



# West Island and Riverside Combined Worship

## United In God's Love

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 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*

### CELEBRATING THE RAINBOW

Welcome shared by Val Strong  
Merging Waters Affirm Rep

### HYMN OF CELEBRATION

We Are A Rainbow  
(verse 1)

**We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright**

**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 colors proud and bold and free**

**Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free**



## SPIRITUAL FOCUS

Nous sommes invité(e)s à connaître Dieu

**Entrons dans la connaissance de Dieu**

Nous sommes invité(e)s à porter la justice de Dieu

**Entrons dans la justice de Dieu**

We have been invited to enter God's truth

**Let us enter the truth of God**

We have been invited to enter God's unity

**Let us enter the unity of God**

## HYMN MORE VOICES 161

I Have Called You By Your Name

Tu sais...je t'ai appelé(e) par ton nom

I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

Je t'apprendrai mon nom à chaque pas.  
Lis le en tous ceux que tu rencontreras.  
En versant l'eau en mon nom,  
proclame la communion;  
et de Jésus, qui s'est donné, suis les pas.

Tu auras besoin de moi en chemin.  
En tous lieux, sens ma présence et mon soutien.  
Comme cette femme en pleurs  
qui a surmonté ses peurs,  
touche et laisse aller Jésus sur son chemin.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God, you are the beginning and the end of all things, the First and the Last. Send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to your truth, so that we may find new beginnings in Your Word, and make living your Word our purpose and end. Holy Healing One, Righteous Restorer— We come as standard-bearers of your love, offering our disconnected lives in return for your unity. May we know you in this place, not as lone individuals but as faithful fragments seeking to be made whole again. Unis nos vies les unes aux autres par ta sainte présence, par ton amour qui vit au fonds de chacun(e) de nous.  
Amen.



'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Creator, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Loving God, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Great Spirit, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

## APPLICATION FOR TODAY

United In God's Love

## OFFERING

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

*While you are encouraged to give to your specific congregation we will also be raising funds for the UCC Crisis Fund for Ukraine.*

*All non-specified funds – loose offerings put in the plate without an envelope – will be donated to the UCC Appeal for Ukraine or you can donate directly to the crisis appeal:*

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/ukraine-crisis>

## MUSICAL OFFERING

A Child is Born

music by Thad Jones, Lyrics by Alec Wilder, arranged by Michael Woytiuk

Now, out of the night, New as the dawn  
 Into the light, This Child, Innocent Child,  
 Soft as a fawn, This Child is born.

One small heart, One pair of eyes,  
 One work of art, Here in my arms She lies,  
 Trusting and warm, Blessed this morn a Child is born.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**May our gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our unity, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.**

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## INTRODUCTION

Hear the words of the apostle Paul:  
Baptized into union with Christ,  
you have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male or female,  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.  
Gal 3:27-28

In the sacrament of baptism the ordinary things of life  
—water, oil, light—  
point beyond themselves to God and God's love,  
teaching us to be alert  
to the sacred in the midst of life.  
Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are born into the brokenness of this world.  
Before conscious thought or action on our part,  
we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.  
Baptism is the means by which we are received  
into the covenanted community of the church.  
In the act of baptism lies the nurturing, sustaining,  
and transforming power of God's love  
and our grateful response to God's grace.  
The Song of Faith

We exercise our membership within a local community of faith. Today we are to welcome a child into the body of Christ through baptism with water and in the threefold name of God.

## LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

*The Family Candle is lit from the Christ Candle (Joelle will explain the candle)*

## PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

Elder of the Church Lynn Thompson: On behalf of the congregation of **Union Church within Merging Waters Pastoral Charge**, I present **Jacqueline Lisa Owers-Leduc** for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.



## PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES

(to parents: Jen and Joëlle)

Croyez-vous en Dieu, qui a créé et qui continue à créer,  
qui est venu en Jésus, Parole faite chair,  
pour réconcilier et renouveler,  
qui est présent en nous et en toute personne par l'Esprit?

**Oui, par la grâce de Dieu.**

Dans le désir de liberté  
qu'apporte une vie nouvelle en Jésus Christ,  
chercherez-vous à résister au mal,  
ainsi qu'à vivre dans l'amour et la justice?

**Oui, avec l'aide de Dieu.**

Will you follow the way of Christ,  
and proclaim Jesus in your words and actions?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you share your gifts with your brothers and sisters in faith  
and join them to celebrate God's presence,  
live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you pray for Jacqueline,  
encourage her by your words and actions,  
and walk with her in righteous paths?

**I will, God being my helper.**

## PROMISE OF GOD PARENT

Will you pray for this child,  
And take care that she may learn and live her faith?

**I will, God being my helper.**



## CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

As a baptized and baptizing church,  
do you commit yourselves to support and nurture  
these people within a community which worships God,  
loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

Let us now join in a statement of our communal faith—

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF THE WATER

Let us pray.

Gracious and Holy God,  
we bless you for the gift of life,  
and, within it, the gift of water.

Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation.

By water comes the growth of all things.

You led the children of Israel through the water to freedom.

In the waters of the Jordan was your child Jesus baptized.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do,  
that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

And gathering all of our prayers into one,  
we join in a contemporary adaption of the Prayer that Jesus Taught:

*Loving God, close as breath, may your name be kept holy.*

**May your day of justness and integrity come,  
and may everyone walk your path of peace.**

*By your grace we have what we need.*

**Show us mercy when we fall short,  
and help us to be gracious to others.**

*Times of trial will not weaken our faith,  
nor will evil overcome us.*

**For we live in your world, follow you, and worship  
you, every day, forever. Amen.**



## BAPTISM

Jacqueline Lisa Owers-Leduc, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit, mother to us all.

**Amen.**

## ANointING

Jacqueline Lisa Owers-Leduc, Beautiful, precious, child of God,  
with the sign of the cross,  
you are marked as one with Christ, God's anointed.

**Amen.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

Jacqueline, may the Holy Spirit work within you,  
that being born of water and the Spirit,  
you may be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF CANDLE *Baptismal Candle to be lit from family candle*

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
Jacqueline, we give you this candle,  
to show that God's love shines on you,  
and so you might shine as a light of the world,  
to the glory of God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Into the household of faith,  
we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.  
This is the newest member of the body of Christ.  
*(The congregation may applaud.)*

## BLESSING

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you.

**Amen.**

## SUNG BLESSING

Led by Lisa Byer-de Wever and Rev. Joelle Leduc

**May the Blessing of the Lord be upon you.  
We Bless you in the name of the Lord.**

(x2)



Cantique/HYMN VOICES UNITED 644 J'étais là le jour où tu es né(e)/  
I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

J'étais là le jour où tu es né(e)  
Et crois-moi, je sera là  
Quand viendra pour toi le tout dernier  
Tu peux compter sur moi

J'étais là le jour de ton baptême  
Dans l'eau vive et dans tes pleurs  
J'ai bercé de mon plus doux « je t'aime »  
Ton âme avec ton cœur

When you heard the wonder of the Word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one.  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun

Je connais l'amour que tu attends  
Je le vois déjà fleurir  
C'est le temps de vivre ton printemps  
Tes rêves d'avenir

Vis ta vie... d'ici jusqu'à très loin...  
Jusqu'au bout de ton histoire  
Je suis là... Je serai là demain  
Quand tombera le soir

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN



**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.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
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.**

**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.**

**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

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you.

**Amen**

Que la grâce du Christ soit avec vous  
Que l'amour de Dieu vous entoure  
Que l'Esprit Saint vous garde.

**Amen.**

## MUSICAL SENDING

Love is the Greatest Part of It

words and music by Michael Woytiuk

~ Thank you for joining in Worship today ~

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### Merging Waters Pastoral Charge



Welcome Grace Service Love  
Community

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

- May 29<sup>th</sup>.** 11 am Exceptionally - 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
- June 5<sup>th</sup>.** Sunday of Pentecost with guest preacher Jessica Gauthier
- June 12<sup>th</sup>.** Trinity Sunday
- June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Celebration of Ministry Rev. Ryan Fea, Merging Waters Pastoral Charge, and Nakoha:ka Regional Council
- June 19<sup>th</sup>.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- June 26<sup>th</sup>.** Ecumenical Outdoor Service – Worship with our neighbours outside of Baie D'Urfé Town Hall.

Please consult the website and weekly announcements for details and links

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

Download the Zoom App at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### CHURCH CAFÉ

Will be on hiatus  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
And will be returning

June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

Details and link at  
[www.mergingwaters.ca](http://www.mergingwaters.ca)

A great big



To **Ivy Lewis, Diane Nener, and all Pastoral Care volunteers**

For your daily care and support of others, service with the Board, and so much more.

You make a difference every day!

Rev. Ryan will be on leave the week of May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>, in the event of pastoral need please contact the Pastoral Care Coordinators **Ivy Lewis** Union Pastoral Care Chair: [lewisir@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisir@hotmail.com) & **Diane Nener** Beaufort Pastoral Care Coordinator: [dianenener@icloud.com](mailto:dianenener@icloud.com). If you need to speak with ministry personnel, please contact the church office [mergingwaters@bellnet.ca](mailto:mergingwaters@bellnet.ca) or by phone **(514) 457-5819** or **(514) 695-5448** and you will be placed in contact with someone as soon as possible.

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