

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, April 21, 2019 Easter 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)

Toccata Festevole from *Suite No 1*.

John Courter

BAND PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING

Crimond

Lord of All

O Come to My Heart Lord Jesus, Crown Him Lord of All, In Christ Alone, Christ in Me,
Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of All

arr. Goff Richards

Dean Jones

♪ *Fanfare for Easter* (please stand)

Carlton Young

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN #155 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**

**But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**

**Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

CHORAL INTROIT *Christ is arisen!*

Heinrich Schuetz

*Christ is arisen! Christ is arisen from the dead. The fears of hell He did allay and led His own from them
away to dwell with Him in endless day. Christ is arisen, Alleluia!*

EASTER PROCLAMATION

This is the day when tears are wiped away, shattered hearts are mended, fears are replaced with joy. This is the day God rolls away the stone of fear, throws off death's clothes, goes ahead of us into the future. This is the day that God has made opening the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life. This is the day – Easter Day. Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: We have walked to the cross. We have seen the unmoved stone deny light.

All: We have moved in darkness. We have watched and we have waited and we have understood something of this precious, fragile gift of life and how you move among us waiting and watching.

One: And now this morning, this glorious morning, the unmoved stone has rolled away, the impossible is nothing.

All: Light pours in through window and door, melting all fear in its path, moving us into joy and into love.

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

One: In this story of the risen Jesus we see our own stories woven.

All: In this story of the risen Jesus we feel our own spirits rising.

One: In the story of this risen Jesus we understand more of this precious gift we have been given in your Jesus and how you still and always move among us.

All: With spirits made strong as steel and pliable as spring flowers we gather to worship, to laugh out loud, to love with abandon to sing with joy and to pray with conviction.

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #68 More Voices

Guarani song, arr. Sosa

O God have mercy, O God have mercy, O God have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God our Creator gives us new life. Christ our Redeemer, prepares a table for us. The Holy Spirit calls us to service. This is the good news: The tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated. On this very first day, and every day we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. We sing in gratitude!

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #59 More Voices

Yoruba song (Nigeria)

Alleluia, praise to God (twice); Praises, high praises we bring you, O God.

Alleluia praise to God.

Songs of joy sing out to God. (twice) Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.

Songs of joy sing out to God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God. (twice) Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Beat the drums sing out to God.

READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM *from Cantata #21*

J. S. Bach

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to take the power and riches and wisdom and glory and honour and praise and laud! Laud and honour and praise and the power be unto God for ever and for evermore. Alleluja! Joe Krommenhoek and Debbie Silverthorne, trumpets

GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

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 #169 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

Vulpius

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**The Lord of life is risen today! Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;
let every tongue rejoice and say: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

SERMON **“LAST LINES”**
 The Rev. Karen Bowles

∫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 Offering plates this Sunday will be passed from aisle to aisle.

BAND OFFERTORY *The New Covenant*

James Curnow

∫FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY (“*Lasst uns erfreuen*”, Hymn #217)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia Alleluia

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Alleluia ...

∫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) **#203 More Voices**

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

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.

DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Communion at Metropolitan United Church. Communion will be served by "Intinction" (dipping the wafer into the chalice), at the front of the nave. Those wishing to receive communion may leave their pews by the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Those in the front will come forward first, with others following in sequence, row by row. Servers will come to those in the balcony. Please follow the direction of the ushers. If you wish to remain seated, a server will come to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Were You There?* Arr. Piet Hamers; *Christians, To the Paschal Victim;*
Thou Hallowed, Chosen Morn of Praise; All Shall Be Well

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN #164 *The Day of Resurrection*

Ellacombe

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm, and plain
Christ's own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

COMMISSIONING

BLESSING (All) #429 (All-please turn toward the centre)

William Wright

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

BAND POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Duke Street*

arr. Ralph Carmichael

CARILLON POSTLUDE About 5 minutes after the end of the organ postlude, the carillon postlude will begin with *Fantasia on the Easter chant "Ite, Missa Est, Alleluia"* by Piet van den Broek.



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Carol Dilks**. Communion servers are the **Rev. Karen Bowles** and **Scott Conover**, the **Rev. Bruce Misener** and **Sarah Cotterill**, the **Rev. Key Moy** and **Linn Holness**, the **Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy** and **Dennis Donovan**, the **Rev. Dr. Kari Tolppanen** and **Cole Sadler**, the **Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea** and **Bill Calkins**, the **Rev. Peter McNaughton** and **Alan Cotterill**.

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 **Michael Oldaker**, by Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, and by the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Marc Tremblay**.

GREETERS are **Jean Robison** and **Fran Parkin**.

USHERS are **Terry Kelly**, **Wilbert Ward**, **Toba Bryant** and **Carolyn Pack**.

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 22

Metropolitan United Church is closed for Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 p.m.	Open Studio Night	Metropolitan Centre
6:30 p.m.	Discussions and Beverages	Imperial Pub
7:00 p.m.	Silver Band rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 25

7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast	Fran's Restaurant
6:30 p.m.	Peace & Social Justice Committee Meeting	Flanders Library
6:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 26

10:00 a.m.	Art Program	Metropolitan Centre
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Saturday, April 27

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Flanders Library
7:30 p.m.	Music at Metropolitan Concert: L'Aigle Noir	Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: April 28 *Second Sunday of Easter*

9:30 a.m.	Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel "Heart and Soul" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea	
9:45 a.m.	Metropolitan Sparklers, Choristers,	Met Centre
10:00 a.m.	Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)	
11:00 a.m.	Morning Service and Church School "The Grit, the Grind, the Grace" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31	
12:15 p.m.	Farewell reception for The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea	

MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

SATURDAY, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. L'Aigle Noir: The Music of Barbara with Charles Davidson, tenor, and Jesse Corrigan, accordion. Admission is \$20/10 ages 18 and under.

DOORS OPEN AMBASSADOR: Mark the date and join the team for Doors Open Toronto 2019 on **Saturday, May 25** and **Sunday, May 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** There will be three shifts available to help out: Mornings 9:30 a.m. to noon; Early Afternoon Noon to 3:00 p.m.; Late Afternoon 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Doors Open Toronto will shine the spotlight on the First Nations, Next Gen and the Arts. Metropolitan has been the site of Arts, hosted the Toronto Urban Native ministry for over 10 years, while welcoming Next Gen people over the years. **RSVP Lisa Hems.** Chairperson of the Doors Open Steering Team at hemsalisa@gmail.com. There is also a sign up sheet at the MetConnect Table.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

NEXT GEN EVENT – Attention young people (and the young-at-heart): Join us on **Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Imperial Pub** (on Dundas) for fellowship, discussions and a few beverages. Email RSVP to **Andrew** andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com.

NEW DIRECTORY: There will be a new directory coming out in September 2019. Muriel Cairns or Hazel Gorley will be in the Narthex for the next few weeks with a draft copy. Please stop by to ensure your address and telephone number are up to date. Or send your information by email to: murielcairns39@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Please join the congregation on **Sunday, April 28** immediately following the service to honour Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea's ministry. We will have a light lunch at the back of the sanctuary, and this will be your opportunity to thank him and wish him all the best.

OUTREACH

THE FAITH-HUB: Volunteers needed for the Faith-Hub network's circles of support project. Training will be on **May 4, 2019** with circles (4 volunteers and the participant in need) beginning later in May and continuing every other week for about 6 months. Volunteers last time said they learned a lot as a supporter of the participant. Consider this opportunity to help. Please contact Laura Awosanya for more information [. \(lauraa@metunited.ca\)](mailto:lauraa@metunited.ca).

THE PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet on **Thursday, April 25, at 6.30 p.m.** in the Library (postponed from April 18). New members are cordially invited.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: The book "Brand Luther: 1517, Printing, and the Making of the Reformation" by Andrew Pettegree was added to our books collection last year. Andrew Pettegree is a British historian and one of the leading experts on Europe during the Reformation. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

THE TOUCHSTONE SYMPOSIUM 2019 will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, 117 Bloor St E, from **1:00 – 5:00 p.m. on April 25**. It will feature 4 speakers, including the Moderator, on the subject of "The Doctrine of Ministry in The United Church of Canada". For more information, please see the flyers on the Met Connect Table.

FAITH THROUGH ACTION

OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN: Thank you for your generosity. See our website at to www.metunited.org/renovations-13/our-third-century-60 for additional information on how our congregation is preparing for its future. **To God be the Glory!**

Met has new social accounts: Vimeo (Metropolitan United) and Instagram to ([@metropolitanunitedto](https://www.instagram.com/metropolitanunitedto)) Please follow, and of course stay up to date through the main Metropolitan United page and Met United Music on Facebook, in addition to our website. Have a photo from an event, meeting or service perfect for Instagram? Email it to metunitedsocial@gmail.com.

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