

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Christ the King window

Reign of Christ / Social Justice Sunday November 22, 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 after the postlude. 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 *Prelude, Fugue, and Variation*
 The Peace May Be Exchanged

César Franck
Dan Locklair

WELCOME

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

♪ OPENING HYMN #213 (*soloist only*) *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Darwall's 148th

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King! Your risen Lord adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
 when he had purged our sins, he took his seat above. R
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
 the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. R
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
 to glorify the saints for their eternal home.
 We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH (*responses spoken softly*)

One: We come, for God gathers us into the community of faith:

**All: where the hungry are served first,
 where the thirsty drink life's water.**

One: We come, for God welcomes us into that home called grace:

**All: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
 where the stranger is embraced as the lost prodigal.**

One: We come, for God reunites us in the sacred family of love:

**All: where the imprisoned model justice,
 where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

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 PRAISE *(soloist only)* Hymn #244

Arfon

READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

God searches for the sheep.

Ephesians 1:15–23

May God give you a spirit of wisdom, revelation, and hope.

READING RESPONSE *(soloist only)*

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31–46

When you helped the least of these, you helped me.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #273 *(soloist only)* *The King of Love*

St. Columba

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

SERMON

"KINGDOM AND KINSHIP: LOVING 'THE LEAST'"

THE REV. DR. ALISON FALBY

SOLO *My Soul Cries Out (More Voices #120)*

Star of the County Down

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #600 (*soloist only*) *When I Needed a Neighbour*

Neighbour

- 1 When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
- 2 I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?
- 3 I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?

4 When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?

5 Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, I'll be there.

♪ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

♪ BLESSING (*soloist only*) #429

William Wright

POSTLUDE *Finale* from *Symphony #1*

Louis Vierne

Please wear your mask & continue to observe a two metre distance when leaving the church.

LEADING IN WORSHIP are **The Rev. Dr. Alison Falby** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons is **Megan Carver**, reading the territorial acknowledgement is **Walter Ridley** and offering the prayers is **Melanie Gilbert**. The ministry of music is offered by Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, Junior Organ Scholar **Matthew Fraser**, bass **John Schneider**, and Carillonneur **Roy Lee**.

REV. DR. ALISON FALBY is Priest-in-Charge at All Saints Church-Community Centre at the corner of Sherbourne and Dundas. All Saints is an Anglican community of faith that provides food, the necessities of life, housing support, spiritual and pastoral care, and a sense of community to everyone, especially those most in need in our city.

MEMBERS OF THE PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE ARE: Melanie Gilbert, Walter Ridley, Sandra Hellyer, Carole Payne, Joe Landon, Karen Scott, Dorcas Beaton, Ivan Simic, Sunderson Sundaramurthy, and Lance Vander. New members are welcome!

TADDLE CREEK WILD CHURCH STARTS TODAY

Connecting to the sacred through connection with nature. Starting today at 2:00 p.m., 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.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Fran's Prayer Circle (Zoom)
11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tent
12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom) *link at metunited.ca*
5:30 p.m. Official Board Meeting (Zoom)

McGill Square Park

Thursday, November 26

12:00 p.m.	Community Meal Program	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Evening Communion (Zoom) link at metunited.ca	

Saturday, November 28

8:30 a.m.	Bible Study (led by Christopher Hoover) link at metunited.ca	
9:00 a.m.	Greening of the Church	Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. In-person worship and online livestream / The Rev. Karen Bowles preaching

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ADVENT WREATH BUILDING

We are building Advent Wreaths together to prepare for the upcoming season in the hope of bringing the tradition home with all of us. Supplies can be provided for you (suggested donation of \$20), available for pick-up at the church or drop-off if required. We will gather virtually on Tuesday November 24th to build the wreaths together. If you can't make it, instructions will also be sent out! Sign up by emailing Alana: alana@thegoproject.ca.

COOKIES FOR OUT OF THE COLD

Calling all cookie bakers! Our new winter Community Meal Program has begun and delicious cookies, always popular with our guests, are welcomed. Tins can be dropped off on a Sunday morning, or call the office to make arrangements.

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH: DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

Each Sunday in November, we will hear about the many and varied ministries of the church during Offering time. We hope to receive your pledge of support for 2021 soon. Pledge packages were sent out last week. Please contact Sheela in the office if you did not receive yours.

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 (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.

You can continue to mail in envelopes and/or cheques to the church, or arrange a pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - fill out a form at metunited.ca/donate. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at elenap@metunited.ca or 416-363-0331 ext. 229.



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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