



Merging Waters Pastoral Charge
Sunday Morning Worship
Sunset and Ashes

Ash Wednesday
March 2nd, 2022 5 pm
Rev. Ryan Fea presiding

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

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.

SPIRITUAL FOCUS

At the beginning of Lent,

we come seeking God.

In this time of uncertainty in our lives,

we come seeking God.

Quieting our minds, opening our hearts,

and waiting for the divine mystery to make itself known,

we come seeking God.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God, Our Creator,
You have formed us out of the dust of the earth.
You are acting now in this world, for us and for all.
This is a turbulent, hurting, promised-filled world
That you call us to embrace:
Its people,
Its sorrows,
Its hope.
In and through it all, you sustain us,
You shape and feed us,
You walk with us as companion.
We come before you now
In our act of lament.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW PROPHET

Isaiah 58:1, 6-12

Response to reading

The Living Word for us this day.

We listen with our hearts, our minds and our Spirits

ASH WEDNESDAY MESSAGE

Followed by a moment of silence

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYER OF JOY AND CONCERN

Be thou our vision, O Christ.
Be thou our best thought, O Spirit of Life.
Be thou our wisdom, Holy Mystery.
As we gather on this solemn night/day,
we seek vision, and best thinking, and wisdom.
We seek to understand ourselves
as moments in the universe,
as ash brought to life by Love,
as beings who have all the possibilities
of coldness and warmth in us.
We know ourselves to be very limited,
O God without limits.
We fear that we won't respect limits,
O God who was pinned to a tree.
We admit that we need help to find the centre,
O God who is all and in all.
Come to us in pictures of faraway nebulae.
Come to us



in the roaring of nature's mighty forces.

Come to us
in the silence of a people praying for freedom.

a time of silence

We wait with quiet hearts for vision,

for thoughts of justice and peace,

for wisdom, Holy One.

And may the ashes of our fears

nourish the seedlings of our hopes.

a time of silence

You put new hearts in people, O God,

you sustain living spirits within us.

You restore the joy of oneness with all Love,

and strengthen us with the will to bring freedom to all. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION VOICES UNITED 624

Be Thou My Vision

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

May our hearts be full of gratitude

As we give thanks and praise

To the One who heals us,

Forgives us, and makes us whole,

and who sends us out to care for this world.

~ Thank You For Joining Us Today ~



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« An Affirming Congregation »**

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**Merging Waters
Pastoral Charge**



*Welcome Grace Service Love
Community*

www.mergingwaters.ca

UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

- Mar 2nd.** Ash Wednesday Service 5pm
Online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83344073581>
or by phone 1-438-809-7799 Meeting ID: 833 4407 3581
- Mar 6th.** Lent 1 – Service in-person at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online
Mar 6th. Union Church Annual General Meeting in person and online
immediately after the service 24 Maple or the same ZOOM link as worship
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84293776328>
- Mar 13th.** Lent 2 – Service in-person and online at 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield,
Mar 13th. Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Annual General meeting
online on ZOOM at 2 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84679694054>
- Mar 20th.** Lent 3
Mar 27th. Lent 4

Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online

Download the Zoom App at zoom.us/download



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH CAFÉ

Now with a new link for Feb 27th and March
<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

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

Lesser Evils: A Lenten Devotional Reflection Series

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON SEEKING WISDOM



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**



WEST ISLAND & RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCHES

JOURNEYING TOGETHER
THROUGH LENT 2022



WEST ISLAND AND RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCHES LENT 2022

(all times are Eastern Time Zone)

SHROVE TUESDAY March 1

Online Pancake Supper with Beaconsfield and Riverside at **6 pm**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82111291735>

Info: riversideunitedchurch@hotmail.com

Online Pancake Supper with Merging Waters at **6:30 pm**

Food, Friendship, Faith, Fun Fact Trivia

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84399309067>

ASH WEDNESDAY March 2

Online Worship with Cedar Park on Zoom at **12 noon**

Info: cedarparkunited@videotron.ca

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85442535332?pwd=Q0tOR3lmYUllNEdob2dEWDVldUJGQT09>

Sunset Service with Merging Waters at **5 pm**

Info: www.mergingwaters.ca

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83344073581>

Online(ZOOM) Evening Service with Beaconsfield and Riverside at **7 pm**

Info: riversideunitedchurch@hotmail.com

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84619459285>



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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