is Come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Arise! Shine!

For our Light has come!

The glory of the Lord is in this place.

The glory of the Lord is in you, in me.

See! Be radiant!

Our hearts thrill and rejoice!

Let us worship in gratitude, in joy, together.

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of all gifts, we give you thanks for the joy of worshipping together this day. Throughout time and space, you have called to us to rise up and shine, to be light for the world. Today, you continue to call to us, that we might inspire others by our rising—that our gifts might join with others as we rediscover that we are yours. May this time of worship help us to follow the Light, that we might be reenergized and recharged to be your disciples. May your Spirit rest upon us now and in all that we say and do. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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



Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS AND RECONCILIATION

Holy One, on this day of Epiphany, we hear a story of travellers who bring extravagant gifts to Jesus, which sometimes causes us to think that our gifts are not good enough. We hold ourselves to the world's standards of what gifts should be, and fail to see that what we offer is like those early gifts—what we offer is the best that we have. So, forgive us when we compare ourselves with others. Forgive us when our fear stops us from rising up to shine. Inspire us to look at what we have in gratitude, so that we might then share these parts of ourselves for your glory and for the transformation of the world that you love so much. We long to be reflections of your Light, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

EXPLORING THE EPIPHANY BOX



HYMN AFRICAN AMERICAN
HERITAGE HYMNAL 549

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine a light in Jesus,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine a light in Jesus,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine a light in Jesus,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine, shine, shine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine, shine, shine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Shine, shine, shine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In community,
I'm gonna let it shine.
In community,
I'm gonna let it shine.
In community,
we're gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



In the year that King Uzziah died, I had a vision of the LORD. He was on his throne high above, and his robe filled the temple. Flaming creatures with six wings each were flying over him. They covered their faces with two of their wings and their bodies with two more. They used the other two wings for flying, as they shouted,

“Holy, holy, holy, LORD All-Powerful! The earth is filled with your glory.”

As they shouted, the doorposts of the temple shook, and the temple was filled with smoke. Then I cried out, “I’m doomed! Everything I say is sinful, and so are the words of everyone around me. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD All-Powerful.”

GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some magi from the east came to Jerusalem and said, “Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. Herod brought together the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?”

They told him, “He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote,

‘Bethlehem in the land of Judea, you are very important among the towns of Judea. From your town will come a leader, who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’”

Herod secretly called in the wise men and asked them when they had first seen the star. He told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, let me know. I want to go and worship him too.”

The wise ones listened to what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

When they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him. Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another road.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Courageous Enough to Shine



OFFERING

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

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

We Three Kings

arranged by Michael Woytiuk
Sandy and All Davis on Vocals

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great giver of gifts, bless what we offer this day. Through your Spirit, may all that we offer be transformed and, along with us, help continue the ministry to which you have called us. May all that is given truly enable your mission to love and serve your world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

HYMN VOICES UNITED 679

Let There Be Light

**Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face;**

**Open our lips,
Open our minds to ponder,
Open the door of concord
Opening into grace;**

**Perish the sword,
Perish the angry judgement,
Perish the bombs and hunger,
Perish the fight for gain;**

**Hallow our love,
Hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom,
Hallowed be your name;**

**Your kingdom come,
Your spirit turn to language,
Your people speak together,
Your spirit never fade;**

**Let there be light;
Open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror,
Hallow the world God made.**



SENDING FORTH

We have heard the words of the prophet: Arise and Shine!

As we go, may we too Arise and Shine!

We have heard the story of the Magi sharing their gifts.

As we go, may our gifts be shared with all.

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Possibility

words and music by Michael Woytiuk

~ Thank you for joining us today ~

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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Jan 9 th .	Feast of Epiphany - Courage Enough to Shine
Jan 16 th .	2 nd Sunday After Epiphany – Let it Run
Jan 23 rd .	3 rd Sunday After Epiphany – We, the Anointed Ones
Jan 30 th .	Combined Worship West Island United Churches
Feb 6 th .	4 th Epiphany Here! Now! Are You Ready?

Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CAFÉ RETURNS
January 14, 2022
Moving to 3 pm Fridays

Join in great
conversation, theme discussions
and community
LIVE ON ZOOM

ZOOM details - online
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86321355007>
Or by phone
1-438-809-7799
Meeting ID:
86321355007
More at: www.mergingwaters.ca



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>



Demystifying Palliative Care

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
1:30 – 2:30 PM on Zoom

This info session is for compassionate, caring folk.
Gain a better understanding of:
How to support a friend whose loved one is in end-of-life care.
How to manage your feelings before a friend's death.
Saying goodbye during a pandemic.
What's helpful (and what's not).
Increase your understanding of palliative care.
Ask questions in a safe, supportive space, or simply listen.

Presented by Rev. Ian Smith
Former Spiritual Caregiver of the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence
on behalf of The Family Life Centre
FREE OF CHARGE

Thanks to funding by the United Church of Canada Erskine & American Mountainside Trust

Register at familylifecentre@gmail.com for the Zoom link
The Family Life Centre is a community resource supported by 8 West Island churches, including Merging Waters Pastoral Charge, offering referral services, information sessions and workshops.

These and other announcements available in the Mid-week message available on
www.mergingwaters.ca

