

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Baptism of Christ, Zagitov Vladimir, artmajeur.com/zagitov

Sunday, January 10, 2021 Baptism of Jesus

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

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major
Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came
Shall We Gather At the River*

J. S. Bach
J. S. Bach
arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #101 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Salzburg

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus Christ, to you we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in your birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word;
with your grace our lives endow, grace to imitate you now,
that we like to you may be at your great epiphany,
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: On that first day, when time began:

**All: you gave birth to creation;
light danced through the darkness;
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

One: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**All: you spoke of life for all your children,
as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,
dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

One: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**All: you call us to faithfulness,
as we open our hearts to you,
your voice claiming us as your own.**

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 (ALL) #69 MORE VOICES *Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) p. 895 VOICES UNITED

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

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READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God.

Acts 19:1-7

The gift of the Spirit

READING RESPONSE

Come and pray in us

Taizé

Come and pray in us, Holy Spirit, come and visit us, Holy Spirit, come.

GOSPEL READING

Mark:1:4-11

The Baptism of Jesus

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #449 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

Crashing Waters

- 1 Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.
- 2 Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage -
channel to a life made new.
- 3 Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.

4 Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, Source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.

SERMON "VISUAL GRACE"

REV. KAREN BOWLES

SOLO *Wade in the Water*

Spiritual, arr. Kirshbaum

PEACE GREETING

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #100 *When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized*

Winchester New

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.
- 3 He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.
- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life,
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
your triune presence fills our world.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Rigaudon*

A. Campra

LEADING IN WORSHIP is **The Rev. Karen Bowles**. Reading the lessons and delivering the Children's message is **Alana Martin**, Children and Youth Animator. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright** and bass **John Schneider**.

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links can be found in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Sunday January 10

1:30 p.m. Board Meeting (Zoom)

Monday January 11

3:00 p.m. Parks Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday January 12

5:00 p.m. Transition Team (Zoom)

5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Fran's Prayer Circle (Zoom)

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)

12:00 p.m. Hospitality Tent

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

7:00 p.m. Met Social (Zoom)

Thursday, January 14

12:00 p.m. Community Meal Program

6:30 p.m. Member Engagement and Evangelistic Committee (Zoom)

8:00 p.m. Evening Communion (Zoom)

Saturday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Bible Study (led by Christopher Hoover) (Zoom)

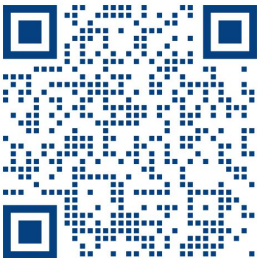
NEXT SUNDAY: January 17 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m. Online Worship

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).

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