



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

Are You A Regular?

3rd Sunday of Lent
March 20th, 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

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

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

It is in God that we live, and move, and have our being.

And so, in every moment of every day,

we dance with God, and God dances with all creation.

We don't often notice that we're dancing,

but sometimes, every once in a while,

God's music and movement breaks through,

and we know!

When we gather together, as community of faith,

**we gather to help one another become open
to the presence of God;**

we gather to help one another be intentional
in that relationship;

**we gather to help one another,
and in helping one another,
we worship God.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

This is a movement prayer, so I would invite you to repeat my actions as you are able*.

(Touching head) Creator, touch our minds—

***(Touching head)* that we may worship with understanding.**

(Touching above eyes) Christ, touch our eyes—

***(Touching above eyes)* that we may recognise each other.**

(Touching lips) Holy Spirit, touch our voices—

***(Touching lips)* that our words would always praise you.**

(Touching chest, above heart) Love Divine, touch our hearts—

***(Touching chest, above heart)* that your compassion would overflow.**

(Placing one hand on top of the other, palms up) God of all, touch our hands—

(Placing one hand on top of the other, palms up)

that all we touch would be blessed,

that all we touch would be transformed,

that all we touch would be made new,

by your love.

(Touching head, above eyes, lips, heart, and hands) With all that we are—

***(Touching head, above eyes, lips, heart, and hands)* we worship you.**

Amen.

HYMN MORE VOICES 12

Come Touch Our Hearts

(verse 1)

**Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a work more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95:1–7

O come, let us sing to God.

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

**Let us joyously shout to God
with songs of praise!**

**Come, let us bow down and worship,
let us kneel before God our maker.**

For you are a great God,

high sovereign above all gods.

In your hand are the depths of the earth;

to you belong the heights of the mountains.

The sea is yours, for you made it;

your hands also formed the dry land.

You are indeed our God.

We are your people, the flock that you shepherd.

**Come, let us bow down and worship,
let us kneel before God our maker!**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

Are You A Regular?



**Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions**

**All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus**

**All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us**

**All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

United Church Camp Ministries

OFFERING

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

*If you are not on [pre-authorized 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

Concerto for Oboe, Corelli- Barbirolli

Preludio & Gavotta

Christine Bryce, Oboe

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The bills and the coins and the numbers in the bank are symbols of the work of our hands, loving God. We offer them to you, that they would be signs and symbols of our worship as they go out into the world. May they be used in ways that bring healing and wholeness to all creation. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered throughout the world and throughout time at every table where your blessed bread of life and cup of hope are offered, we long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption found in your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are spiritually present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray for you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kin-dom and unending peace.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

My Soul Is Thirsting for You

(MV 109, refrain)

(sung) **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.**

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.**

Our hearts beat with thanksgiving, God. They mark every moment that we live in you! For the earth and all its goodness; for the seas and the waves so high; for the air, which surrounds this planet; and for all the creatures with whom we live—we say,

Thank you, loving God!

For the relationships we share with all creation, with each other; for the love that brings new life—

Thank you, loving God!

For your presence in and with all things, every heartbeat, every day, for the fact that you are always with us—

Thank you, loving God!

(sung) **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.**

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.**

Even as we celebrate, in praise and thanksgiving, we remember that we have also turned away from our and one another in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. There are times we have failed to love you as completely as we could have; times we have failed to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Forgive us, God.



**We ask you to forgive us, God.
But, even more than that,
we ask that you help us to
make the choices
and live the decision
to love more completely,
tomorrow and the days to come.**

Hear the prayers of our hearts...

(A time for silent prayer)

*(sung)***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.**

As a forgiven and forgiving people, we remember others who are in need.

For the world and all that lives in it...

For people and places damaged by war and conflict...

For people whose humanity is diminished by racism, ableism, sexism, classism,
heterosexism, and all the other -isms we live....

For all who are afraid, all who are lonely, all who are hurting, in body, mind, or
spirit...

For our neighbours—

those we know and those we will never meet...

For our families...

For ourselves...

*(sung)***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.**

We pray all of these things,

sharing the words that Jesus gave to all of his disciples, including us...

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.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength; be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways; conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious love, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with God and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

HYMN MORE VOICES 176

Three Things I Promise

**Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

**Your love unfolded time and space,
and life, and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.**

**I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.**

**Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.**

**If I should live when vigour fades,
and family and friends are gone,
three acts of loving faith remain
when days are slow, and work is done.**

**Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.**

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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**that all we touch would be blessed,
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that all we touch would be made new,
by your love.**

(Touching head, above eyes, lips, heart, and hands) As we go into your world—

(Touching head, above eyes, lips, heart, and hands) **we worship you!**

Amen.

MUSICAL SENDING

Take Time to be Holy

words by William Longstaff 1882
music by G. Stebbins arranged by Michael Woytiuk
sung by Bryson Davis

~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~

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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community



UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Mar 20th.	Lent 3 – Are You A Regular? – Onsite at 24 Maple and online – this service will include Spiritual Communion
Mar 24th.	Beaurepaire United Church Official Board – 10:30 am
Mar 27th.	Lent 4 – I’ve Had Enough! – Onsite at 25 Fieldfare and online – Presentation from St Columba House
Mar 30th.	Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Official Board – 7 pm
Apr 3rd.	Lent 5 – Who’d Have Thunk It? – Onsite at 24 Maple and online – Special guest sharing new music for worship Pat Mayberry
Apr 10th.	Palm Sunday – Onsite at 25 Fieldfare and online
Apr 14th.	Maundy Thursday Upper Room Service with Communion – online only
Apr 15th.	Good Friday Service – online only
Apr 17th.	Easter Sunday – Onsite at 24 Maple and online
Apr 24th.	A service Shared by the Merging Waters Outreach service

Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR WEEK 3 OF LENT

Take time to worship at home. To start, offer a prayer and a bit of silence to **enter into God’s presence** and into worship. Maybe sing or listen to a worship song. There are lots online. Then, read the scripture from today’s worship. **Listen** to what God, through the Holy Spirit, is saying to you through it. You can participate in an online worship if you have a hard time leading yourself in prayer. After readings and reflections consider what will be your **response**. If you are worshipping as a family or a group, talk about it. What did you hear God saying? How will you respond to the invitation to generous stewardship? Pray for your family and friends; and pray for your church.

In order to build a habit, you are encouraged to choose the same time each day. Pick a time that works for you, but every day this week use some of your time to worship. In following weeks reflect on how this Lenten practice worked for you and how it helped (or didn’t) open you up to God as you made space in your life to actively live out the Way of Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH CAFÉ

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87964312436>

Dial by your location

+1 438 809 7799 Canada

Meeting ID: 879 6431 2436

Fridays @ 3 pm

Details and link at

www.mergingwaters.ca

Lent with Merging Waters

Lesser Evils

Lenten Study – it's never too late to join in the journey

Journey through daily reflections continues with a weekly discussion

A shared journey with

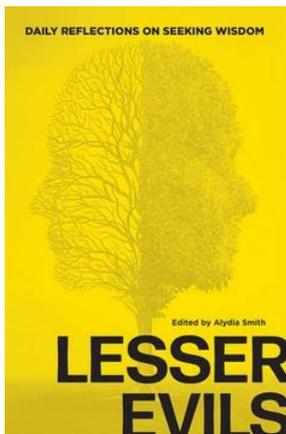
Merging Waters, Beaconsfield and Riverside United

To register contact Cynthia:

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There are hard copies already available
to purchase through Riverside

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in hard copy and epub versions



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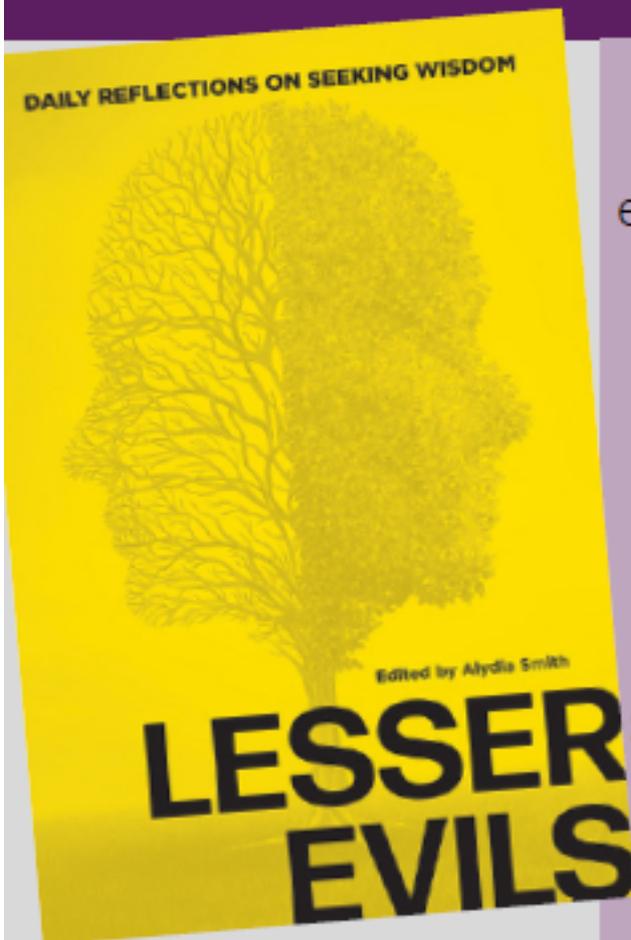
To all of those who
helped out with our
three AGMs

With **Special Thanks** for
all you do to
Board Chairs:
Jan Langelier
Keith Whittall
Kathie Whitehead
Mary Clark



Riverside United Church, Beaconsfield United Church
and Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Present

Lesser Evils: A Lenten Devotional Reflection Series



Join us on Thursday evenings in Lent (beginning March 10th) as we reflect together on making faith-led moral decisions in a complex world, using the book Lesser Evils as a guide.

Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM over Zoom.

Access to a copy of Lesser Evils is needed to participate. The E-Book is available from the United Church Bookstore (<https://ucrdstore.ca>). And we have some hard copies available for purchase. Contact your church's administrator for more information.

To register to participate, please email riversideunitedchurch@hotmail.com



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JOURNEYING TOGETHER
THROUGH LENT 2022



WEST ISLAND AND RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCHES LENT 2022

(all times are Eastern Time Zone)

LENTEN SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT/PRAYER/WORSHIP

Mondays–Thursdays **9 AM**. **Morning Celtic Meditation** with Rev. Darryl Macdonald.
Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/roxborounited/>

Wednesdays: 11:30 - 12:30 March 9–April 6. **Labyrinth Prayer** (Walking Meditation)
At Cedar Park United, 204 Lakeview Ave, Pointe Claire.
(In person, masked, proof of vaccination)

LENTEN STUDIES

LENT MONDAYS

Roxboro

Study Group **10 am**, on Zoom, discussing the Scripture reading from the previous Sunday.
For Link: www.roxborounitedchurch.org

LENT WEDNESDAYS

Midweek Midrash: Lenten Psalms, Songs for the Journey (Cedar Park)

Using “midrashic” method of group exploration of Scripture,
we’ll explore the six Psalms for Lent

2022.No previous experience necessary, just curiosity!

Register for one, some or all six sessions.

Wednesday Evenings: **7:15- 9:00 pm** on Zoom **March 9 – April 13**

Info: erjones.cpu@gmail.com

Register in advance for this meeting: www.cedarparkunited.com

Or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqfu-rrTMpG9yZ8d6eR291Lkdo3xrHjYpn>

LENT THURSDAYS

Lent Book Study

21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act

Hosted by Cedar Park United. **9:15-11 am**

Pre-register to receive details, preparatory materials, and Zoom link

Website: www.cedarparkunited.com

Info: cedarparkunited@videotron.ca

“**Lesser Evils**” (UCCan book, ed. Alydia Smith).

Co-facilitated by Merging Waters/Riverside/Beaconsfield

Thursdays **7-8:30 pm** starting March 10 on Zoom.

(You will need to access a copy of the study book. Register to get the Zoom Link.)

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PLANS FOR HOLY WEEK are still in process. Watch for more soon!!

