

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

*The downtown church for a diverse city*



**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

## **Pentecost Sunday/Annual Outdoor Service and Blessing of the Animals**

*Food for faith and a doorway to God.*

***An Affirming Congregation.***

*We welcome people of all orientations to worship and minister among us.*

*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.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### CARILLON PRELUDE (10:15 a.m. outside, ending with)

“Barcarolle” from *Serenade no. 1*

Guest carillonneur: Jonathan Lehrer (Vancouver)

Ronald Barnes

### BAND PRELUDE *Serenity*

*Inside and Out*

*Shall We Gather*

Eric Ball

Danny Wilks

arr. Leonard Ballantine

### ♪ OPENING HYMN #226 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Dix

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

R God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light, R

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, R

For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, R

### ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 104)

One: How manifold are the works of God! With wisdom all are made and with joy all are marked beloved.

**All: Here in the city, there in the sea, the earth is alive with creatures great and small.**

One: God's glory is revealed in the diversity of all creation.

**All: God's Spirit reconciles and renews all things.**

One: God's open hand offers all goodness and grace.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

♪ (indicates a congregational response - please stand in spirit or in fact)

## PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

### SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING Genesis 11:1-9

READING Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL READING John 14:9-17

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

### ♪HYMN #198 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Ebenezer

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our hallelujahs for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O God, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way,  
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.  
God, all holy, Son and Spirit, three in one: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

SERMON “BRING THE FIRE” The Rev. Jason Meyers

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – You are invited to come forward with your pet.

*As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom, arr. James Wright

*Come, Beautiful Christ*

Richard Phillips

*Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

David J. Evans, arr. Andrew Blyth

### ♪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

BAND OFFERTORY *Mid All the Traffic*

arr. Leonard Ballantine

♪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 #196 *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

Aberystwyth

Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves,  
aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.

Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn, suns around which planets turn,  
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls,

come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!

Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

## ♪ COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

**BAND POSTLUDE** *Deep River*

arr. William Broughton



**LEADING IN WORSHIP** this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons are **Graeme Jannaway** and **Rosalie O'Brien**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**.

**GREETERS** are **Fran Parkin** and **Muriel Griffith**.

**USHERS** are **Vicki Harris**, **Jennifer McDonald**, **Joseph Curry**, and **Terry Kelly**.

All are welcome to join the church picnic after the service. The Metropolitan Silver Band will entertain us with music including marches, show tunes and even a little jazz. You will hear some favourites from this year ranging from “The Haselmere Suite” by Peter Graham, and Neal Hefti’s “Duet”, to Mary Poppins and Willy Wonka, and perhaps even “John Williams Epic Themes”.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

		<b>Monday, June 10</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Art Program		Met Centre
		<b>Tuesday, June 11</b>	
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Trustees Meeting		Flanders Library
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Open Art Studio		Met Centre
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Silver Band rehearsal		Sanctuary
		<b>Wednesday, June 12</b>	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Worship Committee meeting		Sanctuary
		<b>Thursday, June 13</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Prayer Breakfast		Fran’s Restaurant
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Metropolitan Handbells		Sanctuary
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Metropolitan Choir		Sanctuary
		<b>Friday, June 14</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Pre-Board meeting		Flanders Library
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Art Program		Met Centre
		<b>Saturday, June 15</b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Breakfast Bible Study		Flanders Library

### NEXT SUNDAY: June 16 *First Nations Service*

- 9:30 a.m.** Communion Service in the Founders’ Chapel  
The Rev. Dr. Kari Tolppanen “When Wisdom Calls”
- 10:00 a.m.** Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)
- 11:00 a.m.** Morning Service – with an invitation to Smudge at the entrance to the church.

Elders Vince Pawis and Donna Longlade of the Shawanaga First Nation will bring us the medicine wheel teaching, an integral part of Indigenous spirituality.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; John 16:12-15

- 12:15 p.m.** Strawberry Social Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m.** *Great Heart* Sanctuary

## **MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS**

**SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS** - Hear our historic 54-bell carillon before the repairs begin! Free noon recitals will be held in our front park on Friday, June 21 with Mateusz Olechnowicz and Naoko Tsujita, University of Toronto student carillonners; and Friday, June 28 with Andrée-Anne Doane from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal.

**MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN** announces its 2019-20 season of concerts. A flyer outlining most of the concerts is available in the Narthex. The brochure with full information will be available sometime in the summer.

**THIS IS US DOING CHURCH:** The book sales desk will be open for two more Sundays only, **June 16** and **June 23**, and the cost is \$20.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**NEXT GEN EVENT** – Attention young people (and the young-at-heart): Join us at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, June 24** at the Imperial Pub (on Dundas) for fellowship, discussions and a few beverages. Email RSVP to [andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com](mailto:andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com).

**USHERS NEEDED:** We need one more usher for our ushering team. You would be committing yourself to being present one Sunday a month: namely the third Sunday of each month. Please speak to William Wright (416-576-7228) about this if you are interested.

## **OUTREACH**

**PRIDE PARADE – Sunday, June 23, 2019:** You can join us by boarding the bus at **10:00 a.m.** at **St. Luke's United**, travelling to Rosedale Valley Road. Or later at **1:30 p.m.** on Bloor Street and Jarvis. Please wear purple attire.

**HYGIENE KITS** - As we move towards engaging vulnerable individuals on the streets, we need your assistance with the collection of items for the hygiene kits. Your travel soaps, lotions, shampoo, tooth brush or toothpaste would be appreciated -- please drop them off at the community services office or with someone from the care services.

## **SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE**

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** The Library will be closed during the summer in July and August. Do not forget to come to the library and choose books to read in the summer. "The Canadian Nightingale: Bertha Crawford and the Dream of the Prima Donna" by Jane Cooper is one of the books added to our books collection last year. "The Canadian Nightingale" describes the life of Bertha Crawford, a Canadian singer who found unprecedented success on the opera stages. In June, the Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**MET HAS NEW SOCIAL ACCOUNTS:** Vimeo (Metropolitan United) and Instagram ([@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 [communications@metunited.ca](mailto:communications@metunited.ca).

## **THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE**

**A GREAT READ! A GOOD BARGAIN!** *Broadview*, formerly *The United Church Observer*, is not your typical church magazine. It is award winning, interesting, relevant, and a pertinent resource for thoughtful people to explore faith and life issues. **June is *Broadview* month at Metropolitan** when subscriptions come due through our congregation's group subscription plan. For \$25 per year, you will receive 10 great issues by post. You may subscribe or renew via the offering plate (marking your gift *Broadview*); on-line at [www.metunited.ca](http://www.metunited.ca), Donate, Fund, *Broadview* or by contacting Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca). And if you used to take the magazine, try it again. It's different and it's good.

**GET OUT THOSE NEEDLES!** Each Christmas, our congregation's Out of the Cold program gives toques, scarves or mitts as gifts to our meal guests. OOTC would deeply appreciate any donation of knitted or crocheted items you would care to make. It is miserable to be cold. Your handwork could change that for someone who is. Please bring your items to the Church Office and thank you for your help.

**METROPOLITAN LEGACY CIRCLE:** This honorary circle includes those who have remembered Metropolitan Church in their estate plans with a bequest, gift of insurance, annuity or some other type of legacy gift. Since the launch of our Circle, we have over 60 members and more would be warmly welcomed. Legacy gifts can make a lasting difference to our church. For information, please contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-2746; email [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca). ***A legacy —It's ours to leave.***

*Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness.  
Every act creates a ripple with no logical end. – Scott Adams*



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