



# Merging Waters Pastoral Charge Sunday Morning Worship

## By Your Love

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Rev. Ryan Fea presiding

Guest speaker David Hawkins

Executive Director West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre

Michael Woytiuk Ministry of Music

Special musical guest Pat Mayberry & Heather Beth MacIntosh

### 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*

### CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

Special greeting from Val Strong  
Affirm Rep

### HYMN OF CELEBRATION

We Are A Rainbow  
(verse 2)

**We're a coat of many colours, sewn from many different threads,  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,  
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be  
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky  
Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free**

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## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Celebrate our God, from the plains to the mountains!

**Celebrate our God, from the waters and hills.**

Sing to our God who designed creation.

**Fill the air with song to the One who painted the world with love.**

Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

**Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.**

## HYMN

Gather Me

words and music by Pat Mayberry  
shared by Pat Mayberry with Heather Beth MacIntosh

**I listened for the word of God in fire and wind and rain.  
I leaned into the edge of dawn to find the truth again.  
I breathed into each moment,  
I wakened every dream.  
Holy Spirit come and gather me.**

*Refrain*

**Gather me, into Light and into Love.  
Gather me, let the songs of Life be sung.  
Come Holy Spirit and gather me.**

**I called out for the Love of God to save me from my pain.  
I sheltered in the darkest nights to bring me hope again.  
I climbed up every mountain,  
I battled storm and sea.  
Holy Spirit come and gather me. *R***

**I walked upon the fertile soil I gazed up to the sky.  
I followed every sacred star, each sign that passed me by.  
I reached my hands to heaven,  
That Love might gentle me.  
Holy Spirit come and gather me. *R***

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Spirit of Joy - basking in your presence, we dance in the knowledge that your presence dwells with us. We celebrate your name, your grace, your love in this space with our siblings. We proclaim our excitement that we, together, can glorify your name through sharing your love. May this minute be the start of a new chapter of our love for you and our love for our neighbours. Amen.**



When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told others, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

HYMN/Cantique

Called By Earth and Sky/Du ciel et de la terre

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.**

**Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.**

**Précieux est l'air que l'on respire, libre est le vent:  
Esprit qui souffle, viens nous instruire, de grâce nous comblant.**

**Du ciel et de la terre, nous entendons l'appel;  
nous devons chérir l'univers. Écrin de vie, précieuse et belle;  
du ciel et de la terre.**

**Précieuses nous sont les montagnes qui, de tous temps,  
grandioses rochers, nous accompagnent,  
de leur force et leur chant.**

**Du ciel et de la terre, nous entendons l'appel;  
nous devons chérir l'univers. Écrin de vie, précieuse et belle;  
du ciel et de la terre.**

**Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.**

**Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

By Your Love

Special presentation by David Hawkins  
Executive director, and West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre



## 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

### Parade Your Positive

Music and lyrics by Michael Woytiuk

In Peace I lay my trust,  
Compassionate and just;  
to hear another's need,  
And Love's high calling heed.

In Beauty I believe divinity perceived,  
In every soul I meet,  
A common spirit see.

#### *Refrain*

Parade your positive,  
an upbeat vision live,  
In every action be aware  
To show your positive,  
Appreciation give, in spite of differing points of view!

In Wisdom I profess a key to happiness,  
With understanding heart, let bitterness depart.

#### *Refrain*

Pain will come when justice fails;  
A force ignite,  
Turn dark to light with courage bright

#### *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need.**



# 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**

## HYMN

### We Are Not Alone

words and music by Pat Mayberry  
shared by Pat Mayberry with Heather Beth MacIntosh

**We are not alone we live in God's world  
We are not alone we live in God's world  
In life in death, in life beyond death  
God is with us we are not alone (X3)**

*Last time:*

**Thanks be to God**

## COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

### MUSICAL SENDING

### When You Go From This Place

words and music by Pat Mayberry  
shared by Pat Mayberry with Heather Beth MacIntosh

**When you go from this place, be true.  
May the blessing of life find you.  
May the winds of the Spirit guide you,  
'Cross the ocean of all your days.  
May the seeds of your love, your life, adorn the way.**  
(X3)

Special thanks this week to:

David Hawkins Executive Director of the West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre  
for sharing his message with us.

&

Pat Mayberry and Heather Beth MacIntosh  
for sharing their gifts of music and spirit.

*~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~*



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*Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community*

**UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.**

- May 15<sup>th</sup>.** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 25 Fieldfare, Beaconsfield and online  
**May 29<sup>th</sup>.** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Onsite at 24 Maple, Sainte-Anne and online  
Merging Waters hosts a combined worship with United Churches of the West Island of Montreal and Riverside United Church  
This service will include the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

[www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online](http://www.mergingwaters.ca/Worship-online)

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## 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](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)

A great big



To **Wendy Hamel and Andrew Purser**

For all that you do, sharing your aesthetic eye and creativity, your support and care for others within the community, taking care of the garden, work on social fellowship, and helping to care for the building, being Beaufort's new Treasurer!

And so much more!!

You are a blessed blessing every day!

## Merging Waters Pastoral Charge -- A Community That Cares

Our Pastoral Care team is there to help you with your concerns.

- Ivy Lewis, Union Pastoral Care Chair: [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com)
- For Beaufort United, the co-coordinating team of Diane Nener: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com); & Wendy Hamel: [wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca](mailto:wendyandrewadam@yahoo.ca)

We also have a Prayer Circle of members from both Union and Beaufort. If you have prayer requests, please contact Ivy at [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com)

**Because we want to stay in touch:** Please remember to update your info with the office in the event that you move or change your email or phone number. Contact the office: [mergingwaters@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwaters@bellnet.ca) (514) 457-5819 or (514) 695-5448



Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia as an affirming and inclusive church lift this day to stand in solidarity with those in pain at home and around the world.

<https://united-church.ca/worship-special-days/international-day-against-homophobia-transphobia-and-biphobia>

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