

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Photo by Rev. Meyers

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Pride Sunday June 28, 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 *Pastorale on 'Capetown'*

Gerald Bales

.....*Therefore give us love*

WELCOME

PRIDE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN #565 vs. 1,2,7 *Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness*

All Saints

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Creating God,

**All: who makes no mistakes,  
who surprises us always,  
who molded the first person both male and female,  
who molded the first non-gendered human  
who loves all creation.**

One: We celebrate the diversity of your creation in our worship.

**All: Help us accept all varieties of gender in ourselves and in others.**

One: Help us celebrate those who are different from us

**All: That we may learn to love one another as you love us.**

One: Let us worship God together. The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #69 *More Voices Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #104 *More Voices*

Trad., Congo

**Mungu, ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.  
Know that God is good, Know that God is good,  
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.**

READING Genesis 22:1-14

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHOIR RECOGNITION



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.

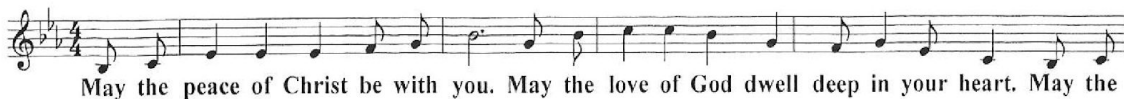
CLOSING HYMN #642 vs. 1,2,5 *Be Thou my Vision*

Slane

## COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

### BLESSING

Izumi Shiota



POSTLUDE *Fantaisie sur "O Canada"* (Commissioned by Patricia Wright in 2003) Denis Bédard  
from the Metropolitan recording *Look at the World*

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The Children's Time is led by **Bailey Fleming** and reading the lesson is **Felicity Johnson**. Lighting the Pride Candles are **Ernie Forsyth, Amanda O'Halloran, Jeff Laitar, Ael Spence, Jim Nixon** and **Jay Wagner**. The ministry of music is offered by members of the **Metropolitan Choir** and Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**. Singing the hymns is soprano **Gisele Kulak**.

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

The church is closed to the public, but virtual Worship and programming are taking place.

Tuesday, June 30

2:00 p.m. Virtual Coffee Time Zoom/Phone [link here](#)

Wednesday, July 1

Canada Day Statutory Holiday

Thursday, July 2

12:00 pm Yoga/Meditation Zoom [link here](#)

**NEXT SUNDAY: July 5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 a.m.** Virtual Worship via Facebook and YouTube  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20 / The Rev. Karen Bowles preaches

## **STAY CONNECTED**

Full updates around Covid-19 can be found on the homepage at [metunited.ca](http://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](mailto:karenb@metunited.ca) (416-670-1902) or Jason at [jasonm@metunited.ca](mailto: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 and are available by phone/email - 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.

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