

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



The Prophet Jeremiah by Michaelangelo

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 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 *Sonata 1 in F Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

“Allegro Moderato e Serioso/Adagio”

*Aria in F Major*

Couperin/Bach

## ♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN #399 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

Lauda Anima

## ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We are children of God:

**All: Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.**

One: We are citizens of a nation:

**All: Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.**

One: We are members of a community:

**All: Called to know each other, and to accept each other, and to welcome all.**

One: We belong to God, and through God, to one another:

**All: So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship God.**

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) #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...**

## CHORISTERS *Children of the Future*

Mira and Michael Coghlan

It's the dawning of a new day, full of promise for tomorrow. We are living in a special world, full of beauty, full of mystery. We are the gardeners of this green and gentle planet. You and I are responsible for this place called Mother Earth. And so we walk hand in hand through this land, we're the children of the future. We hold the key to this precious garden we call home....

## READINGS Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

**ANTHEM**      *Beati Quorum Via*

C. V. Stanford

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of God.

**GOSPEL READING**      Luke 18:1-8

**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 #436** *Abide with Me*

Eventide

**SERMON**                    **“Heart Script”**  
**The Rev. Jason Meyers**

**ANTHEM**                    “Blessed Are the Ones” from *Elijah*                    Felix Mendelssohn

Blessed are the ones who fear him, they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright, He is gracious, compassionate, He is righteous.

♪ **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** “I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies” from *St. Paul*  
Gisele Kulak, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

♪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.**

♪RECESSIONAL HYMN #333 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

♪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

*Sonata 1 in F Minor "Allegro Maestoso e Vivace"*

Felix Mendelssohn

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons is **Margaret Metcalfe**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** and **Choristers** 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 **Jean Robison** and **Fran Parkin**.

USHERS are **Terry Kelly, Ed Oikawa, Michael Connolly, Carolyn Pack, and Gunn Wongsuwan**.

**TODAY - “SING” LUNCH AND LEARN:** gather after the service in the MET Centre to learn about congregational song and sing favourite hymns (and new ones) - bring your requests - and also a copy of *Voices United* and *More Voices*, please!

Outreach Committee meeting at 12:30 p.m. today after service.

**PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday, October 21</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
<b>Tuesday, October 22</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Flanders Library
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Midday Service of Prayer and Healing	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Contemplation Circle	Heritage Room
6:00 p.m.	Visual and Creative Arts Committee meeting	Flanders Library
6:30 p.m.	Open Art Studio and Knitting Circle	Met Centre
6:30 p.m.	North-end Reno meeting	MET Centre
7:30 p.m.	Silver Band rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday. October 23</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast	200 Victoria Street
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	Flanders Library
5:30 p.m.	Official Board	MET Centre
<b>Thursday, October 24</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Out of the Cold organization Day	Kitchen
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Yoga Church	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, October 25</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
<b>Saturday, October 26</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Flanders Library
<b>NEXT SUNDAY: October 27</b>		
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. Dr. Joni Sancken - “God is Still With Them”	
	Joshua 3:7-17; Romans 12:1-8; John 1:1-5	

Dr. Sancken is Associate Professor of Homiletics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. On October 27, she will be the guest preacher as part of the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship, a preaching conference held each year and sponsored in part by MET.

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 the homepage).

**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](mailto:communications@metunited.ca).

## MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

**MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN** presents our first concert of the season on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. *Like As the Lute Delights* features Benjamin Stein on lute and soprano Emily Klassen. Admission is \$20/10 for students.

**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:** Today's training has been cancelled. To be rescheduled.

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

**A CALL TO COOKIE BAKERS:** Our Out of the Cold luncheons will begin again on November 7th. If you provide homemade cookies you will be an important part of the love that we try to extend to our guests, Tins are in the Narthex this morning. Next Sunday, leave your cookies there. Many thanks.

**PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: MISSION AND SERVICE:** Our Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott said, "Mission and Service is our Hope, Love, and Gratitude expressed through giving. When we give to Mission and Service we reach out to our neighbours to offer healing and hope in Canada and across the world." As members of the United Church of Canada and Metropolitan congregation we are asked to make Mission and Service giving a regular part of our Christian life.

**OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: NARTHEX GREETERS:** Narthex Greeters are essential to allow our church to be open to the public on weekdays. An open church provides an opportunity for quiet spiritual reflection in an oasis of peace and safety in the city core. Narthex Greeters are available to answer questions about Metropolitan, give brief tours, or connect people with our ministers or services. What is involved? 3 hours per week with another person hosting our visiting hours (Monday – Friday, 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.) Please contact Rev. Jason Meyers for more information.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**AFFIRM GROUP BRUNCH:** The Affirm Group is planning to host a brunch on Sunday, November 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Duke of Richmond restaurant, located at the south end of the Eaton Centre. This is a great opportunity for LGBTQ2+ members to meet each other. Everyone who attends Metropolitan is welcome at the brunch. Please RSVP to Jim Nixon at [jnixon4411@hotmail.com](mailto:jnixon4411@hotmail.com). We'll meet at coffee hour and walk over to the restaurant together.

## SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** “Egerton Ryerson and His Times” edited by Neil McDonald and Alf Chaiton is the collection of 13 essays exploring the social, political, institutional and economic changes which took place in mid-nineteenth-century Ontario and how Egerton Ryerson, Ontario's first superintendent of schools, influenced these developments. Come to our library and take this book to read at home. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

**MIDDAY OFFERINGS:** Are you ever downtown at noon? Know anyone who is? Consider coming and telling others about our mid-week spiritual offerings:

Midday Service of Prayer and Healing - Tuesdays 12:10 to 12:30 p.m.

Yoga Church - Thursdays 12:10 to 1:00 p.m.

A calm community for a busy city.

**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.

## THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE

**WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY:** Thanks to our gifts, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$1.5 million for *Our Third Century* Campaign. To date we have over \$1.2 million pledged or received. Work on our carillon is now underway and a very generous gift from the Jackman family foundations will cover a large part of the cost of restoring our park. Many have shared that they will be making a commitment to the campaign but have yet to do so. Without our gifts, the work needed to restore our sanctuary cannot begin. Thank you again for your tremendous support. To God be the Glory.

**GIFTS OF SECURITIES:** A gift of securities — stocks, bonds, mutual funds — is an easy and effective way to support *Our Third Century* campaign. You receive a tax receipt for the full value of the securities and you pay no capital gains on the securities given. Please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca). A legacy — It's ours to leave.

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**Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.**

**— William Arthur Ward**



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