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A GREAT LIGHT

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, September 23, 2018

Anniversary Service

*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

(10:30 A.M.) CARILLON PRELUDE ending with: *Festive Fanfare*

John Courter

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING

Praeludium in E minor

Intermezzo from Sonata 3

Nicolaus Bruhns
Josef Rheinberger

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #240 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 84)

One: A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere; at the heart-centre, not the sidelines, at the fireside of eternal life, not lost among cold embers.

All: **We would rather keep the watch for the deep things, to honour them, than to waste precious time on things with little meaning.**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Lord of the birds and their cozy nests, of the seasons and the warm winds. Master of dreams, and the desire for deep belonging, in answer to your eternal call, we, in our mortal time, draw near to worship you.

All: **Siren of longing, Lover of intimate music, you cause our hearts and flesh to sing for joy.**

One: There is a roadmap to home woven within our fabric. When in step with you, we pass through deserts that become pastureland. We go from strength to strength.

All: **Foster in us the love of neighbour. Let it be a shield in regimes of tyranny. Let us see, in the faces of others, the smiles of our own.**

One: Happy is every life that trusts in you.

ANNIVERSARY KYRIE (ALL)

P. Wright



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Long days and high clouds release seasons of promise. Things grow and ripen then.
Prayers, sown as seeds, yield blessings seen in love. This is God's way.

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

♪ANNIVERSARY ACT OF PRAISE (All)

P. Wright



Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry in the high-est!

CHOIR: All glory be to God on high and peace to earth from heaven.

ALL: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

CHOIR: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

ALL: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

ANNIVERSARY POEM *Being Light*

Patricia Orr

READINGS Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 84 *Voices United* p. 800

ANTHEM *Sweet Prospect*

W. Walker, arr. Carol Matthews

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie. Oh, the transporting rapturous scene that rises to my sight. Sweet fields arrayed living green and rivers of delight....

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:16-20

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.

ENCOUNTERING THE CHILD WITHIN

All children and youth are invited to make their way to Sunday School. Please follow the teachers.

HYMN #562 *Jesus Calls Us*

Galilee

SERMON "Party in the Public Square" The Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean

ANTHEM *The Dedication*

text by G. M. Sinclair/ music by P. Wright

What mean these stones, long since gathered by the lives which came before, memory combining to assert some timeless thing for worship, and the high and human calling to adore. What mean these aisles, long since brightened by the light which came before, melody and prayer combining to embrace some breathless thing for knowing, and the high and human passion to implore. What means these souls long since captured by the tales which came before, energy and calm combining to awake some sleeping thing, for doing, and the high and human passion to outpour. Christ, the vision, light and power graces gathered vessels still, within the sacred hour filling them to brimming with a history, pouring them to breaking with a mystery.

♪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

HANDBELL OFFERTORY *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Allan Robert Petker

♪ THE OFFERTORY HYMN #541 (All)

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

♪ 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 #584 *Through the Heart of Every City*

Hermon

♪ COMMISSIONING

♪ ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (All) (Please turn toward the centre)

William Wright



Let your light so shine, let your light so shine that all may see your work and



glo-ri-fy God, and glo-ri-fy God who is in Hea - ven.

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Toccata in Seven*


John Rutter



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair, The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea** and our special guest, **The Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean**. Reading the lessons is **Linn Holness**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir and Handbells** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright** and by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker**. Today we welcome our new Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker** who grew up in Kapuskasing, completed undergraduate organ study at Western, pursued graduate music study at the Eastman School in Rochester, and now works in a data/analytics shop building data sets, analyzing marketing campaigns, and building statistical models. Michael is very grateful and excited to be at Metropolitan, as he is passionate about music and worship.

OUR ANNIVERSARY PREACHER

On this third special Anniversary Sunday we are pleased to welcome back The Rev. Dr. Catherine MacLean, the Senior Minister of St. Paul's United Church in Edmonton. Distinguished preacher and teacher, Catherine was recently nominated for Moderator..

 The flowers in the church today are in celebration of Metropolitan's 200th anniversary.

CARRYING THE ANNIVERSARY LANTERN is **Leesa Kopansky**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Ian Mahaffy**.

GREETER is **Leesa Kopansky**.

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

Following the service we will go outside for the Fall Fair.

ANNIVERSARY CARILLON COMPOSITION: At the beginning of the annual Fall Fair, Carillonneur Roy Lee will play a new piece commissioned for our 200th anniversary. **Gordon Slater**, retired Dominion Carillonneur and son of retired Metropolitan Carillonneur **James Slater**, has composed *Carillon Impromptu for Metropolitan's 200th* which incorporates several Thanksgiving hymns.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

Tuesday, September 25

6:30 p.m. Open Studio Night

Metropolitan Centre

7:00 p.m. Silver Band rehearsal

Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 26

2:00 p.m. Creative Writers Workshop

Metropolitan Centre

6:00 p.m. Official Board Meeting

Chancel Room

6:30 p.m. "Metropolitan – The Musical" rehearsal

Sanctuary

Thursday, September 27

7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

Fran's Restaurant

6:30 p.m. Metropolitan Handbells

Nursery

7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir rehearsal

Chancel Room/Sanctuary

Friday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

Saturday, September 29

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study
1:00 p.m. "Metropolitan- The Musical" rehearsal

Nursery
Chancel Room

NEXT SUNDAY: September 30 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *World Communion Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel
"Sending Gifts of Food"
The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

9:45 a.m. Metropolitan Sparklers, Choristers, *Great Heart* Met Centre, Chancel Room and Morley Punshon

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)

10:00 a.m. One Question Bible Study Board Room (Northeast corner)

11:00 a.m. Morning Service and Church School, Sacrament of Communion
"Is This Table Taken" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

12:30 p.m. Music Can Heal Lunch and Learn Metropolitan Centre

7:30 p.m. Anniversary Evening Service Sanctuary

METROPOLITAN'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2018 "A GREAT LIGHT"

Sunday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. we gather our outreach partners for worship.

From "The Hub" Partnership: St. Michael's Hospital, St. Michael's Cathedral, The Sisters of St. Joseph and St. James Cathedral.

From "The Toronto Festival of Preaching" (The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship):

Yorkminster Park Baptist Choir & Congregation, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The various clergy and lay leaders will participate, a combined choir will sing C. H. Parry's "I Was Glad".

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, The Minister of Yorkminster Park will preach.



MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS FALL HAPPENINGS: *Yes you can write, draw, paint*

Creative writers workshop facilitated by published writer Sue Reynolds. It is a powerful 3 hour workshop scheduled for **September 26** (2 – 5 p.m. and if enough interest also that evening from 6 - 9). Please register with Carole at bookbind@cogeco.ca and give your preference for afternoon or evening.

Open Studio Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the MET Centre, (acrylics, pencil, pastels, some supplies provided!) all levels welcome! A friendly encouraging space facilitated by local artist Luis Estores.

MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN – Our 2018-2019 brochure is now available in the Narthex and on the MetConnect Table. Take one and several to share.

Friday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. Anniversary Organ Recital by Dr. Ryan Jackson (former Metropolitan Assistant Organist and now Director at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York)
Admission \$20/\$10 ages 18 and under.

MET SILVER BAND: Today the Met Silver Band is performing a concert at the Rene Caisse Theatre in Bracebridge, entitled "Breezin' Down Broadway". So sorry we could not be part of the fair today. Hope the event goes well. The band will be back in church on Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 4th.

METROPOLITAN...THE MUSICAL! One Church, Two Centuries – Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.
Come to our anniversary production celebrating Metropolitan's 200 years in song, story, and images.
Admission is free, but donations are welcome. A reception will follow.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

MET CARE presents Music Can Heal, a Lunch and Learn on September 30th in the Met Centre following the church service. Bring your own lunch – coffee and tea provided. Please sign up with **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**.

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE MET: Come and see the film "The Shape of Water" on **Tuesday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Met Centre. RSVP Dr. Mastandrea.

GREETERS NEEDED: We would be grateful to have more members willing to act as greeters one Sunday a month. Please contact William Wright if you are interested [wrightmcawley@gmail.com].

OUTREACH

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 nearby and elsewhere in the city that will welcome your donations. **The Double Take Store** at 310 Gerrard Street East takes items between 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday. **Diabetes Canada** will pick up items by appointment but also have donation bins nearby at 522 University Avenue, 128 Broadview Avenue, 100 Bain Avenue and 801 Lakeshore Blvd East. We will be using these resources to assist Metropolitan service users.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: 'Toronto Theatres and the Golden Age of the Silver Screen' is one of the books written by Doug Taylor. This book explores Toronto's old movie theaters and contains many photographs of the theaters. You can find the book in our library.
Library is open from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

STUDY GROUP: Jesus X Four with the Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair will be held on Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10 a.m. until noon in the Board Room space, northeast side.

October 3 THE JESUS WE INHERIT October 10 THE JESUS WE CREATE

October 27 THE JESUS WE RESIST October 24 THE JESUS WE ADORE

The Christian faith revolves around the stories of Jesus. The orbit of these revolutions swings between narrow and wide, predictable and eccentric. We must make our way as travellers among them all.

FAITH IN ACTION

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, 2019: Opportunities abound to give to our congregation's forthcoming capital campaign to be launched in 2019. We must restore our tired sanctuary, refurbish our 96 year old carillon and renew our well-worn park in McGill Square. We are preparing for ministry in our 3rd century in downtown Toronto. To meet our goal of \$1.5 million, we will need the support of every household. Without our gifts, this much needed work will not get done. Thank you — and stay tuned!

IT'S EASY: Did you know you can make a gift of listed securities to Metropolitan, receive a charitable receipt for the shares' value AND pay no capital gains tax? Giving doesn't get much better and the process is easy too. Consider a gift of securities to Metropolitan. For information and assistance please contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-746; dougflanders@sympatico.ca or Elena in the church office (416) 363-0331, ext. 29; elenap@metunited.org **A legacy — It's ours to leave.**

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but also the parent of all others.— *Cicero*

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