

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

The downtown church for a diverse city

For thousands of years this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.



Sunday, June 3, 2018

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Sacraments of Baptism and Communion

*We hope that you will find in the Worship Service food for faith and a doorway to God. Metropolitan is an **Affirming Congregation**. We welcome people of all sexual orientations to worship and minister among us.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

CARILLON PRELUDE 10:30 a.m. outside, ending with

"Prelude" from Partita for Lute in C Minor (BWV 997) by J.S. Bach

arr. F. Deleu

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING

Offertoire sur les Grand Jeux, Tierce en Taille, Récit de Chromorne

François Couperin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #509 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Here I Am, Lord

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 81:1-10)

One: Here is a statute for us, a prime directive from the God who created us: Sing aloud to the One who is your strength!

All: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, bring the sweet lyre with the harp.

One: Blow the trumpet to signal sacred days everywhere, for God is striding through the world, and we shall run towards our heart's reunion.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: When you led us long ago into this fair land, we had no idea that slavery would become our lot.

All: You gave us good soil and a fresh start. You granted seasons of summer.

One: The oppressions of a primal past were lost in the joy of plenty. You were beyond generous.

All: But our sharing became empires, and our systems of worship, fiefdoms for the privileged. The baskets felt empty, and the fields grew thick with frost.

One: Yet, you will not abandon us to the malevolence of strange gods. This is your promise.

All: Forgive our hardened choices and our awkward ways, and lead us to lives of ultimate connection.

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #69 *More Voices* *Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When the Holy Spirit that inspires the ages swings low to see us and call us by our name, then all is calm, all is bright. When it blesses, we are healed and forgiven. In this season we proclaim that the Spirit always comes.

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #104 *More Voices*

Trad., Congo

Mungu, ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good, Know that God is good,

Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

⌋(indicates a congregational response – please stand as you are able)

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Vivienne Carty Arnold, child of Anne and Dan Arnold

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PROMISE OF PARENTS

PROMISE OF GODPARENTS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

One: By the grace of God, will you, the members of the Metropolitan United Church, commit to support and nurture within a community which worships God, resists evil and seeks justice?

Congregation: We will, God being our helper.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

MARKING OF THE SIGN OF THE CROSS WITH WATER

BLESSING

CHORAL BLESSING (CHOIR)

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

READINGS 1 Samuel 3:1-20; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

ANTHEM *Freedom Trilogy*

Paul Halley

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy). Halleluya! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness....We are marching in the light of God (South African freedom song); Amazing grace, how sweet the sound...

Metropolitan Choir, Great Heart

GOSPEL READING Mark 2:23-3:6

One: Here then is light: old light from glory, bright light from wisdom, fair light from faithful following. Here is Christ, alive in text and expectation.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God for the light.

ENCOUNTERING THE CHILD WITHIN

All children and youth are invited to make their way to Sunday School. Please follow the teachers.

HYMN #623 *Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design*

Repton

SERMON "AN AGENDA FOR VATICAN THREE" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

PEACE GREETING

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

♪AFFIRMATION OF 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Ring Them Bells*

Great Heart

Bob Dylan

COMMUNION HYMN #461 *Bread of the World*

Rendez à Dieu

♪GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

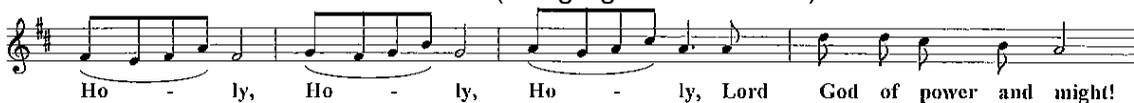
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (Congregation and choir)



LORD'S PRAYER (all) (*Voices United*, p. 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Congregation and choir)



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us; Je-sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy on us; Je-sus, Re-deem-er of the world, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Communion at Metropolitan United Church. Communion will be offered at the front rails. Follow the usher's lead, come to the front of the church and kneel (or stand) to receive. If you wish to remain in your pew, a server will bring the elements to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Hymns 460, 458, 456

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

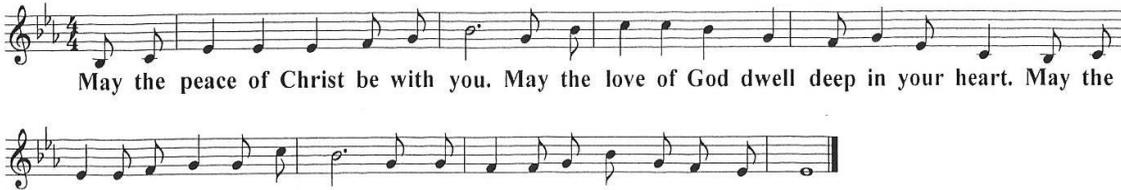
♪**RECESSIONAL HYMN #580** *Faith of Our Fathers*

St. Catherine

COMMISSIONING

♪**BLESSING** (All-please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the Spi-rit en-light-en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Fantaisie*

Jean Langlais



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Dennis Donovan**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Saya Ojiri**, and by **Great Heart** conducted by **Benjamin Stein**.

Today's carillon prelude is performed by guest carillonneur Scott Allan Orr, who started studying carillon in Toronto with Roy Lee at the University of Toronto, before getting his diploma from the Royal Carillon School (Belgium) in 2014. He has performed invited recitals in Canada, Belgium, South Korea, the UK, and Lithuania and is completing his doctorate in heritage science at the University of Oxford.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Janice Andrews**.

GREETER is **Leesa Kopansky**.

USHERS are **Greg McMaster, Edward Oikawa, Eva Breeze** and **Shari McMaster**.

All are welcome to share in coffee and conversation after the service.



Flowers today are provided by the Prosser-Denholm fund in honour of all those who have enjoyed the garden that is our church.

LUNCH 'N LEARN: Today after the service at **12:15 p.m.** in the **Met Centre**. Special Guest, Andrew Wilson, will bring insights and exploration on Mindfulness Meditation Part 2. Presented by the Congregational Care Committee.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 4

10:00 a.m. Art Program Metropolitan Centre

Tuesday, June 5

6:30 p.m. Open Studio Night Metropolitan Centre
7:00 p.m. Silver Band rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 6

5:30 p.m. Creative and Visual Arts Committee Chancel Room
6:00 p.m. Taizé Labyrinth Service Sanctuary

Thursday, June 7

7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast Fran's Restaurant

Friday, June 8

8:00 a.m. Picnic Prep Met Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Art Program Metropolitan Centre

Saturday, June 9

8:00 a.m. Picnic Prep Met Kitchen
8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY: June 10 *Third Sunday After Pentecost/* *Church Picnic and Blessing of the Animals*

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel
 "Give Us a King" **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)

10:00 a.m. One Question Bible Study Back of the Nave

11:00 a.m. Morning Service and Church School
 "Be Careful What You Wish For" **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair**
 1 Samuel 8:4-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

12:15 p.m. Church Picnic Front Park

METROPOLITAN'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2018 "A GREAT LIGHT"

Our next guest "Heritage Minute" speaker will be on Sunday, June 10th. The announcement will introduce us to one of the community organizations participating in the Fall Fair on September 23rd in celebration of our 200th anniversary and shared history and service to the community.

MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

K@MP – summer day camp for children and youth will be from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **August 20 through 24.** Brochures are available in the Narthex. For more information, please speak with Patricia Wright.

FATHER'S DAY CHOIR – any tenor or bass who wishes to join for a special anthem on Father's Day, June 17, should speak with Patricia Wright following the service. Rehearsal will be Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS at 12 noon on Friday, June 15, Scott Orr (Toronto/Oxford), Thursday, June 21, John Widmann (City Carillonneur, Frederick, Maryland) and Friday, June 29, Gordon Slater (former Dominion Carillonneur, Ottawa). Admission is free, and donations go toward Metropolitan's upcoming carillon renovation project.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL: Mark the date for **Sunday, June 17**. After the service we will be serving strawberries with Bannock and Mohawk tea.

BEREAVEMENT CIRCLE – Dr. Mastandrea and Sarah Cotterill offer a quiet, safe space to people who have experienced loss. On **Sunday, June 17** in the **Heritage Room**. Please bring your lunch.

OUTREACH

PRIDE PLANNING: Next meetings held on **June 16 and 23** at **10:00 a.m. to noon** in the **Old Sunday School Room**. We will be making purple Fascinators and Bow Ties. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. Mastandrea**.

CHURCH PICNIC PREPARATION TEAM – Join us **Friday, June 8** and **Saturday, June 9** from **8 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the **Met Kitchen**. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. Mastandrea**.

CHURCH PICNIC AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Sunday, June 10 we celebrate the wonder of God's creation with our outdoor service, BBQ church picnic, Blessing of the Animals ceremony, and music from the Metropolitan Silver Band. Bring your pet: all that creepeth or crawleth is welcome. Please bring a salad or dessert and a lawn chair.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: The Library will be closed during the summer in July and August. Don't forget to come to the library and choose books to read. One of the books you may borrow from the library is Doug Taylor's "Toronto: Then and Now." This book contains many photographs of Toronto's historic buildings. In June the Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

FAITH IN ACTION

YOUR GIFT OF PRAYER: In the months to come, Metropolitan Church will be launching a major capital fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million to restore our sanctuary, renew the carillon and complete refurbishing our McGill Square park. ***You may help now with your gift of prayer*** — for our campaign leaders and for the complete engagement and commitment of our congregation to this important cause. Our gifts empower our third century of Christian witness to Toronto and the world.

A HIDDEN TREASURE? The United Church Observer is our denomination's national magazine. Published for readers, not church hierarchy, it has superbly written, interesting stories about the wider church, faith, justice and ethical living. **June is Observer month at Metropolitan** when our subscriptions come due through our congregation's group subscription plan. You may subscribe or renew for the low group rate of \$25 for a year via the offering plate, by contacting Elena in the church office, through our Metropolitan website E-store tab at www.metunited.org. The Observer: a good read for a great price.

EVER FAITHFUL: Many in our congregation have faithfully remembered Metropolitan with a gift in their estate plans. Some have designated gifts to specific programs, some for our endowment, while other gifts are for the greatest need at the time. We are deeply grateful for these legacy gifts and ask that you consider a future gift as well. For information, please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746 or email dougflanders@sympatico.ca. **A legacy — It's ours to leave.**

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