

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

The downtown church for a diverse city



Sunday, September 8, 2019

Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost

Gathering Sunday

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

arranged by Milford Myhre

BAND PRELUDE *On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss*

Deep River

In Perfect Peace

Parade of the Tall Ships

David Holsinger, arr. Barrie Gott

arr. William Broughton

Kenneth Downie

Jay Chattaway, arr. Danny Wilks

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

Hymn to Joy

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: In the name of the Spirit of God

who hovered over the primal waters;

All: In the name of the Word of God

who parted the waters for Earth to appear;

One: In the name of the Wisdom of God,

who filled the deep with amazing designs;

All: We come to this time of worship together to give thanks and praise to You.

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) #42 *More Voices Verses 1 and 3*

John Bell

Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own.

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READING

Job 38:1-18

ANTHEM *How Firm a Foundation* Text at Hymn #660

arr. Alice Parker

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:1-11

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TIME

All children and youth are invited to make their way to Sunday School in the Met Centre.
Please follow the teachers.

♪HYMN #567 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Kelvingrove

SERMON "Charter Addition"
The Rev. Karen Bowles

ANTHEM *Through All The World Below*

Southern Harmony, arr. Don McAfee

Through all the world below God is seen all around; search hills and valleys through, there He's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn all declare "God is there;" in meadows dressed in green, there He's seen. See springs of water rise, fountains flow, rivers run; the mist below the skies hides the sun; then down the rain doth pour, the ocean it doth roar and dash against the shore, all to praise in their lays that God who ne'er declares His designs. The sun, to my surprise, speaks of God as he flies; the comets in their blaze give Him praise....

♪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

BAND OFFERTORY *Reflections in Nature*

Robert Redhead

♪THE OFFERTORY HYMN #540 (All)

Stuttgart

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Grant us time and inspiration, with a vision old and new,
that our goal in all our loving may be reached in loving you.

♪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.

♪ 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

Wade in the Water

arr. William Gordon



CREATION TIME IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST:

The next 4 Sundays, we will be celebrating Creation. The root of this season in our tradition is the liturgical Ember Days. These were days that fell 4 times per year marking the changing of the seasons and the liturgical cycles of the church. We take this time to celebrate with wonder and gratitude.

The liturgical colour of this time is Orange, the colour of sunrise and sunset, harvest and fruitfulness, change and creativity, the red of passion tempered by the yellow of wisdom.

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons is **Bill Martyn**.

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 **Timothy Wisnicki**, and by the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Marc Tremblay**.

GREETERS are **Muriel Griffith** and **Jean Robison**.

USHERS are **Vicki Harris**, **Jennifer McDonald**, **Joseph Curry** and **Gunn Wongsuwan**.

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

THE MET CONNECT E-BLAST: Our weekly email blast keeps you up-to-date on worship services, latest news and exciting events in the Metropolitan community. Sign up by scrolling to the bottom of any page on our website: www.metunited.ca

Mark your calendars!

Included in your bulletin this week is a 'Fall 2019 Programs and Events' flyer for you to take away. Going forward, the Sunday bulletin will contain the weekly listings of committee meetings, programs and events together with news from the four pillars of the church: Spiritual Learning for Life, Outreach, Integrated Arts and Congregational Care.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 9

10:30 a.m. Art Program MET Centre

Tuesday, September 10

12:10 – 12:30 p.m. Midday Prayer Service Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Trustees meeting MET Centre
7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee Flanders Library
7:00 p.m. Silver Band rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 11

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Faith Formation meeting Sanctuary

Thursday, September 12

9:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast 200 Victoria Street
12:10 – 1:00 p.m. Yoga Church Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Metropolitan Handbells Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir Sanctuary

Friday, September 13

10:30 a.m. Art Program MET Centre

Saturday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study Flanders Library

NEXT SUNDAY: September 15 - Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost 2

9:00 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel
9:45 a.m. Metropolitan Sparklers and Choristers MET Centre
10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)
11:00 a.m. Morning Service
Flora and Fauna Sunday
Job 39: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Luke 12: 22-31
12:15 p.m. Great Heart Sanctuary

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MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

METROPOLITAN CHOIR AND HANDBELLS began rehearsing on Thursday, September 5. Both groups are full, but anyone interested in participating if positions open should speak with Dr. Patricia Wright.

OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH MUSIC GROUPS begin next Sunday, September 15.

Sparklers – ages 4-6 9:45 a.m. in the MET Centre

Choristers – ages 7-11 9:45 a.m. in the MET Centre

Great Heart – ages 12 up 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We love new members, and no musical experience is needed. Anyone interested should speak with Dr. Patricia Wright for more information.

MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN: Brochures outlining concerts and other special events are available at the MetConnect table and in the Narthex.

VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE: Wanting to explore spirituality through the arts? Help us provide sparks of imagination! The committee meets again on Tuesday, September 17 at 6 p.m. in the Met Library. New Members Welcome. If you have ideas for the visual and creative arts for the coming year and/or want to share a talent and lead a creative project and not join a committee - contact Lisa at hemslisa@gmail.com.

OPEN STUDIO ARTS: (drawing, painting with acrylics, pencil, pastel - some supplies provided) Mondays and Fridays 10:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. in the MET Centre – *All are Welcome!*
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 17th, in the MET Centre.

KNITTING CIRCLE: (basic supplies provided) A novice or seasoned pro - you are welcome. Ideas for the inaugural fall session include knitting teddy bears, prayer shawls and perhaps even a yarn bomb... and of course, you can knit a scarf as well! Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 17th, in the MET Centre.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

SAVE THE DATE: The MET Care team invites you to a lunch and learn on September 29 in the MET Centre to receive **the healing gift of music with Debbie Danbrook**. Back by popular demand!

OUTREACH

NEW STAFF: Community Services would like to welcome **Stephanie Cunti** to our team. Stephanie is a graduate of the Community Work program at George Brown College as well as the International Development program at York University. Her focus in social services over the last ten years has been in harm reduction and housing stabilization. Other areas of interest include food security and sustainable practices. She hopes to combine experience and interests in a way that will allow MET Community Services to expand and thrive. If you would like to reach Stephanie, you can reach her at csw@metunited.ca.

Calling all who are interesting in 'Greening' our church. Next Sunday there will be a **lunch and learn** in the MET Centre to hear Rev. Jason Meyers speak on **Eco justice**.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

SUMMER PODCASTS: Were you away during summer services? Are you visiting today for the first time? Please visit our website to hear expanded podcast versions of the sermon during our Summer of Spiritual Practices, including meditative music, the weekly Gospel reading, and take-home practices: <https://www.metunited.org/news/a-summer-of-spiritual-practices>.

Following up on our exploration this summer of spiritual practices, we have some new weekly offerings this fall:

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE will continue this fall at 9:00 a.m. Bread and Cup will be offered and prayer shared.

HIT THE RESET BUTTON!: On Tuesdays from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m. there will be a **Midday Prayer** service in the Sanctuary. An opportunity for contemplation and quiet community in the middle of the day. On Thursdays from 12:10 – 1:00 p.m. there will be **Yoga Church** in the Sanctuary. A time of movement and meditation. No previous experience necessary. Mats can be provided.

DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: We will be offering **Circles of Contemplation** Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (beginning September 17) or Thursday morning from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (beginning September 19) for a time of silent meditation, intentional reading and contemplative dialogue.

SCRIPTURE CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED WEEKLY! Saturday morning (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) **Breakfast Bible study** will continue under the leadership of Christopher Hoover in the MET Centre. And we will begin another **Bible Study** Tuesday mornings (8:30 - 9:30 a.m.) led by the coming Sunday preacher in the MET Centre.

FLANDERS LIBRARY: We are open after summer holidays at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. Met librarians are always glad to help you.

THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE

OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN: Gifts continue to flow in for our capital fund raising campaign. Thank you for your support. If you have not already done so, please return your commitment soon. Our financial goal? \$1.5 million goal to restore our carillon, refurbish our sanctuary and to redo our McGill Square Park. *To God be the Glory.*

BROADVIEW: *Broadview* strengthens our life as a congregation. It provides a forum for exchanging values and ideas, problems and solutions. It's our United Church magazine. For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking and interesting publication, please contact Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; dougflanders@sympatico.ca.

NEW TO THE CONGREGATION?: Welcome to Metropolitan. We are glad to have you here. Please consider formalizing your connection with the congregation by joining our mailing list. To make your giving easier, would you also please consider using a box of weekly offering envelopes or arranging to give by bank deduction or credit card. Please call Elena at (416) 363-0331, ext. 29 and thank you for your support. Again, welcome! You belong.

THE FUTURE IS OURS: Ours is a congregation with a real and exciting future. Be a part of it by remembering our church with a gift of any amount in your estate plans.

*True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love.
No strings attached. No expectations. — Suze Orman*



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