

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



## Remembrance Sunday November 8, 2020

We are an Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada, 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.

### **SPECIAL NOTES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

We ask that you continue to wear your mask over your nose and mouth at all times, and maintain physical distancing when exiting. Thank you for following these guidelines as we prioritize health and safety - please see also the back of the bulletin, and our webpage on in-person worship.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### CARILLON PRELUDE (OUTSIDE-10:30 A.M.)

PRELUDE	<i>Chant Héroïque</i>	Jean Langlais
	<i>Nimrod</i>	Elgar, arr. W. Harris
	<i>Chant de Paix</i>	Jean Langlais
	<i>Allerseelen (All Souls)</i>	Richard Strauss

Place on the table the fragrant mignonettes, Bring in the last red asters, and let us talk of love again, as once we did in May.....Flowers bloom and spread their fragrance today on every grave; one day in the year is sacred for the dead.

### WELCOME

### JOENING HYMN #678 (*soloist only*) *For the Healing of the Nations* Westminster Abbey

- 1 For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2 Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
- 3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

### JOINVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH (*responses spoken softly*)

One: On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:

**All: For peacekeepers, for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march.**

One: We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

**All: We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.**

One: We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

**All: We sing our songs and tell tales of the peace and the hope which is ours.**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (please be seated)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

**KYRIE ELEISON** *(soloist only)*

P. Wright

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

*Who were these Boys?*

excerpt from Jane Urquhart *The Stone Carvers*

**PIIPE SOLO** *Battle of the Somme*

arr. James D. Wetherald

*This was my Brother*

Mona Gould

**♪THE LAST POST**

**♪SILENCE**

**♪ROUSE**

**♪NATIONAL ANTHEM** *O Canada*

**READING** Isaiah 2:1-5  
Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**READING RESPONSE** *(soloist only)* Concord  
Let there be light, let there be understanding. Perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

**READING** Matthew 25:1-13  
The parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

**ONE:** This is a witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

**♪HYMN #688 O day of God** *(soloist only)* St. Michael

- 1 O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power,  
come with your timeless judgement now to match our present hour.
- 2 Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,  
the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
- 3 Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,  
and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

- 4 Bring to our world of strife your sovereign word of peace,  
that war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.
- 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;  
let there be light again, and set your judgements in the earth.

**SERMON** "DOING THE WORK ALREADY DONE"

**SOLO** *Anytime (I Am There)* from *Elegies: A Song Cycle*

William Finn

♪ **PEACE GREETING** (*responses spoken softly, then greeting each other with a bow*)

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** (*spoken softly*)

**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. (please be seated)**

**OFFERING**

**SPOKEN OFFERING**

♪ **DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

♪ **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 #806** *(soloist only)* *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure,  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time like an ever-rolling stream soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

♪ **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

♪ **BLESSING** *(soloist only)* **#429**

William Wright

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

**POSTLUDE** *Highland Cathedral*

arr. James D. Wetherald

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**LEADING IN WORSHIP** are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lesson is **Joseph Curry**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, tenor **Charles Davidson**, Piper **Rory Sinclair**, piper to the Earl of Caithness, trumpeter **Michele McCall**, and Carillonneur **Roy Lee**.

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Tuesday, November 10

**6:00 p.m.** Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, November 11

**9:00 a.m.** Fran's Prayer Circle (Zoom)

**11:30 a.m.** Hospitality Tent

McGill Square Park

**12:00 p.m.** Bible Study (Zoom) *link at metunited.ca*

**5:00 p.m.** Worship Committee (Zoom)

## Thursday, November 12

12:00 p.m.	Winter Community Meal Program	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Membership Engagement and Evangelism Committee (Zoom)	
8:00 p.m.	Evening Communion (Zoom) <i>link at metunited.ca</i>	

## Saturday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Bible Study (led by Christopher Hoover) *link at metunited.ca*

## NEXT SUNDAY: November 15 - Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost/Stewardship Sunday

11:00 a.m. In-person Worship / Online Livestream  
The Rev. Karen Bowles and The Rev. Jason Meyers preaching

### NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH: DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

Beginning today, we will hear each week of the many and varied ministries of the church as part of our Offering time. Stewardship Sunday is November 15. Pledge packages will be sent out early next week. Please contact Sheela in the office to update your contact information.

### TADDLE CREEK WILD CHURCH

Connecting to the sacred through connection with nature. Starting on November 22, we will be offering monthly worship services in the park and other natural settings. There will be prayers and music, readings, reflection and a time wandering. For more information about the Wild Church network, see [wildchurchnetwork.com](http://wildchurchnetwork.com).

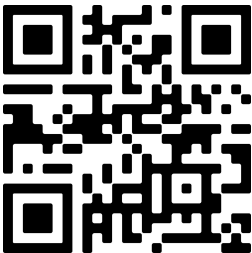
### PASTORAL CARE

Our ministers are connecting with members and determining the needs of our community during this challenging time. If you would like a pastoral phone call, you can contact Rev. Jason Meyers at [jasonm@metunited.ca](mailto:jasonm@metunited.ca) (416-363-0331 ext. 224).

### CONTINUED GIVING

A new, easy way to donate! Focus your smartphone's camera on the QR code to the left and you'll be directed to our giving page.

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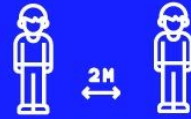
## IN THE SANCTUARY



No food or  
drink



Pick up a bulletin



Keep physically  
distanced &  
follow ushers



Stay in your  
seat



No singing



Use washroom at  
back of Sanctuary

## LEAVING THE CHURCH



Respect  
physical distancing



Offering plates  
at exit



No socializing  
in building