

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Third Sunday after Pentecost Reconciliation Sunday June 21, 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

CARILLON PRELUDE *Ode to Joy*

arr. Beverly Buchanan

WELCOME

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPENING HYMN #700 *God of Freedom, God of Justice*

Picardy

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: God justice, we gather to share,

All: in God's dream of abundant life for all.

One: God of free will, we gather to give and to receive,

All: gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love.

One: God of Creation, with gratitude we gather as a community,

All: to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit,

One: always moving within us and among us.

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 Philippians 4:4-9

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*
Metropolitan Choir Lead Singers

Jonathan Willcocks

READING John 1:1-18

SERMON

"IN PRAISE OF THE GOD OF FLESH"

The Rev. Leigh Kern

ANTHEM *Two Boats of Kin* text by the Rev. Jason Meyers
Chris Taeyoung Kim and Benjamin Stein, soloists

Une Jeune Pucelle

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.

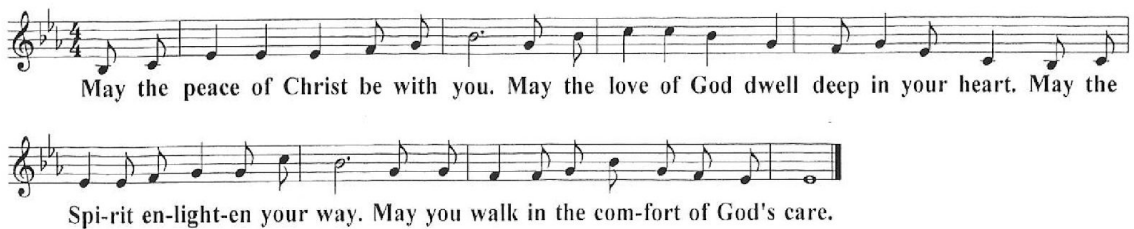
CLOSING HYMN #307 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Tenderness

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

BLESSING

Izumi Shiota



POSTLUDE *Rigaudon*

A. Campra, arr. Fox

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Our guest preacher is **The Rev. Leigh Kern**, who is the Anglican priest with the Toronto Urban Native Ministry. The Children's Time is led by **Bailey Fleming**, reading the lessons are **Melanie Gilbert** and **Carole Payne**, offering the Prayers of the People are **Dorcas Beaton** and **Joe Landon**, and conducting the Benediction is **Walter Ridley**. The ministry of music is offered by Carillonneur **Roy Lee**, Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, and the lead singers of **The Metropolitan Choir**, sopranos **Gisele Kulak** and **Chelsea Van Pelt**, altos **Valeria Kondrashov** and **Chris Taeyoung Kim**, tenors **Charles Davidson** and **Benjamin Stein**, and basses **Nicholas Higgs** and **John Schneider**. Singing the hymns is **Chris Taeyoung Kim**.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Virtual Worship and programming are taking place

Tuesday, June 23

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

Wednesday, June 24

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

Thursday, June 25

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 28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Pride Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Virtual Worship via Facebook and YouTube

Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42 / The Rev. Jason Meyers 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.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE—TIME TO SUBSCRIBE, TIME TO RENEW!

Thank you for subscribing to *Broadview* magazine. Formerly known as The United Church Observer, the revamped format has been highly successful and the magazine continues to be a great read.

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Given that the church building is currently closed due to the pandemic, please let Doug Flanders, our congregation's *Broadview* representative know at dougflanders@sympatico.ca or 416-769-2746 if you wish to renew or not. For renewals, thank you for getting your subscription payment to the church as you can and before the end of this calendar year. If you could afford a few extra dollars beyond \$25, your "over and above" gift would help cover the cost of the gift subscription to *Broadview* that Metropolitan automatically gives to each new household.

A number have received the magazine this past year as a gift from the church because you were a recent new member. We encourage you to continue with a paid subscription of your own.

If you have already renewed, thank you!

And if you would like to subscribe to this thoughtful, well-written, award-winning magazine, let Doug Flanders know.

Thank you!

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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