



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

We, the Anointed Ones

3rd Epiphany
January 23rd, 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

MUSICAL CENTERING

All Of Who You Are Is Sacred

words and music by Michael Woytiuk
vocals by Jane Weber



SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Jesus embraced his friends with love.

Let us witness to God with our arms.

Jesus wept when his friends experienced grief.

Let us witness to God with our hearts.

Jesus healed people with his touch.

Let us witness to God with our hands.

Jesus taught in the synagogues.

Let us witness to God with our ears.

Jesus walked alongside the oppressed.

Let us witness to God with our feet.

Jesus taught us that to experience life to its fullest requires our entire selves.

Let us worship God with all of our selves: mind, body, soul, and spirit.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Creator of all, you call us into community, to work together as one body. Be with us today as we join our hearts and voices to bring praise to you who have perfectly created each of us. Help us to see past our perceived imperfections to see the beauty you created in us and in the world. Accept the praise of your family as we reach out to you, and each other, in worship and adoration. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, saying:

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



HYMN MORE VOICES 48 I Can Feel You Near Me God (Jump For Joy)

I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.

Refrain:

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me always everywhere
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care
God I know you're loving me I know you're there.

Refrain:

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you
I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia
Jump for joy for you.^R

RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS AND RECONCILIATION

Loving God, you have asked us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and to let the oppressed go free. Yet there are times that we have been unable or unwilling to see those among us who didn't have enough, who felt trapped, and who were treated as "lesser than." For the times that our own thoughts and actions have caused us or others to stumble, we ask for your forgiveness.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

EXPLORING THE EPIPHANY BOX

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee with the power of the Spirit. News about him spread everywhere. He taught in the Jewish meeting places, and everyone praised him.

Jesus went back to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as usual he went to the meeting place on the Sabbath. When he stood up to read from the Scriptures, he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read,

"The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers, and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'"

Jesus closed the book, then handed it back to the man in charge and sat down. Everyone in the meeting place looked straight at Jesus.

Then Jesus said to them, "What you have just heard me read has come true today."



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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.**

OFFERING

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

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Not Afraid

words and music by Bob Dufford
arranged by Michael Woytiuk
Keith Whittall on lead vocal and guitar

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we offer these gifts to you knowing that you have called us to work together. Bless them, multiply them, and use them to enable us, your body, to create a better world with all of creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN



Refrain:

**Christ has no body now but yours
No hands, but yours
Here on this earth yours is the work,
To serve with the joy of compassion**

**No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
No hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
No touch but yours to bind the broken
Hope of the people of God. R**

**No eyes but yours to see
As Christ would see,
To find the lost,
To gaze with compassion
No eyes but yours to glimpse
The holy joy of the city of God. R**

**No feet but yours to journey
With the poor to walk this
World with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build
A lasting Peace For the children of God. R**

**Through every gift, give back to those in need;
As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
With every gift a benediction be
To the people of God. R**

SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING

Lift Me Up!

words and music by Kerry-Anne Kutz
arranged by Michael Woytiuk

Refrain: Lift me up! Lift me beyond the clouds.
Where there is sunshine where there is harmony.
Lift me up! That I may clearly see the earth in all its beauty.

1. Now step outside, find your neighbour.
Extend your hand, share your labour.
Now move beyond those ancient borders.
To build a land of higher order.
2. Don't miss this chance open your eyes.
We've all we need. This is paradise,
We've gotta move on forward with dignity;
To build a world for all in liberty. *Refrain*
3. Each voice is counted, we have seen need,
Our work's not over until all are freed,
From war's in justice and from all poverty,
discrimination and racial boundaries. *Refrain*

~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~



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*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

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| Jan 23rd | 3 rd Sunday After Epiphany – We, the Anointed Ones |
| Jan 26th | Merging Waters Board meeting - Online |
| Jan 30th | Combined West Island/Riverside United Churches – Online 10 am |
| Feb 6th | 4 th Sunday After Epiphany – Here! Now! Are You Ready? |
| Feb 13th | 5 th Sunday After Epiphany – With My Whole Heart... Thank You. |

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