

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



by Lee Jung

Fifth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day **May 10, 2020**

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

PRELUDE "God's Time is the Best" from *Cantata #106*
Elizabeth Barlow and Timothy Wisnicki, pianists

J. S. Bach, arr. G. Kurtág

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #218 *We Praise You, O God*

Kremser

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**All: our hearts a shelter for the outcast;
our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**All: to tell others of God's love,
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**All: chosen to serve the lost and lonely,
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #68 *More Voices*

Guarani song, arr. Sosa

O God have mercy, O God have mercy, O God have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #59 *More Voices*

Yoruba song (Nigeria)

Alleluia, praise to God (twice); Praises, high praises we bring you, O God.

Alleluia praise to God.

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

Songs of joy sing out to God.

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

Beat the drums, sing out to God.

READING

Psalm 31

CHORISTERS *I See the Love of God*

David Ouchterlony

Valeria Kondrashov, soprano **Gisele Kulak**, and tenors **Charles Davidson** and **Benjamin Stein**.

Faith Formation News!

Welcome Bailey Fleming as MET's **Animator for Children and Youth Ministries**. Bailey comes to us as part of the **GO Project**, a United Church of Canada children and youth program that seeks to empower young people to be faithful change-makers in their communities.

Bailey has been involved with the GO Project for three years working with children and youth across the country. She currently lives in Toronto where she loves to explore the city, spend time with friends, and hang out at the beach! In addition to her work with GO, she has extensive experience working with children and youth through United Church ministry, summer camps, global exchange programs, and as a youth activities counsellor on a cruise line! She is looking forward to connecting with the MET community, building relationships with children and families, and supporting GO's mission of peace and justice. Through her time with MET she hopes to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to our programs and can't wait to make lasting connections and memories.

Over the past 13 years, The GO Project has been engaging communities across the country to help make the world a better place through mission, activism, justice, and peace. Through both summer camps and year-round programming, The GO Project has worked with and inspired young people to realize their gifts and explore God's call in their own lives. All GO Project programs are safe and affirming spaces for participants, staff, and community members who identify as LGBTQ+, are of racial or cultural minorities, are questioning their faith, longing for a place to belong, and are of all physical and intellectual abilities. The GO Project is excited to begin a new partnership with Metropolitan United Church and can't wait to get to know everyone!

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

The church is closed to the public, but virtual Worship and programming are taking place. Please visit metunited.ca for updates.

Tuesday, May 12

- 2:00 p.m.** Virtual Coffee Time *Zoom/Phone*
- 6:00 p.m.** Trustees Meeting *Zoom*
- 7:00 p.m.** Congregational Care Meeting *Zoom*
- 7:00 p.m.** Music Committee *Zoom*

Wednesday, May 13

- 12:00 p.m.** Bible Study *Zoom*

Thursday, May 14

- 12:00 pm** Yoga/Meditation *Zoom*
- 7:00 pm** Choir/Handbells Meeting *Zoom*
- 8:00 pm** Evening Communion *Zoom/Phone*

NEXT SUNDAY: May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 11:00 a.m.** Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere and YouTube
 Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21
 The Rev. Karen Bowles

STAY CONNECTED

Full updates around Covid-19 can be found on the homepage at metunited.ca. Past sermons and livestreams are also available under the Worship menu.

Sign up for the MET Connect weekly e-newsletter via our homepage for up-to-date news. We're also on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#).

PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Bowles and Rev. Meyers are connecting with many members and are determining the needs of our community in this challenging time. If you would like a pastoral phone call you can contact Karen at karenb@metunited.ca (416-670-1902) or Jason at jasonm@metunited.ca (416-363-0331 ext. 224).

COMMUNITY SERVICES MINISTRY

The Outreach team continues to respond to the needs of our community physically and spiritually. We are following a model that provides income to small businesses in the downtown core while meeting the needs of the community: **400 prepared meals/week** to the drop-in at All Saints Church prepared by two catering companies, **take-out meals** accessible by funded chits from three restaurants in our community, and soon we will introduce a similar chit system at **local laundromats**. Additionally, our community service workers, Megan and Stephanie, are buying and delivering groceries, providing grocery cards and meeting with folks, taking appropriate precautions.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A group of dedicated folks is keeping in touch with all those in our community and are continuing to reach out offering help where needed. Tech help is being provided.

STAFF

Administrative staff are working remotely but are still available by phone and email, so don't hesitate to be in touch.

DONATIONS DURING THIS TIME

The work of Metropolitan continues. While we cannot collect offerings in person, there remain easy ways to contribute - through our [Canada Helps page](#), or by mailing in envelopes and/or cheques to the church.

You can also arrange for pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - just [download and fill out a form](#) via the website. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at elenap@metunited.ca or 416-363-0331 ext. 229.

We are grateful for your on-going support through this difficult time.

The Official Board of Metropolitan United Church deeply appreciates your financial gifts. We strive to honour our donors' wishes at all times. When gifts are designated for a specific purpose and the need for that purpose has been fulfilled, your Board will redirect surplus gifts to the closest alternative or the area of greatest need. Thank you again for supporting Metropolitan.



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