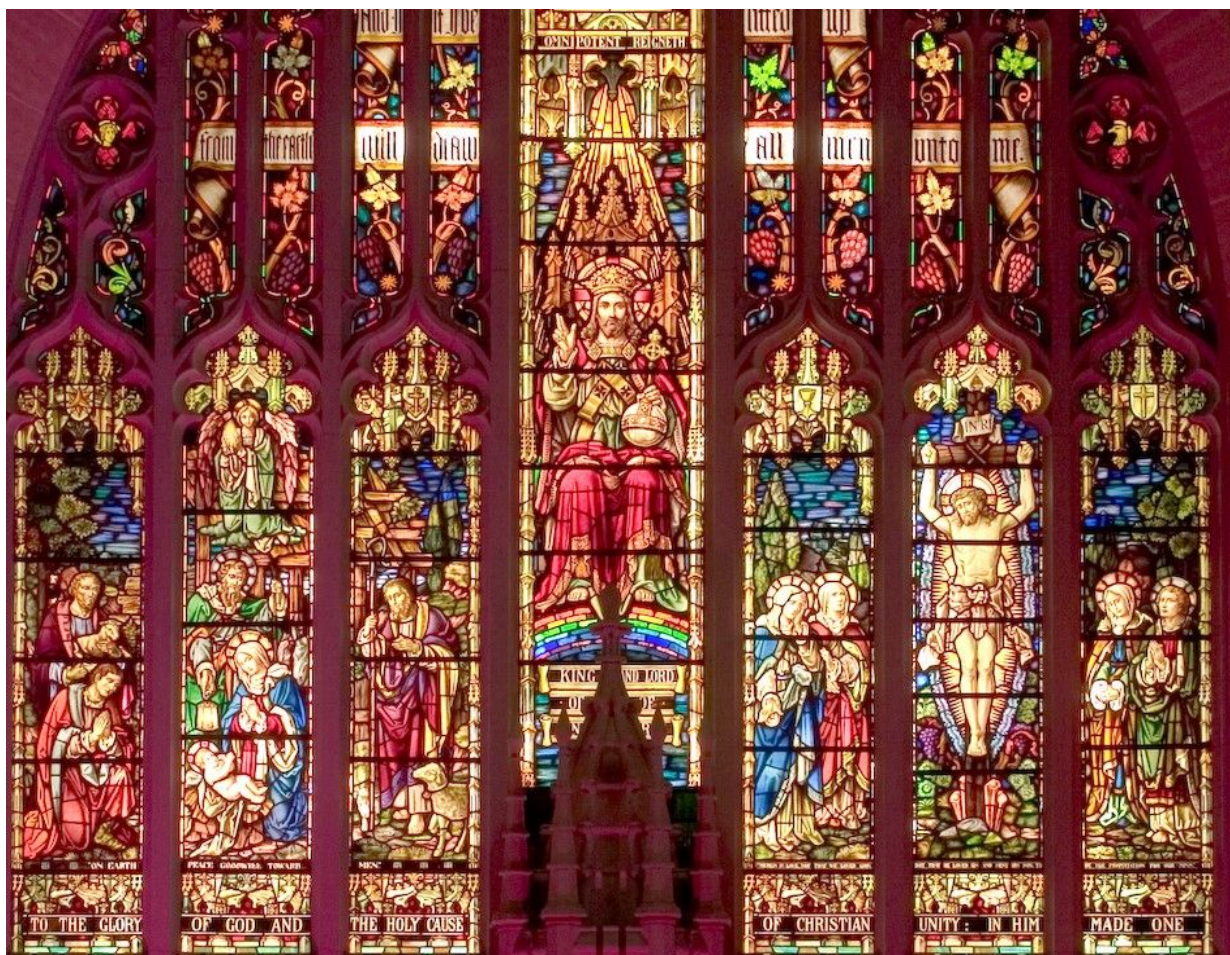


# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Christ the King stained glass window

## Reign of Christ/Peace and Justice Sunday

Sunday, November 24, 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      *Prelude in E-flat Major*      J. S. Bach  
                                 *Trio on "Allein Gott" (All Glory Be to God on High)*      J. S. Bach

♪PROCESSIONAL HYMN #213 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*      Darwall's 148th

## ♪INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the Lord God who looks on us with kindness.

**All: We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.**

One: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**All: From across the street, from across the city, from halfway around the world,  
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

One: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**All: With a new kind of power and different kind of kingdom,  
God reconciles and makes new.**

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...**

READINGS      Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20

ANTHEMS      *Christ, Whose Glory*      Keith Bissell

Text at Hymn #336, verse 1

*King of Glory, King of Peace*      arr. Elmer Iseler

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me....Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my

heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee. Text: George Herbert

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 23:33-43

**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 #356** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*

Lafferty

**SERMON** "You Just Want to Destroy Traditional Monarchy"  
Peter Haresnape

**ANTHEM** *Tangled Web*  
Great Heart

Matt Hires

♪**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** "Cantabile" from *Sonata in B Minor* H.245  
Chris Taeyoung Kim, pianist

C. P. E. Bach

♪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 #210 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

Paradox

♪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

*Fugue in E-flat Major (St. Anne)*

J. S. Bach

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **Peter Haresnape** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons is **Joe Landon** and reading the prayers are **Melanie Gilbert** and **Sandra Hellyer**. 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 **Great Heart** conducted by **Benjamin Stein**.

Peter Haresnape is National Coordinator of the Student Christian Movement of Canada, a Christian Peacemaker Teams reservist, and the husband of Ken. He came to Canada from the UK in 2010 to work with the Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Team, which has now become the Turtle Island Solidarity Network. Peter has recently been appointed as pastor of the Toronto United Mennonite Church.

**CARRYING THE BANNER** is **Ian Mahaffy**.

**GREETERS** are **Deborah Davis** and **Carol Kitney**.

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

## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **Monday November 25**

6:00 p.m. Communicating with Vulnerable Persons Training MET Centre

### **Tuesday, November 26**

12:10 – 12:30 p.m. Midday Prayer Service Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. A Contemplative Christmas Heritage Room  
6:30 p.m. Open Art Studio and Knitting Circle MET Centre  
7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band rehearsal Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, November 27**

7:00 a.m. Out of the Cold 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 28**

11:00 a.m. Out of the Cold 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 29**

10:30 a.m. Open Art Studio MET Centre  
11:00 a.m. Climate Strike (meet at Met where we will travel to Queen's Park via TTC)

### **Saturday, November 30**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study Flanders Library  
10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church for Advent Sanctuary

## **NEXT SUNDAY: December 1 First Sunday in Advent**

### **Reception of New Members and Sacraments of Baptism and Communion**

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. Jason Meyers - "Being Home"  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44  
12:15 p.m. Great Heart Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Congregational Budget Meeting MET Centre

**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

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at Roy Thomson Hall on Tuesday, December 17 at noon features the Metropolitan Choir and organists Timothy Wisnicki and Patricia Wright. Admission is free.

## OUTREACH

### COMMUNICATING WITH VULNERABLE PERSONS TRAINING DATES:

Date: Monday, November 25, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Location: MET Centre

A light meal will be provided.

**WINTER WOOLLY CHALLENGE!** Challenges have been issued by Reverends Bowles and Meyers to their former congregations (Rosedale United Church and Jubilee United Church, respectively) to participate in a friendly competition for a very good cause. All three churches, plus the Living Presence ministry in East Gwillimbury, will collect NEW or HANDMADE socks, mittens/gloves, toques and scarves to be distributed at Met's Out of the Cold luncheons and other similar programs. The 'Winter Woolly' collection will happen as part of Pageant Sunday on Dec 15. Please note that Community Services will also welcome underwear, hygiene items and 'hot paws', but no other clothing besides socks, mittens/gloves, toques and scarves can be accepted at this time.

**OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM:** The OOTC program is fortunate to receive weekly donations of bread and sweets from Cobbs Bread Bakery, Annex (Bloor & Walmer Rd). We are in need of a volunteer with a vehicle to pick up baked goods at Cobbs at 8:00 pm Wednesdays, then deliver to the Church (someone will assist you there). The time frame is approximately one hour. If you are willing, once or twice a month, please contact Norah Jardine at 416-554-9418.

**A CALL TO COOKIE BAKERS:** Our Out of the Cold luncheons are now running again for the season. 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.

**CLIMATE ACTION:** Join members of the Peace and Social Justice Committee on the next march at Queen's Park on November 29 (meet at Met at 11:00 a.m., rally starts at 11:30 a.m.). Sign up at the MET Connect table to attend and/or to help make signs today after church. All are invited!

**MISSION AND SERVICE:** The insert today gives us a brief summary of the six areas where our United Church is working: locally, nationally and around the world. Please take home and read carefully and become an M&S partner.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**A 'GREEN' CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** An exciting collaboration between the newly formed Met Green Team and the Hospitality Committee will be putting an environmentally friendly twist on this year's Christmas Lunch on December 8. Your help with meal prep and decorating will be very welcome. Please sign up at the Met Connect table. The Congregation is asked to bring desserts for this festive occasion.

**BROADVIEW HELPS PEOPLE:** Our United Church magazine connects people to the wider church. It helps folks understand their faith, lives and world. For a subscription to this well-written magazine, please contact Doug Flanders at [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca). Sample copies are available for the asking.

**NEXTGEN EVENT:** Attention young people (and the young-at-heart): Join us at the Imperial Pub (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) on Thursday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, discussion and refreshments. Email RSVP to [andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com](mailto:andrew.mcgee@crowesoberman.com).

## SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH for Advent will happen on Saturday, November 30 at 10 a.m.** Please come and help put up our wreaths and garlands for the season.

**PAGEANT SIGN UP!** We need a variety of volunteers for our annual Christmas Pageant which is on Sunday, December 15, during the 11 a.m. service. We need angels, shepherds, etc. for the cast, and we need people to help with costumes. A sign up sheet will be at the MetConnect table.

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** Richard Wagamese is one of the authors whose books you can find in our library. Wagamese won numerous awards for his writing. "Starlight" is the last novel by Wagamese and you can find it in our library. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

**BOOK CLUB:** Please come if you like lively discussions about non-fiction books. The next Non-Fiction Book Club will meet at Met on December 8 at the congregational Christmas lunch. We are reading "This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral—plus plenty of valet parking! - in America's gilded capital" by Mark Leibovich. Available at the Public Library.

**A CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTMAS:** a four-week program using the *Bridges to Contemplative Living* series. We gather for a time of silent meditation, intentional reading of Thomas Merton and other spiritual writers, followed by a time of contemplative dialogue. November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room - led by Rev. Meyers.

## THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE

**REMEMBERING:** Thank you for remembering Metropolitan United Church with a gift of any amount in your estate plans. Your gifts will enable our ministries in future.

**STEWARDSHIP 2020:** Our fall stewardship packages have been mailed to every household. Please read the contents carefully and consider how you may support Metropolitan in 2020. And if you could increase your giving for next year, your church would be deeply grateful. Our gifts enable effective ministry to our congregation, our city and to the world. Thank you for returning your estimate of giving as soon as possible and thank you for your generous support.

**New Telephone System:** Our new telephone system should be operational by Thursday afternoon. Please note that the staff extensions may be changing.

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