

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, March 3, 2019

Transfiguration Sunday

*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:

How Good, Lord, to Be Here (Carlisle)

setting by Beverley Buchanan

ORGAN PRELUDE *Jesu Dulcis-Verbum Supernum/Ave Maria/Adoro Te*

From Five Liturgical Inventions for Organ

All Glory Be to God on High

Victor Togni

Johann Sebastian Bach

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN #104 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

Abbot's Leigh

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 99)

One: The Mighty One, the lover of justice, has established fair balance.

All: Here, in worship, we can imagine and expect the fair hand of God in the offering of prayers and in the pursuit of a faithful response.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: You speak through your chosen instruments and we hear and remember.

All: You speak in a garden, in a slave pen, in a child rescued by a river, and in Commandments from a mountain top.

One: You reveal miracles in the throne room and salvation at the Red Sea.

All: Your people turn to you, and you answer them. You forgive us in our repentance and hold us responsible for our crimes.

One: You establish fair balance. Balance us by your grace and wisdom.

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON (ALL) #69 *More Voices*

Kyrie Eleison (God have mercy)

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: There is a lamp lit in the window of Heaven. God is at home for us and we are at home in God. Let us live in the light of our forgiven life.

♪ ACT OF PRAISE (All)



Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry be to God on high!



And on earth peace to the peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

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

READINGS Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99

ANTHEM *O Nata Lux de Lumine*

Thomas Tallis

O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body. (12th century text, Feast of the Transfiguration)

GOSPEL READING Luke 9:28-36

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, in the Flanders Library.
Please follow the teachers.

♪**HYMN #102** *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

Mowsley

SERMON "GLIMPSES OF GLORY"
The Rev. Kerri Hagerman

ANTHEM *Anthem for Transfiguration*

Paul W. Hofreiter

This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him!

♪**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 SOLO *Currite, Currite*

Claudio Monteverdi

Run, people, play on the zither and drums, sing Halleluia!...

Benjamin Stein, lute and voice

♪THE OFFERTORY HYMN (All)

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

♪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.

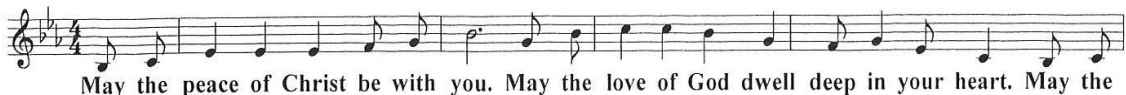
♪RECESSIONAL HYMN #103 *How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

Carlisle

♪COMMISSIONING

♪BLESSING (All-please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Alleluias from Five Liturgical Inventions for Organ

Victor Togni



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea** and **The Rev. Kerri Hagerman**. Reading the lessons is **Ann Edwards**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker** and by Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Marc Tremblay**.

GREETERS are **Leesa Kopansky** and **Chris Hoover**.

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

Rev. Kerri Hagerman was ordained in 2003 and has served congregations outside of Winnipeg and in Brampton. In 2012 Kerri received a Master of Theology in Pastoral Studies with a focus on the study of preaching with Prof. Paul Wilson at Emmanuel College in Toronto.

Currently, she works at the Peel District School Board as a Resource Teacher supporting Guidance and Career Education through the promotion of apprenticeship in the skilled trades.

She and her two children, ages 16 and 19, attend Kingsway-Lambton United Church in Etobicoke.

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

TRANSITION TEAM – during this time of change, we appreciate the work of our Transition Team, any of whom will be happy to speak with you about your ideas and concerns: Deborah Davis, Linn Holness, Joe Landon, Jim Nixon and Laird Orr.

James (Bud) Slater, our Carillonneur Emeritus, died on Sunday, February 17. He served as our Carillonneur for 35 years. His family has asked that gifts in his memory be designated to Our Third Century Campaign and specifically for the carillon. Repairs and restoration that Bud had fervently desired for years are now in the final planning stages and should begin this summer.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Met Centre

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 p.m. Open Art Studio

Met Centre

7:00 p.m. Silver Band rehearsal

Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 a.m. OOTC Chop Chop Group

Met Kitchen

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Visual and Creative Arts Committee

Flanders Library

6:00 p.m. Taize Service

Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7

7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

Fran's Restaurant

11:00 a.m. OOTC Met Luncheon

Met Centre

6:30 p.m. Metropolitan Handbells

Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

Sanctuary

Friday, March 8

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Met Centre

Saturday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study

Flanders Library

7:30 p.m. Music At Metropolitan Concert

Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: March 10 *First Sunday in Lent/Sacrament of Communion*

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel

“Come Into the Land”

The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

9:45 a.m. Metropolitan Sparklers and Choristers

Met Centre

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

11:00 a.m. Morning Service and Church School

“A Wandering Aramean”

The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea
Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11; Romans 10:8b - 13; Luke 4:1 - 13

12:15 p.m. *Great Heart* rehearsal

Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Festival Choir

Sanctuary

MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN: presents its next concert on **Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.** with Ariel Harwood-Jones, Valeria Kondrashov, and instrumentalists including *Musicians on the Edge* presenting Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* and other Neapolitan masters. Admission is \$20, and tickets are on sale from Muriel Cairns after the service, in the Narthex.

Concert date change: Please note that our May 5 concert ("Barbara") with Charles Davidson has been changed to **Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PANCAKE MARDI GRAS BRUNCH: Today, **March 3, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Met Centre. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY: **March 6,** join us for a Service at noon in the Founder's Chapel with The Rev. Dr. Mastandrea and Dr. Patricia Wright.

NEXTGEN: Come enjoy some fellowship and Irish Stew at a Saint Patrick's Day dinner on **Sunday, March 17th at 5:30,** at 168 Simcoe Street. RSVP with **Rebecca** (schoenhardtbecca@gmail.com)

LENTEN SERIES: **March 13** Part 1, **March 20** Part 2, **March 27** Part 3 from **10:30 a.m. to noon** in the Narthex. "The story of the twelve apostles - What happened to Jesus' inner circle of Followers?". This is a 3 part mini series 30 minute episodes, Q & A with The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP IN METROPOLITAN MEAN? For anyone interested in joining the church and for members who would like to deepen their understanding of membership in the Christian church, four sessions are being offered on **Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Met Centre (March 16, 23, 30 and April 6).** It is expected that those taking the course will complete all four sessions. RSVP **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

MET CARE is in need of younger members. We are changing our meeting time to the third evening of each month. If you would like to be part of this caring community please speak to William Wright or email him wrightmcawley@gmail.com.

OUTREACH

OUT OF THE COLD VOLUNTEERS: We're asking for volunteers to help with early morning food preparation on **Wednesdays** and also on **Thursdays from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** to help with clean-up, dishes, etc. Please contact **Kathy Priestman** at **416-691-5808.**

YOUR HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR OOTC - Cookie Bakers make possible a much-loved addition to the Thursday meals. Tins are available in the Narthex and your cookie donations can be returned there. Thank you!

THE FAITH HUB: The second phase Circle of Support Pilot Project training scheduled for March 9, 2019, has been **rescheduled to May 4, 2019, at The Cathedral Church of St. James from**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The change was due to a few factors: largely conflicts for some volunteers; and then Holy Week and Easter pushed the training beyond that busy time for churches. If this date does not work for individuals interested in the program, alternative dates will be provided to allow all interested persons to attend. There is still time to volunteer. Please contact Laura Awosanya (laura@metunited.ca), or Outreach Co-chairs Dorcas Beaton and Jennifer MacDonald. A description of this volunteer opportunity can be found on the Met Connect table today.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: We have several books of Dr. and Master Zhi Gang Sha in our library. One of them is "Soul Mind Body Medicine : A Complete Soul Healing System for Optimum Health and Vitality". Sha has an M.D. and a traditional Chinese medicine degree. In 2006 he was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission Award for his humanitarian efforts. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

THE FILM "INDIAN HORSE": Moved to **Sunday, March 24, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Met Centre. The film centres on Saul Indian Horse, a young Canadian First Nations boy who survives the Indian residential school system to become a star ice hockey player. One of the film stars, Edna Manitowabi, was a guest speaker last October at Metropolitan. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER: Join us on **Sunday, March 24 at 12:15 p.m.** in the Heritage Room. We will gather daily in pairs at a predetermined time, beginning on Sunday, March 24 to Saturday, March 30 12:15 p.m. for our week of guided prayer, a retreat in everyday life. This year's theme is "Abundant Life". **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

FAITH THROUGH ACTION

OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN: Sincere thanks go to the many who have expressed interest and made early financial gifts to our campaign. Our formal launch will be next Sunday and we look forward to your generous support. We are seeking volunteers who could reach out to a few households each to arrange for the delivery of their campaign materials. If you can help, please contact Ed Oikawa at 416--699-6933; edoikawa@sympatico.ca for details.

WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY: Week by week, Metropolitan seeks to transform lives. It is what we are called to do as Christians. As we look ahead to our exciting future, with renovated facilities and new opportunities, thank you for your gifts to our congregation. Last month, 2 more individuals indicated they have also remembered Metropolitan with a gift in their will, ensuring that they will be part of our future. Thank you for remembering Metropolitan with a gift in your own estate plans. To explore options, please contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-2746; email dougflanders@sympatico.ca ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***

MAKING THINGS EASIER! Are you using the green visitor envelopes for your weekly offering or putting money directly on the plate? Please consider formalizing your giving to Metropolitan through weekly offering envelopes, giving by bank deduction, or by credit card. Giving will be easier for you and you will also receive a receipt for income tax purposes at year end. Please contact Elena at (416) 363-0331, ext. 29; elenap@metunited.ca. Thank you for your generous support.

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present. — Albert Camus

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Metropolitan United does not have a Transfiguration window.
The cover photo is of St. Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus,
taken by Glenn Bell.