

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.

Sunday, July 22, 2018 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Robin, an Elizabeth Lute Song

arr. David Hunsberger

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

J. S. Bach

Allemande from Partita #2 in D Minor for unaccompanied violin

J. S. Bach

Grant Campbell, violin

♪ **OPENING HYMN #333** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

♪ 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 2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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 #273** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

St. Columba

SERMON **“A Great Light: House Builder”**

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 *Andante Cantabile* from *Violin Concerto #4 in D Major* W. A. Mozart
Grant Campbell, violin

♪**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 #606** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

McKee

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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