



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker** and soloist **John Schneider**. Summer soloists are available thanks to the Wayne C. Vance Music Fund.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 8

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

Friday, July 12

10:00 a.m. Art Program

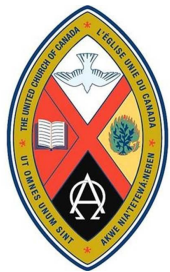
Metropolitan Centre

NEXT SUNDAY: July 14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Discussion of spiritual practices

Founder's Chapel

11:00 a.m. Morning Service in the Sanctuary
 "The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality" The Rev. Jason Meyers
 Michael Oldaker, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar



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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.

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Sunday, July 7, 2019 - Simplicity

CARILLON PRELUDE (10:30 a.m. outside)
 Simple Gifts

Milford Myhre (arr)

ORGAN PRELUDE
Fugue in D Minor ("Dorian")
 Matins

J.S. Bach
 Healey Willan

OPENING HYMN #595 *We Are Pilgrims*

Servant Song

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
 One: God 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

(indicates a congregational response- please stand in spirit or in fact)

♪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 Psalm 30, Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

RESPONSE #381 *Spirit of Life* Spirit of Life

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

One: This is the witness of the early church.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **Thanks be to God.**

♪HYMN #510 *We Have This Ministry* Ministry

SERMON “The Spiritual Practice of Simplicity” The Rev. Jason Meyers

♪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 *In the Mornin’* arr. Charles Ives
John Schneider, baritone

♪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 #352 *I Danced in the Morning* Simple Gifts

COMMISSIONING

♪BLESSING (All-please sing twice and 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

Prelude and Fugue in G Major (Short Preludes and Fugues) J.S. Bach

Taking the practice home:

- Consider what it might mean for you to be ‘near the Kingdom of God’
- Make a list of things that feel like they are weighing you down or holding you back in your spiritual life
- Work at letting go or transforming your relationship to one thing on your list this week

For anyone wishing to discuss these practices, we will gather in the Founder’s Chapel next Sunday at 10:00am.