

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

*The downtown church for a diverse city*

*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.*



**Sunday, June 24, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Pride Sunday**

*We hope that you will find in the Worship Service food for faith and a doorway to God. Metropolitan is an **Affirming Congregation**. We welcome people of all sexual orientations to worship and minister among us.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**CARILLON PRELUDE 10:30 a.m. outside, ending with *Tree Sparrow's Sun Salutation***  
Linda Dzuris

**ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING**  
*Three Short Hymn Settings* Gerald Bales  
*Semplice/Idyll/Dance*  
*Prelude in the Lydian Mode* Barrie Cabena  
*Adagio from Symphony No.5* Charles-Marie Widor

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #264 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** St. Denio

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP** (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 107, selected verse)

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

**All: Let these be the words of all rescued people, for God has snatched the beloved from the roaring breath of the Giant.**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

### PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Wherever we are, you are there before us. In dry times when resources are few and the shadows grow long.

**All: In lonely times when friendship is distant and the sadness comes.**

One: In turbulent times, when enemies are tall, and storm clouds hang low.

**All: In times of tiredness, where the issues seem too big, and our chances too small.**

One: You are there in our belief or scepticism, in our political action or our acquiescence. In our parades and our most secret prayers.

**All: In worship, let us come clean. Give us five smooth stones, and the faith to let them fly for you.**

### SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When the Holy Spirit that inspires the ages swings low to see us and call us by our name, then all is calm, all is bright. When it blesses, we are healed and forgiven. In this season we proclaim that the Spirit always comes.

⌋(indicates a congregational response – please stand as you are able)

**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.

**READINGS**

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

**ANTHEM**

*Nearer, My God, to Thee* from *Five Hymns in Popular Style*  
*Text at Hymn #497*

John Gardner

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 4:35-41

One: Here then is light: old light from glory, bright light from wisdom, fair light from faithful following. Here is Christ, alive in text and expectation.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God for the light.**

**HYMN #637** *Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me*

Pilot

**SERMON**

**“WHY THE MONEY IS ON GOLIATH”**  
**The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair**

**ANTHEM**

*Lass dich nur nichts nich dauren*

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavour and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

**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 MUSIC** *O Lord! I Turn to Thee*  
Valeria Kondrashov, mezzo-soprano

G. F. Handel

### ♪THE OFFERTORY HYMN #518, verse 3

Forest Green

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,  
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

### ♪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 #707 *For the Faithful Who Have Answered*

Omni Die

### COMMISSIONING

#### ♪BLESSING (All-please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the



Spi-rit en-light-en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

*Toccata from Symphony No.5*

Charles-Marie Widor



**LEADING IN WORSHIP** this morning are **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Dorcus Beaton**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright** and by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Saya Ojiri**. Today is the final Sunday for the **Metropolitan Choir** until after Labour Day, and we thank the choir members for their beautiful music and faithful service for this past year.

**Congratulations to Roy Lee** – two weeks ago, Roy was elected the Vice President of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America at the annual congress in Illinois. This organization of about 450 carillonneurs and carillon students is dedicated to advancing the art, the literature and the science of the carillon in Canada and the US. They meet annually in June at a different location. Next year it will be in Florida. In addition to being on the board, Roy also serves as chair of the intermediate-level exam committee and as a member of the music publications committee.

**CARRYING THE BANNER** is **Janice Andrews**.

**GREETER** is **Leesa Kopansky**.

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

All are welcome to share in coffee and conversation after the service.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, June 25

**10:00 a.m.** Art Program Metropolitan Centre  
**6:30 p.m.** Next Gen Night 55 Regent Park Blvd./170 Sumach St.

### Tuesday, June 26

**6:30 p.m.** Open Studio Night Metropolitan Centre

### Friday, June 29

**10:00 a.m.** Art Program Metropolitan Centre  
**12:00 p.m.** Carillon Recital Front Park

## NEXT SUNDAY: July 1 *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Canada Day*

**9:30 a.m.** Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel  
"Swifter than Eagles" **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**

**11:00 a.m.** Morning Service  
"A Great Light: Song of the Bow" **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**  
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

**12:30 p.m.** Drumming Circle Front Park

## **TODAY**

**PRIDE PARADE:** You can join the United Church Double Decker Pride Bus located at H12 on Rosedale Valley Road for 1:30 p.m. this afternoon, or join the United Church March Group located East of Church and Bloor at H14. Please wear purple.

### **METROPOLITAN'S 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2018 "A GREAT LIGHT"**

Over the next few months, representatives from community services that grew out of Metropolitan will be making a "Heritage Minute" announcement during the service. The announcements will introduce us to these community organizations that will participate in the Fall Fair on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in celebration of our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and shared history and service to the community. Our guest speaker today is Karen Fawcett, President of Travellers' Aid Society.

## **MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS**

**K@MP** – summer day camp for children and youth will be from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **August 20 through 24.** Brochures are available in the Narthex. For more information, please speak with Patricia Wright.

**SUMMER CARILLON RECITAL** at 12 noon on Friday, June 29, with Gordon Slater (former Dominion Carillonneur, Ottawa). Admission is free, and donations go toward Metropolitan's upcoming carillon renovation project.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**NEXT GEN NIGHT:** Summer potluck BBQ on **Monday, June 25** at **6:30 p.m.** at 55 Regent Park Blvd./170 Sumach St. Please **RSVP** with Ken Younie at **kenyounie@gmail.com**.

**MARK THE DATE - PIE MAKING BEE** held by the Congregational Life committee on **Monday, July 2, Tuesdays, July 3 and 10 and Wednesday, July 11** from **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the **Met Kitchen**. This will be a come one come all opportunity to learn and make pies that will be sold at the autumn fair on September 23. Our goal that day is to continue to learn the skills that we need to make one hundred pies. **RSVP Kenneth Younie or The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

**METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONAL FAIR** on **Sunday, September 23** at **12:15 p.m.** Mark the date with floral, jams and jellies competitions. There will also be a BBQ, baking tables, treasure tables, and more. **WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!** Please arrange drop-off for treasure donation with **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea** – thank you.

## **OUTREACH**

**DRUMMING CIRCLE:** On **Sunday, July 1** at **12:30 p.m.** in McGill Square. Presented by the Peace and Social Justice Committee with Andree Vaillancourt. If you made a drum, come and have it awakened!

**MANDATE:** The new Mandate has arrived. Its theme is "The Affirming Journey", chronicling the impact of 1988 to the present through stories. Pick up your copy in the Narthex or the desk in front of the office.

## ***SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE***

**ONE QUESTION BIBLE STUDY** and **SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** will resume in September.

**IN HONOUR. IN MEMORY:** Many have favourably commented on the floral arrangements that from time to time enhance our Sunday worship experience. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday of your choice in memory or in honour of someone, please contact **Jaclyn Kumer** in the church office — **416-363-0331, ext. 10; jacik@metunited.ca** --- who will make the arrangements. We would be happy to mention your gift and the name(s) of those whom you wish to remember in the weekly bulletin. Thank you from your Worship Committee.

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** Today is the last Sunday when the library is open. The Library will be closed during the summer in July and August. We will be happy to see you once again in September.

## ***FAITH IN ACTION***

**YOUR GIFT OF MONEY:** In the months to come, Metropolitan Church will be launching a major capital fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million to restore our sanctuary, renew the carillon and complete refurbishing our McGill Square park. ***Your generous financial support will be critical to the success of our campaign.*** Please think about what you are able to give. We seek not equal gift, but equal commitment to our cause and equal sacrifice. Our financial gifts will empower our third century of Christian witness to Toronto and to the world.

**THERE IS STILL TIME!** **The United Church Observer** is an award winning, relevant and interesting magazine for Christians of all stripes to explore faith and life issues. **June is Observer month at Metropolitan** when subscriptions come due through our congregation's group subscription plan. For \$25 a year, you will receive 11 great issues by post. You may renew or subscribe by placing place your subscription on the offering plate clearly marked "Observer"; by contacting Elena in the church office: (416) 363-0331, ext. 29; **elenap@metunited.org**; or online at **www.metunited.ca**. The Observer is a magazine written with **YOU** in mind.

**TRANSFORMATIONS:** Gifts from one's estate to Metropolitan United Church are given in faith — faith they will be used as directed after we are gone and faith they will make a difference. Metropolitan receives and uses each estate gift as directed or, if undesignated, the gift is used where the need is greatest. One thing is certain. Our planned gifts transform lives. And regardless of size, your legacy gift will make a difference. For information, please contact Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; or by email at **dougflanders@sympatico.ca**. ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***

*"Many people are willing to give God credit. Far fewer are willing to give God cash."*

— Unknown

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**Conductor, *Metropolitan Sparklers*:** Dr. Jennifer Martyn

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