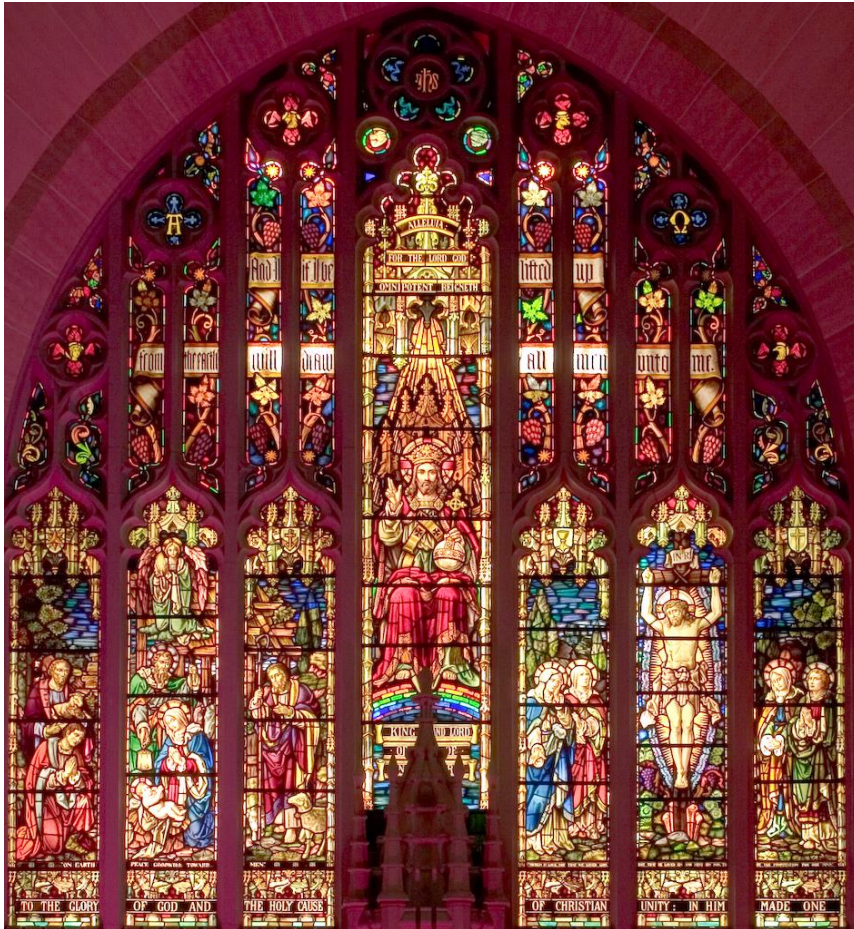


# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

The downtown church for a diverse city



## Sunday, June 23, 2019 Service of Covenanting/Pride Sunday Food for faith and a doorway to God.

We are an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada.

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 (10:30 a.m. outside, ending with)

*Evocations of Morecambe*

Richard von Grabow

### ORGAN PRELUDE *Petite Suite*

*Pastorale on "Capetown"*  
*"Adagio" from Symphony No. 5*

Gerald Bales  
Gerald Bales  
Charles-Marie Widor

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

McKee

### ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather in the welcome of God's love,  
As we gather in the joy of our unity in Christ,  
As we gather in the power of the Spirit,  
Let us listen for the voice of God.

**All: Let us worship God, who speaks to those who attend to the roar and the whisper of the Holy One.**

One: God be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

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.**

### COVENANTING

#### STATEMENT OF LIVING FAITH HISTORY

#### STATEMENT OF THIS NEW MINISTRY

#### PRAYER OF FAITH – STATEMENT OF FAITH

**All: Uniting God, you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship:**  
**to celebrate your presence, to live with respect in creation,**  
**to be your servants in the service of others, to seek justice and resist evil,**  
**to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen,**  
**our judge and our hope.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to bind us in full communion so that we may be a uniting church**  
**embodying your love for the world.**

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

**As one, we proclaim:  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, you are with us,  
we are not alone, all glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

*A prayer for the church inspired by John 17:21 and based on The United Church of Canada's "A New Creed" and The United Church of Christ's "Statement of Faith (in the Form of a Doxology)." Written for the full communion service of these two denominations.*

**CHORAL RESPONSE (ALL)** *More Voices #85 Take, O take me as I am* John Bell

**PROMISES OF THE NEW MINISTER**

**PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION**

**REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:** Will you join with Karen in a ministry of worship, study, prayer, and action within this church, Shining Waters Regional Council, and the wider church?

**CONGREGATION: We will.**

**PRESIDER:** Will you support her as she serves among you in this ministry?

**CONGREGATION: We will.**

**PROMISES OF REGIONAL COUNCIL AND WIDER CHURCH**

**PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

**FIRST AND SECOND READING AND CANDLELIGHTING**

**All: We, as people of faith, claim the promise of the rainbow, the promise of Creation's sustaining love.**

Reader 1: From the Jewish scriptures, we read: 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind.'  
(Genesis 9:12-15)

**All: We proclaim our pride.** (*Lighting of the red candle*)

Reader 1: May we march with pride and creativity in our whole lives.

**All: We proclaim our bold intentions.** (*Lighting of the orange candle*)

Reader 2: From the Christian scriptures, we read: 'In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.' (Galatians 3: 23-29). May this wisdom sustain us.

**All: We remember that we are not isolated or alone in either our oppression or our struggle.** (*Lighting of the yellow candle*)

Reader 3: May our pride and our quest for freedom light a flame within us that is a passion for justice for all. May we realize our own participation in fear and denial, in injustice and lovelessness, and do what we can each day to live in equity and love.

**All: We proclaim ourselves as people of faith, living for right relation with all relations in our world.** (*Lighting of the green candle*)

Reader 4: May we become the bread of life, the wine of forgiveness and reconciliation, as we pour ourselves out in the struggle against oppression and hopelessness.

**All: We proclaim our vision of diversity and hope and our responsibility to share this vision.** (*Lighting of the blue candle*)

Reader 5: May we join with one another and the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus in all we say and do and bringing good news to the oppressed, binding up the broken-hearted, comforting all who mourn and offering the oil of gladness and lasting joy on this journey together. (*Lighting of the purple candle*)

**ANTHEM** *Lord, Make Me an Instrument*

Jonathan Willcocks

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me bring love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy! May we all be in peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

Soloists: Chris Taeyoung Kim, John Schneider

**THIRD READING**          Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11

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

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

♪**HYMN #378** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Morecambe

**SERMON**          “What George Croly Said”  
The Rev. Karen Bowles

**ANTHEM** *Open Thou Mine Eyes*

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Chelsea Van Pelt, soprano

♪**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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR COMMON LIFE**

**OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *One More Colour*  
Great Heart

Jane Siberry

♪ 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.

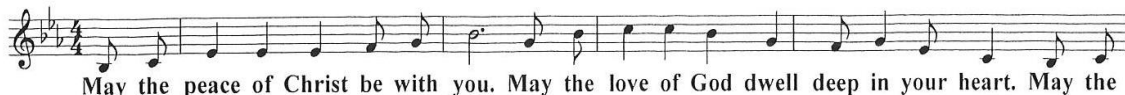
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN #506 *Take My Life*

Mozart

♪ COMMISSIONING

♪ BLESSING (All-please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

"Toccatà" from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles, The Rev. Jason Meyers, Linn Holness and Pamela Locke**. Participating in the covenanting today are members of the Transition Team: **Rev. Anne Hepburn, Jim Nixon, Laird Orr, Joe Langdon and Deborah Davis**. Participating in the Candlelighting are **Jim Nixon, Stephanie Parkin, Chris Hoover, Jay Wagner, and Fran Parkin**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, by Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, and by **Great Heart** conducted by **Benjamin Stein**. This is the final Sunday for the Metropolitan Choir and Great Heart until September, and we thank all the members of both groups for their dedication and beautiful music.

Flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prosser Denholm and their family.

**CARRYING THE BANNER** is **Janice Andrews**.

**GREETERS** are **Carol Kitney** and **Chris Hoover**.

**USHERS** are **Alan Cotterill**, **Sarah Cotterill**, **Roy Tomlinson**, and **Kenneth Younie**.

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

**PRIDE PARADE TODAY** – If you would like to march in the Pride Parade, we will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Ted Rogers Way & Bloor (Marching Permit F26). If you would prefer to ride on the United Church Pride Bus, you can take a cab to Rosedale Valley and Bayview and then walk to Vehicle Permit F25. Please wear purple and bring a water bottle.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Carillonneur **Roy Lee** who has been elected as President of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America and to **Timothy Wisnicki** who has passed the examination for Colleague of the Royal Canadian College of Organists with the highest marks in Canada.

**TODAY'S MUSIC** includes choral music by British composers John Rutter and Jonathan Willcocks and organ music by French composer Charles-Marie Widor and Canadian composer Gerald Bales. Well-known organist, conductor, and composer Gerald Bales died in London, Ontario, in 2002, and this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, June 24

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Met Centre

#### Tuesday, June 25

6:30 p.m. Open Art Studio

Met Centre

6:30 p.m. Next Gen Event

Imperial Pub

#### Wednesday, June 26

6:30 p.m. North end Renovation Committee meeting

Met Centre

#### Friday, June 28

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Met Centre

12:00 p.m. Carillon Concert

Front Park

### NEXT SUNDAY: June 30 *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 a.m. Morning Service

“The Spirituality of Purpose” The Rev. Karen Bowles  
2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14, Galatians 5:1,13-25, Luke 9:51-62

### MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

**SUMMER CARILLON RECITALS** – Hear our historic 54-bell carillon before the repairs begin! The final free noon recital will be held in our front park on 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** – This is the last Sunday for the book sales desk and the cost is \$20. This well-illustrated book is a brand-new collection of stories written by fifty members of the congregation reflecting on their experiences at Metropolitan. Sales have been brisk and readers, enthusiastic. Thanks to all for your support!

## OUTREACH

**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 in July and August. Do not forget to come to the library and choose books to read over the summer. 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. He is also a grandmaster of Tai Chi, was the lead acupuncturist for the World Health Organization, has also been named Qigong Master of the Year. In June the Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

**Bridges to Contemplation:** You are invited to breakfast once a week at Fran's to feed body and soul. Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. we gather to break bread, pray and consider the Psalms, the writings of Thomas Merton and others. Materials provided. Begins again on September 5.

**Saturday Morning Bible Study:** On Saturday mornings we gather at the church to have breakfast together and consider the readings for the coming Sunday. Materials provided. All are welcome. Begins again September 7.

### THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE

**OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN:** We continue to receive commitments to financially support repairing our carillon, restoring our sanctuary, and refurbishing our park. Thank you for your support and thank you for returning your commitment soon, if you have not already done so. Together we shall raise our \$1.5 million goal.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR):** Many contributors to our congregation use Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). This program enables you to give monthly by bank deduction or credit card. It's easy to arrange and a convenient way to support our work, especially when you may be away. Of interest? Please contact Elena in the church office at (416) 363-0331, ext. 29 or [elenap@metunited.ca](mailto:elenap@metunited.ca).

**DON'T MISS IT!** *Broadview*, formerly *The United Church Observer*, is an award-winning, interesting, relevant, and pertinent resource for Christians 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 a year, you will receive 10 great issues by post. You may subscribe or renew via the offering plate (clearly marking your gift "Broadview") or on line at [www.metunited.org](http://www.metunited.org). Donate, Fund, Broadview. And if you've tried it before, try it again. *Broadview* is different. It's a good read. It's a bargain. It's a magazine for you!

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*A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion  
are the things that renew humanity. — Anonymous*



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