

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Covenanting Service World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 6, 2019

**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

♪ (INDICATES A CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - PLEASE STAND IN SPIRIT OR IN FACT)

CARILLON PRELUDE (outside)

ORGAN PRELUDE *Variations on 'Adoro Te'*
Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness (Hymn 463)

Gerald Near
J. S. Bach

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #509** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Here I Am, Lord

♪ **CHORISTERS, SPARKLERS, CONGREGATION Hymn #247 Jubilate Deo** (Praise God)
Sung by Sparklers and Choristers, then three times by all, as a round beginning with the Pulpit side.

♪ **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

One: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

All: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

One: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

All: A time to remember those we love, and a time to love those we do not yet know.

One: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

All: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with all.

One: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God together. 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) #59 More Voices**

Yoruba song (Nigeria)

Alleluia, Praise to God (two times)....Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God...

Songs of joy sing out to God (two times)...Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God...

Beat the drums, sing out to God (two times)...Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God...

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. 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. Written for the full communion service of the United Church of Canada and The United Church of Christ based on their statements of faith.

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 Jason 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 him as he serves among you in this ministry?

CONGREGATION: We will.

PROMISES OF REGIONAL COUNCIL, WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS

PRAYER OF THE NEW MINISTER

MUSICAL RESPONSE *I Will Love You Now*

Kirsten Jones

Bri-anne Swan

RESPONSE TO COVENANT

READINGS Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14

ANTHEM *A Celtic Prayer*

Barry Peters

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road, may the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open up your hearts to Love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:5-10

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH TIME

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

HYMN #593 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Chereponi

SERMON "Communion with the World"

The Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts

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 SOLO *The Call*

Nicholas Higgs, baritone

Ralph Vaughan Williams

COMMUNION HYMN #461 *Bread of the World*

Rendez à Dieu

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

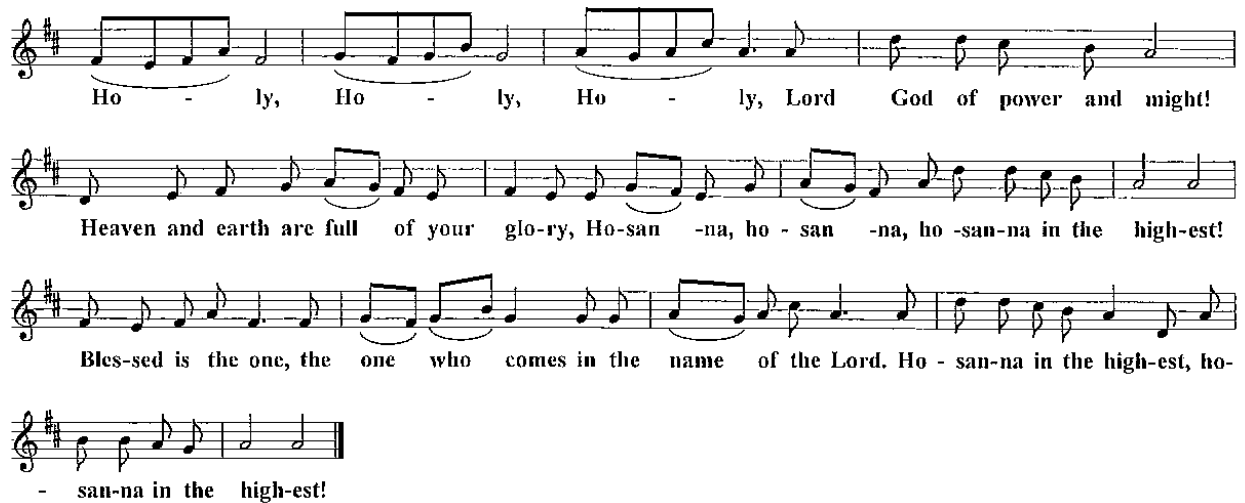
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (Congregation and choir)

P. Wright



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san -na, ho - san -na, ho -san-na in the high-est!
Bles-sed is the one, the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho-
- san-na in the high-est!

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.

AGNUS DEI (Congregation and Choir)



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us; Je-sus, bear-er of our sins, have
mer-cy on us; Je-sus, Re-deem-er of the world, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Communion at Metropolitan United Church. Communion will be served by "Intinction" (dipping the wafer into the chalice), at the front of the nave. Those wishing to receive communion may leave their pews by the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Those in the front will come forward first, with others following in sequence, row by row. Servers will come to those in the balcony. Please follow the direction of the ushers. If you wish to remain seated, a server will come to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, true body) Josquin Des Pres; Thee We Adore (Adoro Te); Deck Yourself, My Soul (Hymn #463)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN #506 *Take My Life and Let It Be***

Mozart

♪ 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.

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

We All Believe in One True God

J. S. Bach

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles, The Rev. Jason Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts and Mhairi Godley**. Participating in the covenanting today are **Ruth Peckover, Diane Turner, Joe Landon and Linn Holness**. Reading the lessons is **Deborah Davis**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Sparklers** conducted by **Dr. Jennifer Martyn**, the **Metropolitan Choristers and Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, and by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Janice Andrews**.

GREETERS are **Chris Hoover** and **Leesa Kopansky**.

USHERS are **Eva Breeze, Jennifer McDonald, Michael Connolly, and Wilbert Ward**.

TODAY IS OUTREACH VOLUNTEER FAIR DAY: 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. Come back and learn from our community services workers what opportunities are available.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 7

10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
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Tuesday, October 8

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.	Contemplation Circle	Heritage Room
6:30 p.m.	Open Art Studio and Knitting Circle	MET Centre
7:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee meeting	Flanders Library
7:30 p.m.	Silver Band rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 9

8:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast	200 Victoria Street
5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Yoga Church	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, October 11

10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
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Saturday, October 12

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Flanders Library
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NEXT SUNDAY: October 13 Thanksgiving Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Communion Service	Founders' Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)	
11:00 a.m.	Morning Service and Church School	
	The Rev. Karen Bowles	
	"This Given Day"	
	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11, Philippians 4: 4-9, John 6: 25-34	
12:15 p.m.	Great Heart	Sanctuary

MET CONNECT: Don't miss our weekly e-blast featuring latest worship, community, and program news - sign up through FB or the website (sign up form is at the bottom of each page).

AMONG OUR PEOPLE: Have a milestone, special event or some exciting news to share? We'd like to share our community's highlights through the MET Connect. Email communications@metunited.ca.

INTEGRATED ARTS

“SING” LUNCH AND LEARN: On Sunday, Oct. 20 after the service, gather in the MET Centre to learn about congregational song and sing favourite hymns (and new ones) - bring your requests!

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

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. to 8:30 p.m., in the MET Centre.

OUTREACH

COMMUNICATING WITH VULNERABLE PERSONS TRAINING:

Target audience: This training is specifically for the Narthex Greeters, Church Greeters, Ushers
Date: October 20, 2019 Time: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Location: Heritage Room
Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Laura at lauraa@metunited.ca to register.

HOUSING AT MET: continues to gratefully accept the following items: unused socks, underwear and hygiene items and 'hot paws'.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

AFFIRMING LIFE: The Affirming Life Committee is looking for new ways to be involved in LGBTQ2+ related issues and projects in the coming year. If you would like to join in this vital work, please email jasonm@metunited.ca.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: If you have no time to go to the library to return the book, you may put the book in the books return box at the last row of the sanctuary on the left side. The Library is open 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP

OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN: We will be updating the congregation on where we stand to date during our announcements this morning. We still need your support. Thank you for making your commitment soon. To God be the Glory.

FOR THOSE OF OUR COMPANY WHO KNIT OR CROCHET: Each Christmas season we give our Out of the Cold meal guests gifts of mitts, toques or scarves. We would deeply appreciate donations of your handwork. Larger sizes and solid colours work best. Please leave items at the Church Office, with our sincerest thanks.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Recently, someone shared that she had remembered Metropolitan with a gift in her estate plans. She was grateful for the profound and happy difference our church has made in her life. Metropolitan is a church with a future and one that makes a real difference. For information on how you too can leave a legacy gift to Metropolitan contact Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; dougflanders@sympatico.ca *A legacy — It's ours to leave.*

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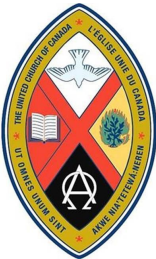
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