Merging Waters United Church

Sunday Morning Worship May 12, 2024

Easter VII

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 ensembles.

Notre amour n'est jamais limité par la distance.

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

Keep our worship scent-free! To help fellow worshippers with chemical sensitivities, please do not wear perfume or scented products (lotion, hair spray) if attending in person.

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

LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
We delight in Creation that delights every part of our being.
Let us worship the One who turns our sorrow into joy.
Our despair into hope.

Our doubt into faith.
Let us feel the wind of the Spirit refresh our lives.
Come, let us worship.

THE LIGHT AT OUR CORE

MUSICAL CENTERING: Springtime Is Here by Pierre Gallant

OPENING PRAYER

God, our source of light and life,
you lead the way to courage, kindness, generosity, and love.
You call us to be your people and to live in community with one another,
always moving to a place of wholeness.
God of Springtime, lilacs and magnolias,
Remind us that the world is good.
God, your love makes us whole.
Help us to receive your love with open hearts,
so that we may become attuned to your will and way.
We ask that you strengthen us as your people, gathered to
praise and to share your love in this place and beyond our doors. Amen.

HYMN: MV #10 Come and Seek The Ways of Wisdom

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 NRSVUE

15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the
crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, **16** "Brothers and
sisters,[a] the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David
foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested
Jesus, **17** for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this
ministry."

21 "So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord
Jesus went in and out among us, **22** beginning from the baptism of John until the
day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us
to his resurrection." **23** So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was
also known as Justus, and Matthias. **24** Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you
know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen **25** to
take the place[a] in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to
go to his own place." **26** And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias,
and he was added to the eleven apostles.

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

REFLECTIVE MUSIC Dreaming by Amy Beach

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

HYMN SONG MV #161 I Have Called You By Your Name

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING: Room At the Table by Carrie Newcomer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY / PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE PRAYER OF JESUS / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother, Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy 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 them that 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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Open your hearts.

We open them to the movement of the Spirit.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer after Communion

For the bread we have eaten, the wine we have tasted,

and the life we have received,

we thank you, God.

Grant that we may grow in Easter love and understanding,

that ours may be lives of faithful and hopeful action,

in Christ's name. Amen

COMMUNION HYMN MV #171 Christ Has No Body but Yours

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

MUSICAL SENDING: When You Go from Here by Pat Mayberry

Thank you for joining in worship today ♡

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

Merging Waters
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Welcome Grace Service Love
Community

May 19	Pentecost Celebrated with the WIRUC cluster at Cedar Park United Church **10am** Bring your picnic lunch with enough to share
May 26	Earth Day Service led by Outreach Spare Parts