

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Maximino Cerezo Barredo, Emmaus

Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 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

ORGAN PRELUDE *Simple Gifts*
CANDLE LIGHTING

Gerald Bales

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #352 vs. 1,3,5 *I Danced in the Morning*

Simple Gifts

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where life is stronger than death:

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely find community,
where hope is stronger than despair,

All: there, we find Christ walking alongside us.

One: Where the anxious find peace,
where love is stronger than hate:

All: there, the Spirit opens our eyes.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #68 More Voices

Guarani song, arr. Sosa

O God have mercy, O God have mercy, O God have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #59 More Voices

Yoruba song (Nigeria)

Alleluia, praise to God (twice); Praises, high praises we bring you, O God.

Alleluia praise to God.

Songs of joy sing out to God. (twice) Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.

Songs of joy sing out to God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God. (twice) Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

SOLO

This Joyful Eastertide

Trad. Dutch Carol

John Schneider, bass

CHILDREN'S TIME

RESPONSE #442 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters, v. 1* Beach Spring

READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

SERMON REV. KAREN BOWLES
 "Sixth Sense"

ANTHEM *Celtic Prayer* Barry Peters
 Metropolitan Choir, from 'Look at the World'

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 #706 *Give Thanks for Life* Sine Nomine

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

BLESSING #429 William Wright

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Lord of the Dance* Gerald Bales

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**.
Reading the gospel is Joe Landon. The ministry of music is offered by the Minister of Music
Dr. Patricia Wright, by bass **John Schneider**, by tenors **Charles Davidson** and **Benjamin Stein**, and by soprano **Gisele Kulak**.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

The church is closed to the public. All in person services and meetings are cancelled or will be held online. Please visit metunited.ca for updates.

Tuesday, April 28

2:00 p.m. Virtual Coffee Time *Zoom/Phone*

Wednesday, April 29

12:00 p.m. Bible Study *Zoom*

Thursday, April 30

12:00 pm Yoga/Meditation *Zoom*

8:00 pm Communion *Zoom/phone*

NEXT SUNDAY: May 3 Fourth Sunday after Easter

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere and YouTube
Acts 2:42–47, John 10:1–10
Rev. Jason Meyers *“The One Weird Trick to Church Growth”*

STAY CONNECTED

Full updates around Covid-19 can be found on the homepage at 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 (416-670-1902) or Jason at 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 but are still available by phone and email, so 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.

You can also arrange for pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - just [download and fill out a form](#) via the website. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at elenap@metunited.ca or 416-363-0331 ext. 229.

We are grateful for your on-going support through this difficult time.

The Official Board of Metropolitan United Church deeply appreciates your financial gifts. We strive to honour our donors' wishes at all times. When gifts are designated for a specific purpose and the need for that purpose has been fulfilled, your Board will redirect surplus gifts to the closest alternative or the area of greatest need. Thank you again for supporting Metropolitan.



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