

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Pentecost Sunday May 31, 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

PRELUDE *Variations on ‘Veni Creator’*
Verses of Hymn #200 “O Holy Spirit”

Maurice Duruflé
plainsong, 9th century text

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #367 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Down Ampney

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH
WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST CAME

David Lemmon

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #69 *More Voices Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

READING Numbers 11:24-30

METROPOLITAN CHORISTERS *On a Sunny Day*

Saya Ojiri

CHILDREN’S TIME

READING Acts 2:1-21

SERMON **ELDAD AND MEDAD**

The Rev. Karen Bowles

ANTHEM *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*
Members of the Metropolitan Choir

Alan Smith, text by Carl Daw

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND 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 #196 *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

Aberystwyth

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

BLESSING Final verse of Hymn #200 "O Holy Spirit"

plainsong, 9th century text

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Variation on 'Veni Creator'*

Maurice Duruflé

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The Children's Time is led by **Bailey Fleming** and reading the lesson is **Terry Kelly**. The ministry of music is offered by members of the **Metropolitan Choristers** and **Choir**, Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, baritone **Nicholas Higgs**, soprano **Chelsea Van Pelt**, alto **Chris Taeyoung Kim**, tenor **Charles Davidson**, bass **John Schneider**, and **Benjamin Stein**, drummer.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

The church is closed to the public, but virtual Worship and programming are taking place.

Tuesday, June 2

2:00 p.m. Virtual Coffee Time Zoom/Phone [link here](#)

Wednesday, June 3

12:00 p.m. Bible Study Zoom [link here](#)

Thursday, June 4

12:00 pm Yoga/Meditation Zoom [link here](#)

7:00 pm Choir/Handbells Meeting Zoom

8:00 pm Evening Communion Zoom/Phone [link here](#)

NEXT SUNDAY: June 7 Trinity Sunday

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship via Facebook Premiere and YouTube
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20 / The Rev. Karen Bowles preaches

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 and are available by phone/email - 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.

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