

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Jacob's Ladder

'Keys to the Kingdom' Summer Sermon Series Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 19, 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.

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Nettleton*

arr. T. Rusterholz

played by Roy Lee, Carillonneur

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #686 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Cwm Rhondda (#651)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

All: “Holy One, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

And are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

you know it completely.” (Psalm 139)

Let us worship God together.

One: God 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

Genesis 28:10-19a

CHILDREN’S TIME

READING

Matthew 13:24-30

SERMON

“SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE”

The Rev. Karen Bowles

SOLO

Nella Fantasia

Ennio Morricone

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

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.

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.

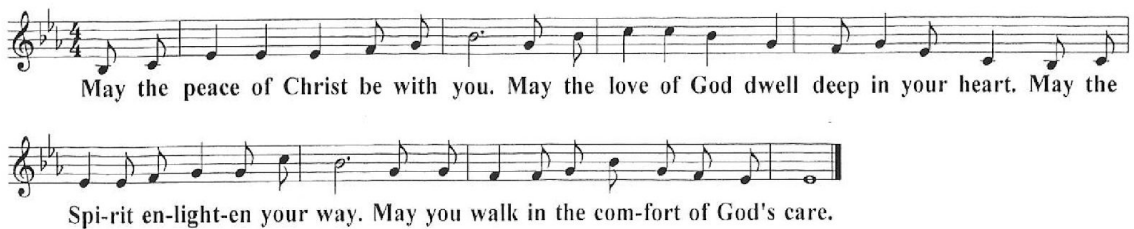
CLOSING HYMN #497 *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Excelsior (Bethany)

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

BLESSING

Izumi Shiota



POSTLUDE *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

Traditional, arr. Wisnicki

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning is **The Rev. Karen Bowles**. The Children's Time is led by **Bailey Fleming** and reading the lesson is **Toba Bryant**. The ministry of music is offered by carillonneur **Roy Lee**, the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, tenor soloist **Charles Davidson**, guest soprano **Inga Filippova Williams**, sopranos **Gisele Kulak** and **Chelsea Van Pelt**, alto **Chris Taeyoung Kim**, bass **John Schneider**, and **Benjamin Stein**, pianist and drummer.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 pm Zoom Bible Study [link here](#)

Thursday, July 23

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

6:30 pm Family Drop In: Storytime

NEXT SUNDAY: July 26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Virtual Worship via Facebook and YouTube

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 [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#),



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THE GO PROJECT AND MET

Met's Virtual Summer Camp - July 20-24 Children in grades 2-7 are invited to join Bailey in participating in a GO Project virtual camp from Monday to Friday at 9-10am and 3-4pm. There will be games, crafts, stories, and even some guest speakers! Email bailey@thegoproject.ca

Thursday Family Drop-in. Each Thursday at 6:30-7:30pm in July and August, Bailey hosts an evening drop-in for families of all ages. Activities range from escape rooms, spiritual practices, game nights, baking parties, and more! Next up: Storytime on July 23!

More info: email Bailey (bailey@thegoproject.ca) or call her directly at (506) 227-4548.

PASTORAL CARE

The ministers are connecting with many members and we are responding to the needs of our community in this challenging time. For pastoral matters in July you can contact Karen at karenb@metunited.ca (416-670-1902) and in August, please contact 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: **take-out meals** accessible by funded chits from three local restaurants and a similar chit system at a **local laundromat**. Megan and Stephanie are also buying and delivering groceries, providing grocery cards and meeting with folks, taking appropriate precautions. This week we officially introduced a Hospitality Tent in McGill Square to help provide relief over the summer months.

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.

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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