Merging Waters United Church

Sunday Morning Worship September 22, 2024

A presentation of the book "The Wall Between" Exploring The Crisis In The Middle East In The Context Of Our Faith

Creation III

WELCOME / BIENVENUE

People of all ages, identities, and walks of life are welcome.	Toutes et tous sont bienvenus, peu importe l'âge, l'identité ou les conditions de vie.
Wherever you are, whoever you are, we welcome you in love and community to worship.	Peu importe où que vous soyez, qui que vous soyez, nous vous accueillons dans l'amour et la communauté pour louer Dieu ensembles.
Wherever we are, we're close in one another's hearts.	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 THE TERRITORY & CANDLE LIGHTING

CENTERING MUSIC — Prayer of the Mothers

OPENING PRAYER

THE WORD (SCRIPTURE) — Matthew 25:40 MSG

Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then He will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

INTRODUCTION: Building the Wall: Shaping the Narrative

READING: The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Christian Narrative of Lament and Hope *by the Palestinian Christian Pastor, Munther Isaac,*

THE BRICKS IN THE WALL: Competing Narratives

SONG: Inscription of Hope
By Z. Randall Stroope

HARDENING THE WALL: Weaponizing the Narrative

SONG: The Sounds of Silence
Simon and Garfunkle, arr

DISMANTLING THE WALL: THE MAKING OF A NEW NARRATIVE

CLOSING AND QUESTIONS

HYMN: VOICES UNITED # 691 Though Ancient Walls

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

HYMN: MV #169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides Verse 1-2

BLESSING AND SENDING

SENDING MUSIC If I Had a Hammer

Thank you for joining in worship today ♡

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UPCOMING SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

September 29	Creation Time 4 A service of music! Lisa is away for her studies
October 6	World Communion Sunday Worship at Kahnawake United Church along with Cedar Park UC RSVP with Jo-Anne in the office
October 13	Thanksgiving Baptism