

Merging Waters United Church



Sunday Morning Worship With leadership by Libby Monaco, Aeternal Ministries, Michael Woytiuk and Pierre Gallant

Sunday, November 13, 2022

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.

To protect personal privacy, please do not take photos or videos without authorization.

Please join in the responses in **bold text**.

Life and Work of the People:

Acknowledging Traditional Territory:

As we gather this morning, we acknowledge that our church buildings and our homes are located on the traditional land of Indigenous peoples past and present, and we honour with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

As Christians we are committed to learning from our mistakes and seek right relations with our Mohawk neighbours and other First Nations Peoples.

Musical Centering: Gather Us In by Pierre Gallant

The Light at our Core:

The Christ candle is lit. We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's spirit.

The Christ candle is lit. We come to worship and to honour all that we share as a people searching for the truth.

Opening Prayer:

In a world divided by so many possibilities and perspectives, Lord, help us to be a place of care and respect for others, even if our ways are strange to each other.

May your example, Jesus, show us how to welcome strangers and bridge divides.

May your generous spirit inspire us to perceive the world as you perceive it: evolving, and opening into a new day of unity, shared concerns, growing understanding, and wisdom.

May it be so. Amen

Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

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.

2 Come touch our souls

that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

3 Come touch our minds

and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

4 Come touch us in the

moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

5 Come touch us now,

this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 18 – 20 The Message (MSG)

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Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ.

Musings on Music

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,

refrain

**And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,

refrain

It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the song,

refrain

It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings,

refrain

Benediction:

God of the unexpected, surprise us this week, with blessings where we see only burdens.

God support us.

As we face our challenges,

God steady us.

May we go out with joy,

secure in the knowledge that we are lovingly held in the arms of the Creator.

May we go out to be a blessing,

to a world so in need of God's care that only we
can give.

Musical Sending: Side by Side, by Harry M. Woods

Thank you for joining in worship today 

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

November 20 Beaurepaire, Stewardship Sunday with Jim Fyles and Wendy Hamel

November 27 Union, Advent 1

December 02 Beaurepaire, Advent 2

December 18 Union, Advent 3