



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright** and soloists **Dr. Jennifer Martyn** and **Chelsea Van Pelt**. Summer soloists are available thanks to the Wayne C. Vance Music Fund.

FLOWERS in the church this morning remember **Mitsie Murakami**, who worshipped faithfully for over seventy years from her “backbench” pew.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 19

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

Friday, August 23

10:00 a.m. Art Program

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NEXT SUNDAY: August 25 - Discernment

11:00 a.m. Morning Service in the Sanctuary
“The Spiritual Practice of Discernment” The Rev. Karen Bowles
Dr. Patricia Wright, Minister of Music



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We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, regardless of orientation or designation.

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, August 18, 2019 - Scripture

CARILLON PRELUDE (10:30 a.m. outside, ending with)
“O Christ, the Word Incarnate” (Munich)

arr. Beverly Buchanan

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLE LIGHTING
Prelude and Fugue in F Major
Allegro Dr. Jennifer Martyn, violin
Adagio

Dieterich Buxtehude
J. H. Fiocco
W. A. Mozart

♪ **OPENING HYMN: #642** *Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

♪ **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

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

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.

READINGS Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 12:49-56

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #677 *O God of Every Nation* Llangloffan

SERMON "The Spiritual Practice of Scripture"
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

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Alleluia" from *Exsultate, Jubilate* W. A. Mozart
Chelsea Van Pelt, 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 #421 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* Lancashire

COMMISSIONING

BLESSING (All-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 Fred Swann

Taking the practice home

- Pick up the handout after the service
- Read the handout - perhaps over a few days or all at one sitting
- For the rest of the week, in the morning pray the first prayer
- In the evening pray the second

Podcasts for previous weeks are available online. For anyone wishing to discuss these practices, we will gather in the Founders' Chapel next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

