

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

*The downtown church for a diverse city*

*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.*

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**Sunday, July 15, 2018      Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**CARILLON PRELUDE (10:45 a.m. outside)**

“Air” from *Orchestral Suite BMV 1068* by J.S. Bach

arr. by Leen ‘t Hart

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Soft Voluntaries No. 1, 4, 7*

Léon Boëllmann

“Aria” from *Suite No. 3*

J. S. Bach

*Pastorale*

Charles Wesley

♪ **OPENING HYMN #315**    *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Nicæa

**♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

**PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION**

**SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

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

Kervin

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

♪ **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.

**READINGS** Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

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.**

♪ **HYMN #240**    *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

**SERMON**      “A Great Light: The Ark of the Lord”  
The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

♪ (indicates a congregational response- please stand as you are able)

## ♪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** "How Willing My Paternal Love" from *Samson* George Frideric Handel  
Nicholas Higgs, baritone

### ♪THE OFFERTORY HYMN #518, verse 3

Forest Green

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,  
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

## 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)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.**

### ♪CLOSING HYMN #296 *This Is God's Wondrous World*

Terra Beata

## COMMISSIONING

### ♪BLESSING (All-please sing twice and 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

*Praise to the Lord (tune for Hymn #220)*

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen



**LEADING IN WORSHIP** this morning are **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea** and **Rebecca Schoenhardt**. Reading the lessons is **Rebecca Schoenhardt**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Saya Ojiri**.

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



One of heroes has passed away, Don Hambleton. We will honour his life at Metropolitan on Monday, July 16 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation is at 10:00 a.m.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, July 16

10:00 a.m.	Art Program	Metropolitan Centre
10:00 a.m.	Visitation for Don Hambleton	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Don Hambleton	Sanctuary

### Tuesday, July 17

6:30 p.m.	Open Studio Night	Metropolitan Centre
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### Thursday, July 19

6:30 p.m.	Book Club	Library
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### Friday, July 20

10:00 a.m.	Art Program	Metropolitan Centre
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### **NEXT SUNDAY: July 22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m.	Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel "Plant the Kingdom" The Rev. Dr. Mastandrea
11:00 a.m.	Morning Service in the Sanctuary "A Great Light: House Builder" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Saya Ojiri, Organist

Thank you for remembering Metropolitan United Church with a gift in your estate plans.  
***A legacy. It's Ours to Leave.***

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

**SUMMER PASTORAL CARE:** July ~ The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea (416) 809-6044.

**DONATIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED:** Metropolitan United is no longer accepting clothing and household goods for donation. There are a number of very well-run programs around Metropolitan and elsewhere in the city that will welcome your donations. For clothing, check out the Yonge Street Mission, Dress Your Best/Dress for Success, 40 Oaks in Regent Park, or the Canadian Diabetes Association. For furniture and other household items, consider the Furniture Bank, Habitat for Humanity, or the Yonge Street Mission. Metropolitan will be using these programs to assist clients.

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**Director, Great Heart Youth Ensemble:** Benjamin Stein

**Conductor, Metropolitan Sparklers:** Dr. Jennifer Martyn

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**A GREAT LIGHT**