

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

The downtown church for a diverse city

*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.*

Sunday, August 5, 2018 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

CARILLON PRELUDE (10:45 a.m. outside)

Sonata in B Minor, K. 87 by Domenico Scarlatti

arr. Ronald Barnes

ORGAN PRELUDE

All Glory Be to Thee, Most High (tune for hymn #870)

Johann Pachelbel

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (BWV 730, 731)

J.S. Bach

Antiphon

Marcel Dupré

♪OPENING HYMN: #325 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Westminster Abbey

♪INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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) #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 2 Samuel 11:26-12:7a; Psalm 51:1-12; John 17:20-24

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 #578 *As a Fire Is Meant For Burning*

to Beach Spring #457

SERMON “Are We There Yet?”

The Rev. Dr. David McKane

♪(indicates a congregational response- please stand as you are able)

♪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 *Sing Ye A Joyful Song*
Chris Taeyoung Kim, mezzo-soprano

Antonín Dvořák

♪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.

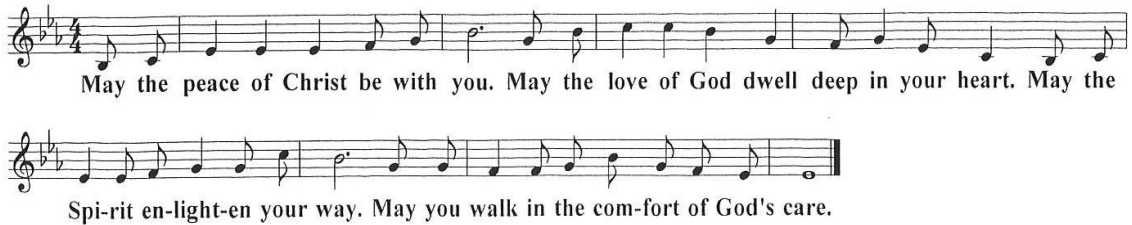
♪CLOSING HYMN #194 *Filled with the Spirit's Power*

National Hymn

COMMISSIONING

BLESSING (All-please sing twice and please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Gloria

Marcel Dupré



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. David McKane** and **Linn Holness**. Reading the lessons is **Linn Holness**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Saya Ojiri**.

The Rev. Dr. David McKane is the Minister Emeritus of First-St. Andrew's United Church in London, Ontario, and a regular visitor to the Metropolitan pulpit. David and Malcolm Sinclair have been best friends for fifty-four years, and have experienced a whole lifetime in ministry together. Dr. Sinclair is convinced that when we get there, David's kind heart and Irish wisdom will be there.

Today's carillon prelude is performed by guest carillonneur Steven Karp, a native of Vancouver who is currently a mathematics postdoc at the University of Michigan. He obtained his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley in 2017, where he studied carillon with Jeff Davis.



We express our sympathy to husband, Charles, the family, of Mary Dee. Mary died peacefully on August 1st. She loved the church and sang in the choir for many happy years. Her funeral service will be here at Metropolitan on Tuesday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m., with visitation at the church one hour before the service. (Mary's ashes will be interred at a private family time prior to the public service).

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 6

*****Church office is closed for Civic Holiday*****

Tuesday, August 7

6:30 p.m. Open Studio Night

Metropolitan Centre

Friday, August 10

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

NEXT SUNDAY: July 12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel

"Out of Depths" The Rev. . Walter Ridley

11:00 a.m. Morning Service in the Sanctuary

"Bread for the Journey" The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6: 35, 41-51

Saya Ojiri, Organist

For thousands of years this land has been the home of the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishnaabeg and most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.

SUMMER PASTORAL CARE: August 1-8 ~ The Rev. Bruce Misener (905) 837-0125

DONATIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED: Metropolitan United **is no longer accepting** clothing and household goods for donation. There are a number of very well-run programs around Metropolitan and elsewhere in the city that will welcome your donations. For clothing, check out the Yonge Street Mission, Dress Your Best/Dress for Success, 40 Oaks in Regent Park, or the Canadian Diabetes Association. For furniture and other household items, consider the Furniture Bank, Habitat for Humanity, or the Yonge Street Mission. Metropolitan will be using these programs to assist clients.

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