

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



The War Memorial Stained Glass Window

Remembrance Sunday Sunday, November 10, 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 *Chant Héroïque*

Nimrod

Chant de Paix

Before Your Throne I Stand

Jean Langlais
Elgar, arr. W. Harris

Jean Langlais

J. S. Bach

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #806 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

St. Anne

♪ **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

One: God of life, drawing life and death together in yourself, uniting the lost and the loving:

All: Be among us as we gather.

One: Guide our praying, enlarge our loving, cherish our remembering:

All: As we gather in worship this morning.

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 REMEMBRANCE**

CHOIR *In Flanders Fields*

Eleanor Daley

♪ **THE LAST POST**

♪ **SILENCE**

♪ **ROUSE**

♪ **NATIONAL ANTHEM O CANADA (HYMN #524 – PLEASE SING IN FRENCH OR ENGLISH)**

READINGS Haggai 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

GOSPEL READING Luke 20:27-38

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 #676 *God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

Winscott

SERMON "A LONG MEMORY"

THE REV. JASON MEYERS

ANTHEM *Faith in Peace*

Mark Sirett

On a shattering night of fire and death, the humble dwellings lay in rubble charred, a single wall remained, amidst the smoke, bearing a tablet smeared with ash and tar: *Sacred to the memory of the men of Alice Street who died for peace during the Great War.* Our dreams of peace are far too small, we seek our own peace brought about in our own way. We conquer outer space but fail the test of conquering ourselves and of conquering our fears each day. Peace demands more than our self-serving schemes, she seeks our resolve, she seeks our best. May we never lose our faith in peace.

Text adapted by Janet Gadeski from the Rt. Hon. Lester Bowles Pearson's Nobel Peace Prize speech (1957)

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

SPOKEN OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY SOLO *At the River*
John Schneider, baritone

arr. Aaron Copland

♪ 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 #678 *For the Healing of the Nations*

Westminster Abbey

♪ 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 *Highland Cathedral* arr. James D. Wetherald

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Karen Bowles**. Reading the lessons is **Joseph Curry**. The spoken offering is given by **Patricia Orr**. 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**, by trumpeter **Sarah Hemeon**, and by **Rory Sinclair**, piper to the Earl of Caithness.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Ian Mahaffy**.

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

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

TODAY'S MUSIC includes organ music by French composer Jean Langlas, and his *Chant Héroïque* was written in memory of organist and composer Jehan Alain who was killed on duty at the beginning of World War II. Elgar wrote his *Enigma Variations* in 1898-99, and the *Nimrod* variation has become popular in its own right and is sometimes used at British funerals, memorial services, and other solemn occasions. *Before Your Throne I Stand* is from the 'Leipzig' chorale preludes by Bach. *Highland Cathedral* is a popular piping tune which has been arranged for organ and pipes by James Wetherald, and we welcome piper Rory Sinclair. Mark Sirett is a well-known Canadian composer and conductor based in Kingston, Ontario. *Faith in Peace* was commissioned by the Burlington Civic Chorale under the direction of Gary Fisher, and Janet Gadeski arranged the text from Lester Bowles Pearson's 1957 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 12

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, November 13

7:00 a.m.	OOTC Chop Chop	MET Kitchen
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast at Fran's	200 Victoria Street
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	Flanders Library

Thursday, November 14

11:00 a.m.	OOTC Luncheon	MET Centre
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Yoga Church	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, November 15

10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
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Saturday, November 16

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Flanders Library
7:30 p.m.	Music at Metropolitan Concert	Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: November 17

9:00 a.m.	Early 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. Karen Bowles - "Faithful Imagination" Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21: 5-19	
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.

MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN: premier concert of the season on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. *Like As the Lute Delights* features Benjamin Stein, lute, with soprano Emily Klassen, alto Hannah Stein, and violinist Jenna Gallagher. Admission is \$20/10 for students, and tickets are available after the service and through the website.

SPECIAL DECEMBER DATE is Tuesday, Dec. 17 at noon as the Metropolitan Choir with Patricia Wright and Timothy Wisnicki present the free organ and choir concert at Roy Thomson Hall.

OUTREACH

COMMUNITY SERVICES TOWN HALL MEETING: Our next quarterly town hall meeting is Sunday, November 17 after the service. Please bring your coffee and questions. You will leave with more answers and information about the initiatives that are underway in Outreach-Community Services. Soup lunch provided.

COMMUNICATING WITH VULNERABLE PERSONS TRAINING DATES:

Date: November 17, 2019
Time: After Service/1:00 - 3:30 p.m. OR
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Location: MET Centre
A light lunch will be provided.

CLOTHING DONATIONS: During renovations we are **NOT** accepting clothing donations. You will find a list of locations that welcome winter clothing in the Narthex. **We continue to gratefully accept the following items: unused socks and underwear, hygiene items and 'hot paws'.**

A CALL TO COOKIE BAKERS AND KNITTERS: Our Out of the Cold luncheons have begun again on **November 7**. 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. Each Christmas season we give our guests gifts of mitts, toques or scarves and we would deeply appreciate any donations. Men's sizes and solid colours are preferable. You may leave your donations at the Church Office. Thank you again.

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

NEXT GEN EVENT – Attention young people (and the young-at-heart): Join us at the Imperial Pub (2nd floor) on Thursday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, discussion and refreshments. Email RSVP to andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com.

USHERS NEEDED: Four ushers are needed to work on the ushering team. You will be required to serve one Sunday a month. If you are willing to take on this duty in our congregation please contact William Wright at wrightmcauley@gmail.com.

CLIMATE ACTION: NOVEMBER 29 - “FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE CANADA”: Join climate activist Greta Thunberg and members of the Peace and Social Justice Committee, Jason and Karen, on a march at Queen’s Park. Sign up at the MET Connect table to attend on November 29 and/or to help make protest signs on November 17 with the children and youth during Sunday school or on November 24 after church. All are invited!

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: You can find several books of Bart D. Ehrman in our library. One of them is “Truth and Fiction in The Da Vinci Code : A Historian Reveals What We Really Know About Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and Constantine”. Ehrman is the author of 30 books. His books have been translated into 27 languages. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

CALM COMMUNITY FOR A BUSY CITY

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

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

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

REMEMBERING: Thank you for remembering Metropolitan United Church with a gift in your will. A gift of any amount, directed to any area of our congregation’s ministry can help to make a real and lasting difference to our church in the future. Ours is a rich heritage, reaching back to 1796. Be a continuing part of it by leaving your own legacy gift. For information and to explore opportunities, please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; dougflanders@sympatico.ca. *A legacy - It’s ours to leave.*

STEWARDSHIP: Your Annual Pledge Package is available to be picked up today in the Narthex. Those not taken will be mailed this Monday.

*Quality depends on kindness. Beauty depends on simplicity.
Joy depends on generosity. — Debasish Mridha*

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