

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



**Sunday, September 22, 2019**  
**Storm 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** (outside)

**ORGAN PRELUDE** *Double Violin Concerto in D minor* J. S. Bach  
Vivace/Largo ma non tanto/Allegro  
Jennifer Martyn and Aaron McFarlane, violinists

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #288** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

### ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: To see the life that teems around us,

**All: To give thanks for the gift we have received;**

One: To notice the beauty and power of Creation,

**All: To breathe deeply of the season;**

One: To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

**All: This is to worship God.**

One: To know the warmth of love,

**All: To have the assurance that someone cares,**

One: To be confident of our worth,

**All: To be bold to love in return,**

One: To be washed with grace,

**All: To be accepted as we are:**

One: This is to know God.

**All: Then let us worship God together.**

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.**

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

**READINGS** Job 28:20-27; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31

**ANTHEM** *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Ronald Staheli  
Text at Hymn #716

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

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 8:22-25

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

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

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH TIME**

Jeffrey Dale

**Please follow your teachers to Sunday School in the Met Centre.**

**♪HYMN #562** *Jesus Calls Us*

Galilee

**SERMON** “**Faith Seeking Wisdom**”  
**The Rev. Karen Bowles**

**ANTHEM** *Morning Hymn*

text by Patricia Orr, music by Patrick Murray

First voice of dawn, last carol of the evening sun, through time eternal and what may gloriously be you carry me, you speak my language, Music. How shall we touch the rafters, raise the roof, disturb the sky, how shall we mark the rhythm of our days, in celebration of the language of the heart, you speak my soul. And we shall sing through silence when it falls, we shall go deep, for twilight and the dawning are bridged by the blessed hymns of God.

**♪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 SOLO** “*Nisi Dominus*” *from Nisi Dominus*

Antonio Vivaldi

Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain. (from Psalm 127) Valeria Kondrashov, mezzo-soprano

♪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)

**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 #675 *Will Your Anchor Hold*

Will Your Anchor Hold

♪COMMISSIONING

♪BLESSING (All) #429 (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.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

*Fanfare*

William Mathias

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons is **Ael Spence**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, and by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**.

CARRYING THE BANNER IS **Marc Tremblay**.

GREETERS are **Andrew McGee** and **Deborah Davis**.

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

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# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

## Monday, September 23

10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
6:00 p.m.	Taize Service	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Next Gen	Imperial Pub

## Tuesday, September 24

8:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Flanders Library
12:10 – 12:30 p.m.	Midday Service of Prayer and Healing	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Visual and Creative Arts Committee meeting	MET Centre
6:00 p.m.	Contemplation Circle	Heritage Room
6:30 p.m.	Open Art Studio and Knitting Circle	MET Centre
7:30 p.m.	Silver Band rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Wednesday, September 25

5:30 p.m.	Official Board meeting	MET Centre
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## Thursday, September 26

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 27

10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
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## Saturday, September 28

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Flanders Library
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## NEXT SUNDAY: September 29 - Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost 4

9:00 a.m.	Communion Service	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 and Church School The Rev. Jason Meyers "How Then Shall We Live" <i>Proverbs 8:22-31, Colossians 1:15-20 and John 6:41-51</i>	
12:15 p.m.	Great Heart	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn - Healing Gift of Music	MET Centre

## MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

**MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN:** Brochures outlining concerts and other special events are available at the MetConnect table and in the Narthex. Our first season concert is Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

**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 24 at 6 p.m. in the

Met Library. New Members Welcome. If you have ideas for the visual and creative arts and/or want to share a talent and lead a creative project and not join a committee, email [hemsliisa@gmail.com](mailto:hemsliisa@gmail.com).

### **OPEN STUDIO ARTS IN THE MET CENTRE: ALL ARE WELCOME**

Mondays and **Fridays** - 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(drawing, painting with acrylics, pencil, pastel - some supplies provided)

### **KNITTING CIRCLE IN THE MET CENTRE: ALL ARE WELCOME**

A novice or seasoned pro. 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. to 8:30 p.m. (basic supplies provided)

## **OUTREACH**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR-** October 6, 2019 - "Ever wondered what you could do in outreach – even if you don't have time to lead a whole initiative or be on a committee? Met is introducing an expansion to the Met Connect Table to allow us to highlight volunteer opportunities within outreach – be it a task you can do at home for a few hours, or a committee membership, Out-of-the-Cold volunteer, being around a couple of hours a week to introduce to people our building, or taking a role with our refugee families. Come to the back and learn from our community services department what opportunities are available."

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**NEXT GEN EVENT:** Attention young people (and the young-at-heart)! Join us at the Imperial Pub (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) on Monday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, discussion and refreshments. Email RSVP to [andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com](mailto:andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com).

**LUNCH AND LEARN:** Join MET Care September 29 in the MET Centre to receive the healing gift of music with Debbie Danbrook. Back by popular demand!

**AFFIRMING LIFE:** The Affirming Life Committee is looking for new ways to be involved in LGBTQ related issues and projects in the coming year. Like to join in this vital work? Email Rev. Jason Meyers

## **SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES:** #ForTheFuture is a yet to be written play by the youth of MET. If you are interested in talking more about our ecological impact and the environmental issues facing us today, come and join us Sunday mornings! We will be meeting for the next two Sundays, then once a month until Earth Day to work on a brand new play that tells the community of faith about our engagement with the environment!

### **WORSHIP HOSTS AND CANDLE LIGHTERS WANTED:**

**Commitment:** One Sunday per month (same Sunday each month) from September to June. Must be in the Sanctuary by 10:30 a.m.

**Worship Host** will set up the worship space for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service ensuring that items required for the service are in place and will mark the Bible readings for the service. They will fine tune the details that enable worship services to appear seamless.

**Candle Lighters** (in pairs) will light and extinguish candles for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Worship Host is often one of this pair. These functions can be done by a couple or individual. Please email [ddonovan1@rogers.com](mailto:ddonovan1@rogers.com).

**MET PODCASTS:** Find expanded podcast versions of the sermon, including meditative music, the weekly Gospel reading, and take-home exercises, on our website. You can also subscribe through iTunes, Spotify, or Google Play.

**SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNION SERVICE:** 9:00 a.m. Bread and Cup will be offered and prayer shared.

**MIDDAY PRAYER SERVICE:** Tuesdays from 12:10-12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An opportunity for contemplation and quiet community in the middle of the day.

**YOGA CHURCH:** Thursdays from 12:10-1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A time of movement and meditation. No previous experience necessary. Email Rev. Karen Bowles

**CIRCLES OF CONTEMPLATION:** Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m. for a time of silent meditation, intentional reading and contemplative dialogue. Email Rev. Karen Bowles or Rev. Jason Meyers

**BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY:** Saturday mornings (9:00–10:00 a.m.) under the leadership of Christopher Hoover in the MET Centre.

**PREACHER BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday mornings (8:30-9:30 a.m.) in the Library.

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** To find our **Library Catalogue**, you have 2 choices. Google Met's website by entering MetUnited.org, then choose Worship and the Flanders Library will appear. Under the photo, the second paragraph will say, click here for the catalogue. Or, Google Flanders Library, there are a few! And select Metropolitan United. "The Canadian Nightingale: Bertha Crawford and the dream of the Prima Donna" by Jane Cooper is the **Librarian's Choice** this week. The book describes the life of Bertha Crawford, a Canadian singer who found unprecedented success on opera stages. Bertha Crawford was a soprano soloist with Metropolitan for three years. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

## THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE

**OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN:** Thanks to you and your generous gifts, work has begun to restore our carillon. This major project will continue throughout the fall and winter and should be completed by Pentecost, 2020. We continue to receive pledges and gifts to restore our carillon, the sanctuary (our next project) and our McGill Square park. **Thank you** for your financial support of our *Third Century* Campaign.

**BROADVIEW:** is the United Church of Canada magazine and the oldest publication in Canada. For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking and interesting publication, email [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca).

**STEWARDSHIP:** Good stewarding of personal resources involves planning. Please remember Metropolitan United Church with a legacy gift. Like to explore options? Contact Doug Flanders: (416) 769-2746; [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca) **A legacy — It's ours to leave.**



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