



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

Here! Now! Are You Ready?

4th After Epiphany

February 6th, 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

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CENTERING HYMN MORE VOICES 97

Listen, God Is Calling

Listen
**Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Listen—Do you hear the voice of the Holy One?

Inviting, daring, challenging, celebrating, creating—you and me.

I form you.

I know you.

I consecrate you.

I appoint you.

I send you.

Fear no one. I am with you.

I will deliver you.

I have put my words in your mouth.

May we have ears to hear and voices to speak this truth.

Let us worship.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

(facing east)

From the east, the direction of the rising sun,
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing south)

From the south comes warmth, guidance,
and the beginning and the end of life.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing west)

From the west comes the rain,
purifying waters, to sustain all living things.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing north)

From the north comes the cold and mighty wind,
the white snows, giving us strength and endurance.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing upward)

From the heavens we receive darkness and light,
the air of your breath,
and messages from your winged creatures.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

(facing downward)

From the earth we come and to the earth we will return.

We are grateful for your creation, Mother Earth, O God.

May we walk good paths, O God,
living on this earth as one creation should,
rejoicing in one another's blessing,
sympathizing in one another's sorrows,
rooting up injustice,
planting the seeds of peace,
and together with you, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.



Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS AND RECONCILIATION

Created.

Consecrated. Appointed. Sent. Confident. Faithful.

Great Spirit, you invite us to accept the richness and abundance in which every human being is delightfully made.

Forgive us when we limit the grace and wonder of which we are capable.

Forgive us when we put limits on your power in us, such as when we say, "But I am only...only one person...only so talented...only so much."

We are not *only* any single thing. We are yours.

And the Spirit that thrums within each of us is blessed, beautiful, and capable of creating new and abundant life. That is your truth.

**May our words and our actions as the church of Christ
testify that it is also ours.**

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

EXPLORING THE EPIPHANY BOX



**Small things count, so Jesus said:
cups of water, crumbs of bread,
small things done because we're kind
count as big things in God's mind.**

**Small things make the big things grow:
yeast that bubbles in the dough,
puffs that fill a big balloon,
notes that make a happy tune.**

**Every hair that's on our head,
every sparrow, Jesus said,
God takes care of, counts and knows,
God loves us from top to toes!**

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the GREAT SPIRIT came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

**Then I said, “Ah, Holy Mystery! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a child.”**

But God said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the HOLY ONE-IN-ALL.” Then God reached out and touched my mouth; and said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

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OFFERING

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

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MUSICAL OFFERING

I Believe

by Stephan Moccio and Alan Flew
Vocals by Sandy Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May what we have offered here be true, be blessed, and be sent into our world by the Spirit of the One who, even now, is with us. Always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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**



**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.**

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Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**Tu choisis un peuple; poussé par ta voix,
il quitta l'esclavage vers une terre et une loi.
Et quand il fut trompé par des illusions,
tu donnas aux prophètes tes saintes visions.**

**Souffle, vent doux du Saint-Esprit;
ta grâce me conduit hors du désert.
Souffle, grand vent du Saint-Esprit,
secoue notre apathie, vent, vent sur la mer.**

**Tu chantas dans l'étable, tu gémis sur la croix;
tu rompis le silence, par un souffle de joie;
et puis, dans les villes, tu nous envoyas
le vent d'une tempête qui nous ranima.**

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Souffle, grand vent du Saint-Esprit,
secoue notre apathie, vent, vent sur la mer.**

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placid-ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Bless the Giver

and every good gift!

Bless all that has been planted,

that it will sprout in us and in others.

Bless the harvest of life

that we are called to share.

In our words, in our actions, in our time, talents, and treasure

may the Spirit in me honour the Spirit in you.

Amen.

MUSICAL SENDING

God's Counting on You, God's Counting on Me

by Pete Seeger
lead guitar and vocal by Keith Whittall

~ Thank you for joining us today ~

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- Feb 6th. 4th Epiphany – Here! Now! Are You Ready?
- Feb 13th. 5th Epiphany – With My Whole Heart... Thank You!
- Feb 20th. 6th Epiphany – Guest preacher Lisa Byer-de Wever
- Feb 27th. Transfiguration Sunday – Fishing So Others Can Have A Meal – Celebrating Black History Month

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