



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **Dr. Linn Holness**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker** and soloist **Chris Taeyoung Kim**. Summer soloists are available thanks to the Wayne C. Vance Music Fund.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 29

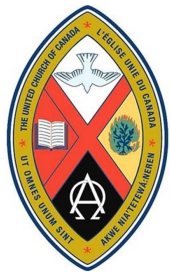
10:00 a.m. Art Program Metropolitan Centre
6:30 p.m. Next Gen BBQ
 RSVP to andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com

Friday, August 2

10:00 a.m. Art Program Metropolitan Centre

NEXT SUNDAY: August 4 - Money

11:00 a.m. Morning Service in the Sanctuary
 "The Spiritual Practice of Money" The Rev. Karen Bowles
 Michael Oldaker, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar



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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.

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Sunday, July 28, 2019 - Prayer

CARILLON PRELUDE (10:30 a.m. outside, ending with)
 Prayer, by Leen't Hart

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING
Pastoral and Intermezzo (Sonata 3)
Rhosymedre

Josef Rheinberger
Ralph Vaughan Williams

♪ **OPENING HYMN: #374** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre*

Beach Spring

♪ **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

One: God 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

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

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 Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138

RESPONSE #381 *Spirit of Life* (please remain seated)

Spirit of Life

GOSPEL READING Luke 11:1-13

One: This is the witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

HYMN #672 *Take Time to Be Holy*

Holiness

SERMON "The Spiritual Practice of Prayer"

The Rev. Jason Meyers

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 *Hear My Prayer, O Lord*

Antonin Dvorak

Chris Taeyoung Kim, mezzo-soprano

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 #356 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

Lafferty

COMMISSIONING

BLESSING (All-please sing twice and please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the



Spi-rit en-light-en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter

Taking the practice home

- What do you need to say to God right now?
- Make time for authentic dialogue with God this week.
- Try praying for people as you walk/ride/drive past them.

For anyone wishing to discuss these practices, we will gather in the Founders' Chapel next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.